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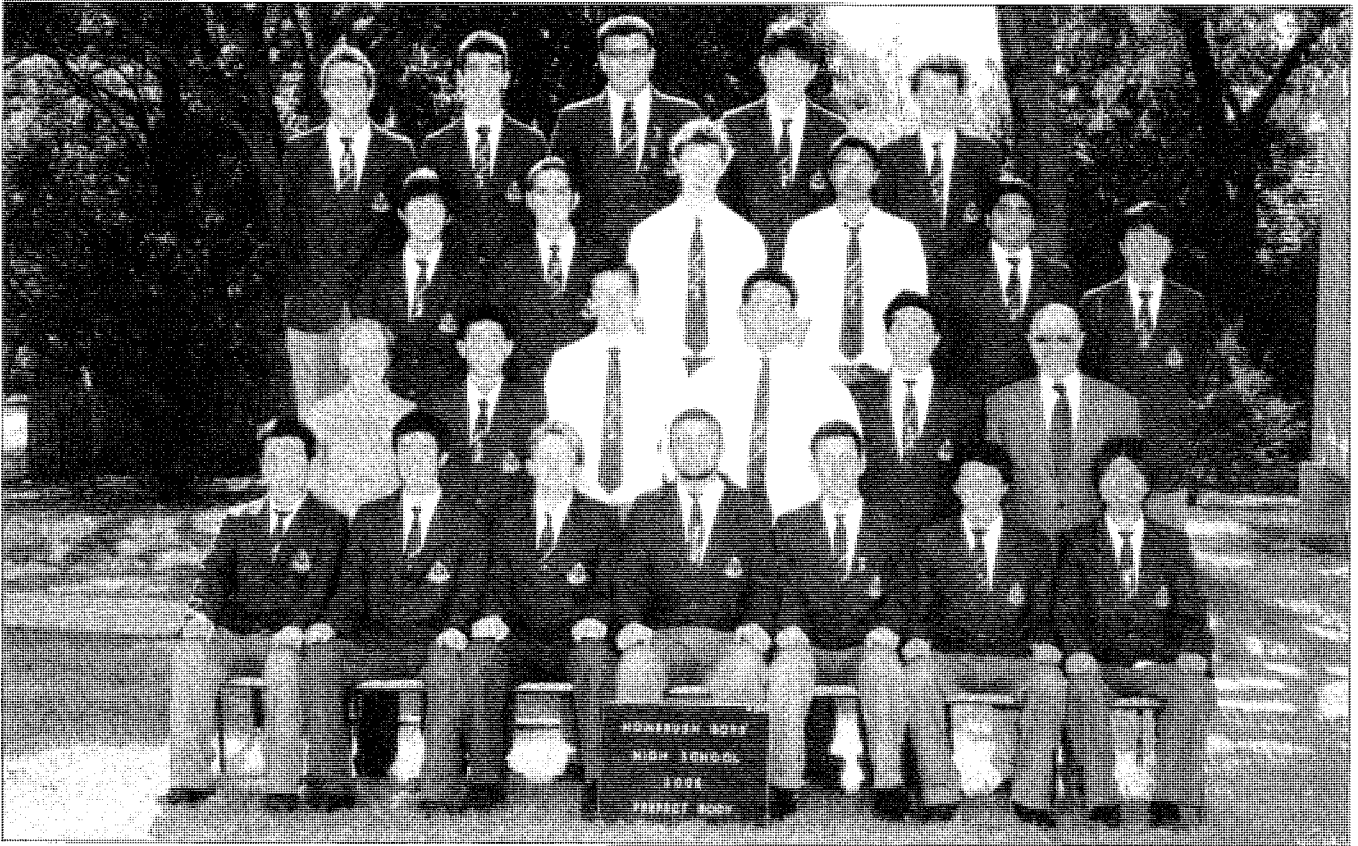
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The 2005 Homebush Boys High School Magazine is the largest yet. This is only fitting for a school that has steadily grown in population to its greatest number of students ever. I have tried to include a representative sample of the many activities that are organised each week of the school year. While placing the material on these pages, I have been privileged to get an overall picture of the school for 2005 and have been impressed by the way teachers, students and support staff have all worked to make this school so special.

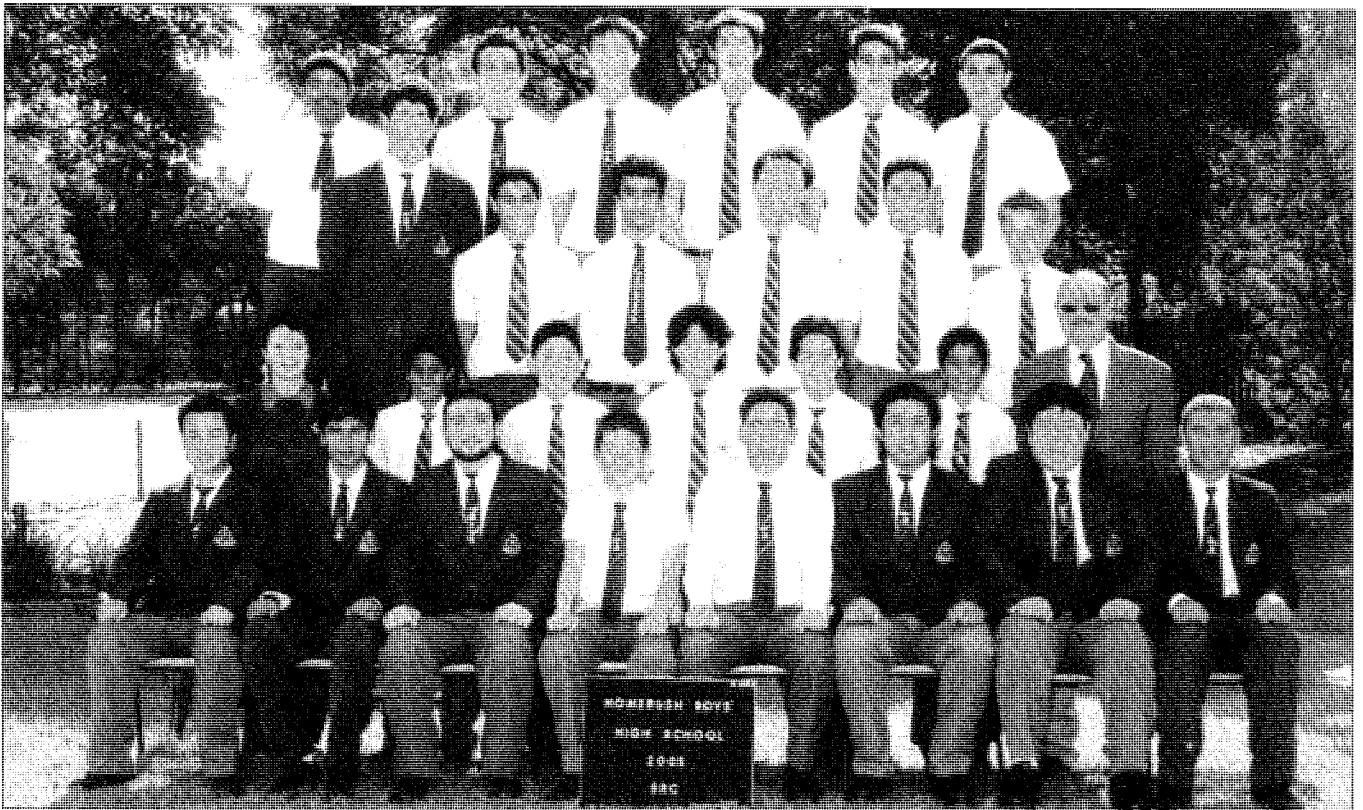
I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's edition, but especially Mr Bill Hilliard who cajoled, charmed and convinced busy and sometimes reluctant contributors to yield material. As in previous years, Mr John Evans has ensured that students and staff alike are recognised for their achievements in the sporting arena. If it weren't for my colleagues in the ESL Department, I would not have been able to meet the deadline for 2005. They have been helpful, resourceful and extremely patient during the last few stressful weeks prior to going to press.

Prefects



Top Row: Thomas Kopf-Vulaca; Halil Mehmet; Abrar Ahmad; Jimmy Yook; Matt Small. Second Row: Joseph Song; Andrew Romero; Cameron West; Bosco Ryan; Jana Jegathesan; Douglas Han. Third Row: Ms Tsouloukidis; John Hua; Max Mason; Rabieh Gharibeh; Luis Tran; Dr Paterson. Front Row: Peter Hong; Stephen Lai; Simon Watson; Mohammed Zaoud; Biray Ipek; Ron Chan; Briant Joi.

Student Representative Council



Top Row: Solomon Donald; Omar Youssef; Gavin Lin; Darren Virakorn; Adam Morgan; Abdul Jamal. Second Row: David Gonzalez, Mehran Moddaser; Arbab Ahmad; William Duong; Emre Mehmet; Max Little. Third Row: Ms Perry; Hari Rajajirajag; Jackson Hua; Roberto Speranza; Thomas Stefoulis; Richard Amarasingham; Dr Paterson. Front Row: Peter Hong; Amlan Sharma; Mohammad Zaoud; Chris Mustafa; Stephen Speirs; Adrian Alim; Wilson Petrushnko; Mina Wanis.

Principal's Report.....

Dr Ian Paterson

This year has seen a lot of media reports attributed to Brendan Nelson the Federal Government Education Minister relating to academic student reports and their composition.

Dr Nelson is arguing for a more consistent student report format throughout the nation and the public awareness highlights the importance of this link between school and parents.

The Annual School Magazine at Homebush Boys High School represents another form of reporting and link to the general community for our students and staff. The magazine in contrast to the semester academic reports includes more extra-curricular activities and captures the soul and overall lifestyle of a busy school in a much broader sense. This 2005 edition, for the first time will be distributed to all parents and carers from Year 7 through to our outgoing Year 12 students and like the previous edition it covers the period from term 4, 2004 to term 3, 2005 inclusive.

Term 4 last year culminated in some excellent HSC results from the 2004 candidature. There were 88 entries on the merit list and three students received the coveted Premiers All Rounder Awards. Congratulations go to Issac Suh, Daani Mahmoud and Henry Zhong. These impressive students achieved above 90 in each of their subjects. The actual Dux for 2004 was a tie between Bolin Li, Issac Suh and Henry Zhong.

The 2005, Year 12 are currently facing their HSC challenge and we wish them all the best in their examinations and life after formal secondary school education. Certainly given recent assessment results we are hopeful of some outstanding results and the majority of students achieving their individual goals.

The magazine includes Faculty reports and Year Adviser reports which will expand on these academic achievements and highlight many individual student performances in numerous national and state-wide competitions in such areas as English, writing, mathematics, computing, science, geography and so on.

It is especially pleasing to read so many student articles and summaries of learning opportunities and experiences throughout the year. The Bush Bulletins published each term foster student writing and achievements, however once again we see in this publication many

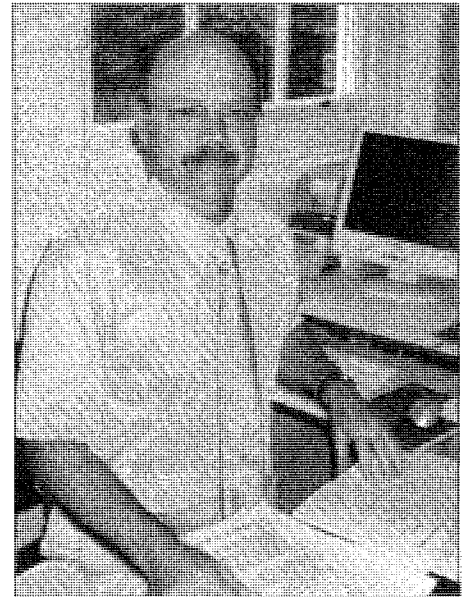
fascinating accounts by our talented boys.

Student leadership is an important part of the school social development program and this year has been an outstanding time in terms of the amount of activities and the quality of the experiences. For example, the meeting with the then Minister for Roads Carl Scully which focussed on the proposed changes to driving laws for young people in NSW, the presentations by Mr John Coutis to Years 12 and 11 just before their important examinations and the co-ordination of the generous support of the school community to contribute to such charities as the tsunami appeal, Bandage Bear, Jeans for Genes and NSW Cancer Council. It is difficult to capture these events and their impacts on camera and within articles, however the magazine cleverly shows and reminds us of the essence of these events and more importantly the underlying values which the students understand and can apply.

Our sporting achievements this year have been nothing short of extraordinary, due to their scope and success. The details will be read and captured skilfully in the sporting section of the magazine which will illustrate clearly why the school won the NW Metropolitan Zone summer and winter sports champion title. The variety of sporting success is tremendously pleasing: team and individual, young and older age groups, traditional vs newer sports are all represented in the honours list.

A final feature of this wonderful memento for all students and parents are the individual photographs within year groups at the end of the magazine. All this represents a comprehensive record of a very satisfying and enjoyable school year. Mr Michael Klein features in some of the photographs and this year will see this gifted English teacher retire after a long and successful career at the school, guiding and enriching the learning of both junior and senior students through English courses.

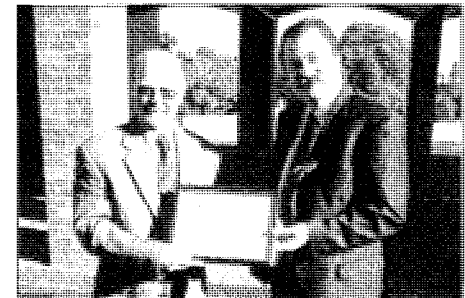
Congratulations to the entire editorial team especially Ms Meucci, Mr Hilliard, Mr Jurd, Mr Doenau and Ms Horiatopoulos. Special congratulations to Mr John Evans who also retires this year after a marvellous career at the school, featuring not only leadership of a successful Maths faculty but also co-ordinating such tasks as the sporting articles for the annual school magazine. Thank you John and good luck.



Above: Dr Paterson at his desk



Above: State politicians Virginia Judge and Carl Scully



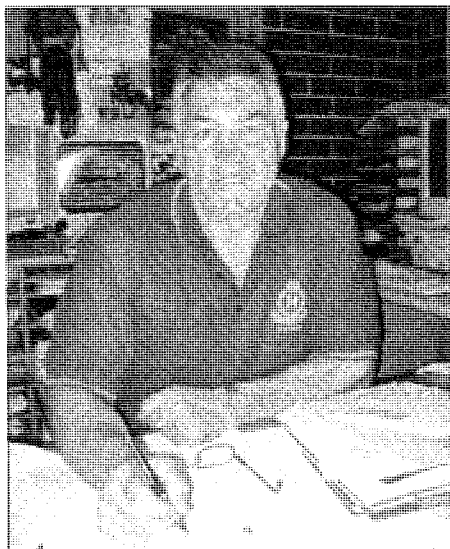
Above: Dr Paterson is presented with a 'Contribution to the Community' award.

Below: Robert Rafael is congratulated for another swimming achievement - Zone Swimming Champion.



Deputy Principal Welfare.....

Mr Bill Hilliard



Who would have believed it! Joshua Tarrant-Windt reaches the final of an Australian wide essay writing competition. Eighty eight entries are recorded on the Higher School Certificate Merit List, three students receive a Premiers All-Rounder Award, Jamie Sherson wins a gold medal in the All Schools Athletics Carnival, Homebush Boys is the North West Metropolitan Zone Champion Sports School again, the school band performed at the Opera House...and the West Tigers and Swans won their respective national competitions.

I love success. I love it because of the human qualities it brings out in the boys. I love seeing the parents who watch their sons, with a satisfied smile, that tells the world, "That's my boy...and I am proud of him!". Success isn't just the gold medal, the ribbon, the trophy, the book prize – as important as they are. The greatest successes lie in the satisfaction of a job well done...of doing your best. The year 2005 will always be remembered as the year when the vast majority of "Bushy Boys" did their best.

Time waits for no man, and I am no exception. I have referred to my calendar to recap the events since my last report. The student leaders were inducted during mid term 4 of 2004. They discharged their duties in exemplary fashion. Mohammed Zaoud, Simon Watson and Halil Mehmet led the group of focused young men. The passion they have for life naturally filtered in to their school interactions. They had terrific groundings and went on to become a memorable group of leaders who exhibited foresight, pride and compassion. They will be men amongst men.... Of this I am sure.

The Presentation Evening saw a multitude of successes rewarded with three boys scoring 99.25 in the HSC to share the title of DUX....Bolin Li, Issac Sah and Henry

Zhong.

It is 2005 and 182 new students enter the high school experience. Then it all begins: Study Skills, Routines, ELLA, SNAP, Swimming Carnival, Vaccinations, Chess, Parent Teacher Evenings, Comps, Exams, Excursions, Incursions... When will it ever stop? There is an enormous amount to do for those who are participants. Drama Presentations, Musical Performances, Photo Day, English Week, Science Week, Maths Comp, Grade Sport, Zone Carnivals, Homebush Idol...the list goes on and on.

Schools are about students. Jatin Mahajin secured an accounting traineeship after being our nominee in the Australian Business Week Program. Mohammed Zaoud was the Auburn Young Citizen of the Year while Andrew Little achieved similarly in the Strathfield Municipality. Michael Clark went to the Australian Life Saving Championships. Adam Imer represented NSW in Hockey with Aaron and Brandon Costa continuing their NSW representative careers in baseball. The 1st Water Polo, 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Cricket and 1st Hockey reached the quarter finals of their state wide competitions. Matthew Robson, Xiao Wang, Protik Banerjee, Michael Vuong and Jas Singh won the NSW CHS Table Tennis Competition and visited Melbourne to win the Australian title. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has taken off with students leading towards their Bronze Level as I write.

A social conscience is a good thing to have and is embodied in the Peer Tutor and Peer Mediation Programs which function within the school. The Chess and Debating teams reached regional finals. Our Drum Corps was active at many community functions. Several hundred boys assisted the various door-knock appeals held by the Salvation Army and the Red Cross...easily the largest contingent from any school or community group from the area. The boys were active in the outpouring of generosity after the Sri Lankan tsunami.

The academic results continue to be strong...well above the state averages in ELLA, SNAP, SCHOOL CERTIFICATE & the HSC. The new Education Minister, the Honorable Carmel Tebbutt, decided she would follow in the footsteps of our previous Government visitors, Carl Scully and Virginia Judge, and see how a large school functions on a day to day basis.

The SRC and Prefect body continue to be pro-active in student governance. The P&C as ever, continue to contribute their ideas and finances for the benefit of our sons. A long serving member, Graeme Small, will retire this year as his son

completes Year 12. His contribution has been significant.

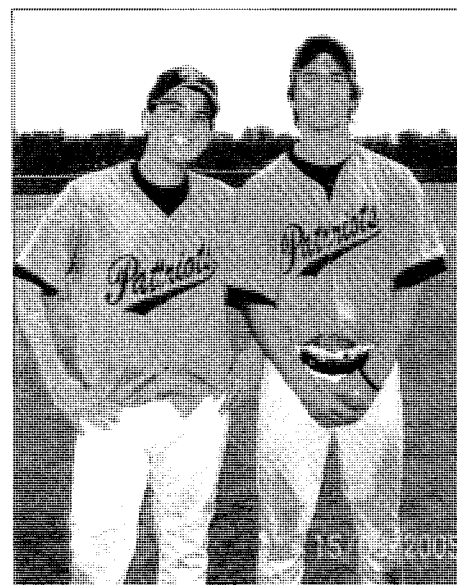
For many of the Year 10 & 11 students, the visit by West Tiger Captain Mark O'Neil, as a part of the "Arrive Alive Campaign" was a highlight as was the First XI training at the SCG with former internationals Michael Holding, Dean Jones, and Alan Border. Role models are so important and can be inspirational for a young person.

The Gifted and Talented programs abound within the school and we are fortunate that many of our students avail themselves of these....fancy meeting Dr Karl Kruezeski on your regular school day. Judith Edwards and the school were recipients of the "Community Merit Award" for the Learning Programs available within the school. The vast majority of students of 2005 can be well satisfied with their performances...if you are not one of them, and feel you have under performed, join the gang... its never too late.

With over 1200 students and 100 staff there will inevitably be change. We congratulate Mr Mitchell and Mr Richardson on their promotions to Head Teacher. Mr Evans and Mr Klein will be retiring after many years of productive service while Ms Dahl has transferred to Nepean High School. It is with sadness I acknowledge the fantastic contributions of John Taggart, Rhonda Roberts, Ian French and Lucy Chew who all passed away during 2005. We are the better for having had them as colleagues.

Dr Paterson leads a staff and student body which is always looking for better ways to do things. Success is enjoyable for all who partake in it: so join in and drink from the cup, just like the Tigers and Swans.

Baseball stars: Aaron and Brandon Costa



Deputy Principal Development.....

Mr Tim Jurd



Every day I arrive at Homebush with a plan for my day. Without fail by about 8.15 am this well constructed plan is starting to fall apart.

As Deputy Principal at a dynamic, large school you have to be very flexible. With over 1200 students we have over 2000 parents. Add to this rich mix a highly professional teaching and non-teaching staff of more than 100 and there are over 3300 people who need answers to questions or assistance. As Deputy I am supposed to help – what a great career but also what a huge responsibility. I am fortunate to have tremendous support from my colleagues especially Deputy Principal, Mr Bill Hilliard and our mentor Principal, Dr Ian Paterson.

The hustle and bustle of my day is often overshadowed by the Administration Office where Mr Andrew Mitchell has been at work since 8.00 am. The Head Teacher Admin is responsible for securing casuals to cover teachers who are absent. This vital role is often unnoticed by students and parents because when teachers are sick or on a training course, we are fortunate to have a pool of highly skilled casual staff to take their place and ensure learning continues and classes are safe and happy. Mr Mitchell is joined by Ms Matina Shadwick and both are busy organising early leave passes, assisting with absentee notes for students or distributing information to casual teachers. This office is a hive of activity. When the 8.50 am bell calls the school to DEAR, the Admin Office momentarily goes quiet but this quickly changes as the bleary-eyed late-comers start to arrive for their late notes.

The school students probably have more to do with the front office than any other area in the school during their six years

at high school. The office deals with many forms, fees, uniforms and passes. Our office runs like a well oiled machine thanks to Mrs Reardon and her team. The phone is often answered by the cheery voice of Mrs Laura Donohue who is skilled in directing calls. Moreover the office is our first aid room and sick bay. Head of 'Triage', Mrs Reardon, does an excellent job as chief nurse, surgeon and psychologist.

This year the school has been visited by many dignitaries but the highlight for me occurred when the Minister for Education, the Honourable Carmel Tebbutt dropped in at short notice and toured the school. She was suitably impressed with the boys as they went about their learning happily and harmoniously.

I am pleased to note that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has been established by Mr Michael Thomson. This scheme is a fabulous way for inner city students to learn bush skills and survival techniques in the great outdoors.

The Australian Championship won by our school's Table Tennis Team is the highlight for me in a year of extraordinary highlights in the field of sport. Congratulations must go to Xiao Wang, Matthew Robson, Protik Banerjee, Michael Vuong and Jas Singh. It is a wonderful effort and our thanks go to coach Ms Caitlin Dwyer for her great leadership.

Perhaps it was an omen but in a year when I twice saw my football hero Mark O'Neil visit our school to present the road safety program 'Arrive Alive' to Years 10 and 11, the indomitable Wests Tigers went on to win the NRL Premiership. What a brush with fame!

The school continues to place literacy achievement as a major priority and it is the pleasing results in ELLA and other measures which are indicators of our success. We have a great team of teachers implementing this strategy including Ms Kerry Meucci (Head Teacher Learning Support), Mr Chabes Elaro (Head Teacher English) Ms Caitlin Dwyer (Head Teacher Teaching and Learning) and Ms Judith Edwards (Support Teacher Learning Assistance). Specialist programs like our TAFE Peer Tutoring continue to reap benefits for young readers and student leaders alike. Our Literacy and Numeracy Support Team continues to assist students and train staff in the implementation of literacy and numeracy activities.

In ICT our network continues to grow in size and usage. We are fortunate to have the vision and expertise of Mr Greg Sheath (Head Teacher Computing Studies), Mr Ryan Chadwick (Network Engineer) and Mr John Baggaley (OASIS Coordinator) leading the maintenance of the vast array of hardware in this field. The year 2005 has seen our emphasis shift from hardware installation and maintenance to the integration of technology into teaching and learning. To measure our success we have introduced the TICK (Technology and Information Competencies and Knowledge) assessment to evaluate our success in the integration of basic skills in KLAS across the school. This will give valuable help to our staff in targeting resources.

It is usually pleasing to see a valued colleague recognised and promoted but the school will greatly miss the work of Mr Andrew Mitchell. Mr Mitchell has accepted promotion to North Sydney Boys' High and he will be greatly missed for his energy, efficiency and good humour. His work as Acting Head Teacher Administration for over three years and as leader of Professional Learning has been exemplary. He will be greatly missed.

Finally, I take this chance to farewell three of my fellow teachers and friends: Mr John Taggart, Mr Ian French and Ms Ronda Roberts. The immeasurable loss of these great educators and friends linger in the hearts of all who knew them, staff and students alike. Our thoughts go out to all family and friends of John, Ian and Rhonda. Thanks for the opportunity to know you.



Mr Jurd congratulates CISCO winner.

Australia Day in Two Municipalities.....

Congratulations to Andrew and Mohammed



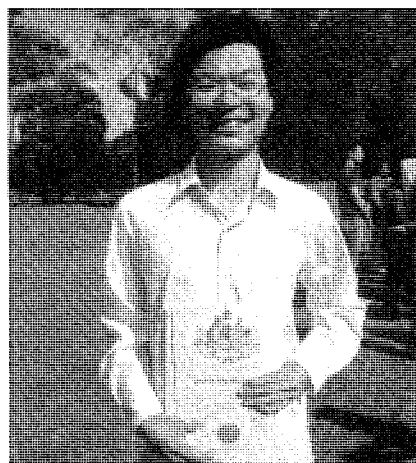
Andrew displays his award.

Senior Homebush Boys High student Andrew Little, was named Young Australian of the Year for the Strathfield Municipality in a ceremony held in Strathfield Park on Australia Day.

The award was a fitting conclusion to Andrews's school career as he begins his university studies in 2005. As a school student Andrew had a long term involvement in social activism and student representation. He was president of the School Student Representative Council and a member of the State SRC. Andrew became a member of the government's Youth Reference Group and was the Keynote Speaker at the Forum of Youth Obesity. Within the school Andrew was involved in a large number of charity support programs which included The Red Cross and Salvation Army.

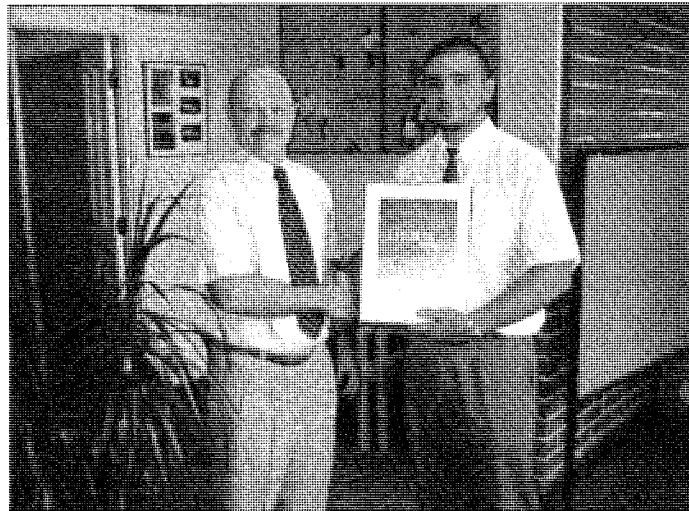
Sport was a particular interest of Andrew's, with involvement and leadership his key qualities. Andrew represented the school in Athletics, Swimming, Rugby and Water Polo. He reached regional representation in Water Polo and Rugby appearing for Sydney North and Metropolitan North-West respectively. In 2004 he was the Homebush Boys' High Sportsman of the Year.

In his response speech after receiving the gong, Andrew said, "I did a whole range of things at school and enjoyed all the opportunities on offer."



Yi Fei ZHENG, a 2004 Year 12 student, is delighted to become an Australian citizen at last.

Andrew Little proudly represents the school on Australia Day 2005.



Dr Paterson congratulates Mohammed

Homebush Boys High school captain, Mohammed Zaoud, was named Young Citizen of the Year in the Auburn Municipality for 2005.

Mohammed was nominated by the Auburn Youth Advisory Board for the advocacy work he has participated in. Mohammed has expressed a youth perspective on many local and social issues. His leadership role has extended to both school and his local community.

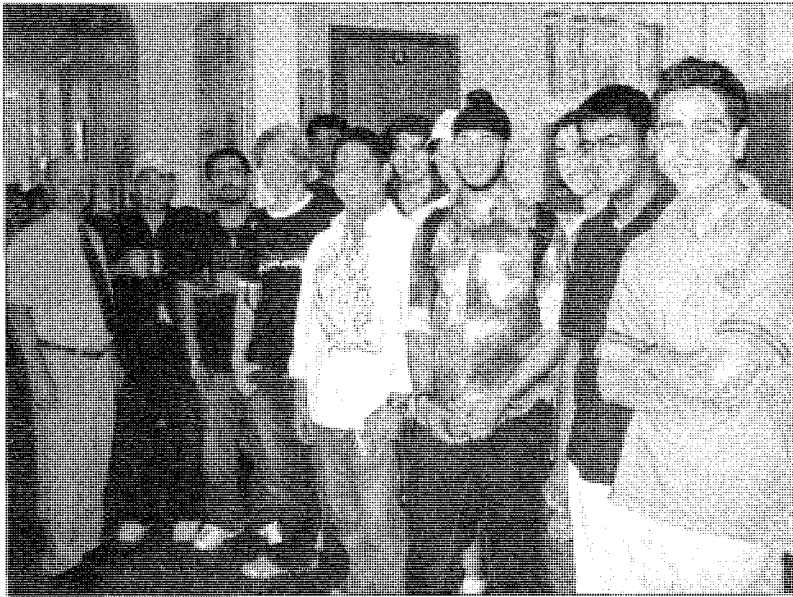
A dedicated and hard working student, Mohammed has a great commitment to equity and fairness. He seeks a tolerant understanding of the various cultures which make up the Auburn Municipality.

In accepting the congratulations of the school for his award Mohammed said, "I see many more similarities than differences in all the people who make up the Australian Community".



The Bushy Boys Return to School.....

It is smiles all round as old boys come back to visit.



Students from the graduating class of 2004 visit the school.

Text message notification by the Board of Studies was the preferred method for students from Homebush Boys High School to receive their Higher School Certificate results notification. The electronic age brought contented smiles for many of the students.

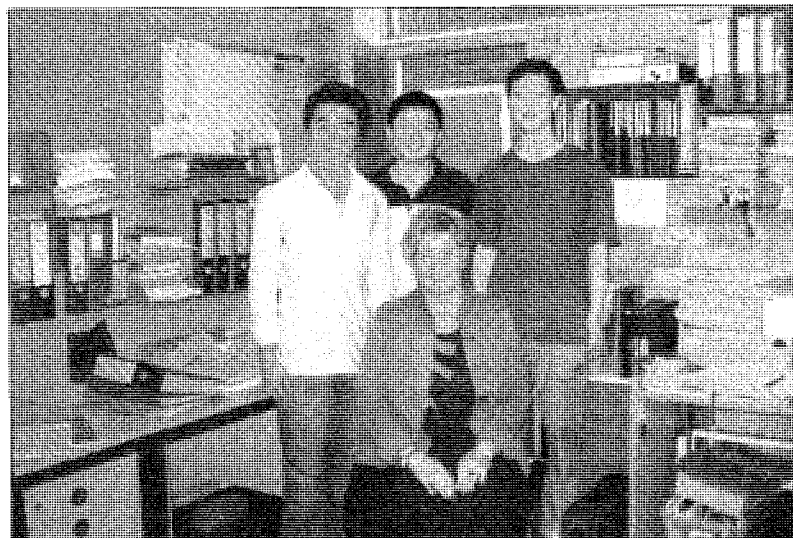
The graduating class of 2004 achieved a total of eighty eight entries on the Merit List.

Three students Issac Suh, Daani Mahmoud and Henry Zhong received Premiers Awards for All Round Merit after scoring above 90 in each of their subjects.

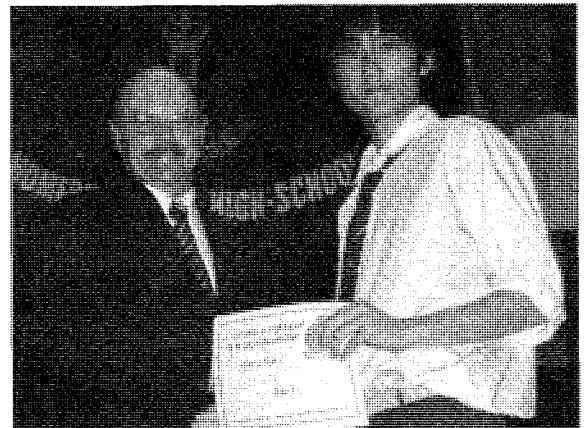
The Dux for 2004 was a three way tie between Bolin Li, Issac Suh and Henry Zhong, who all received UAI rankings of 99.25.

School Principal Dr Ian Paterson commented "The results were again particularly strong. In addition, the School Certificate results also showed the school to be well above state average in all subject areas.

The Graduating Class deserves to be congratulated".



Students from 2002 visit the ESL teachers.



Equal Dux, Bolin Li is congratulated by the Principal.

The Minister Visits us too.....

Early in the year Homebush Boys hosted a fact finding visit by the recently appointed Minister for Education, The Honorable Carmel Tebbutt.

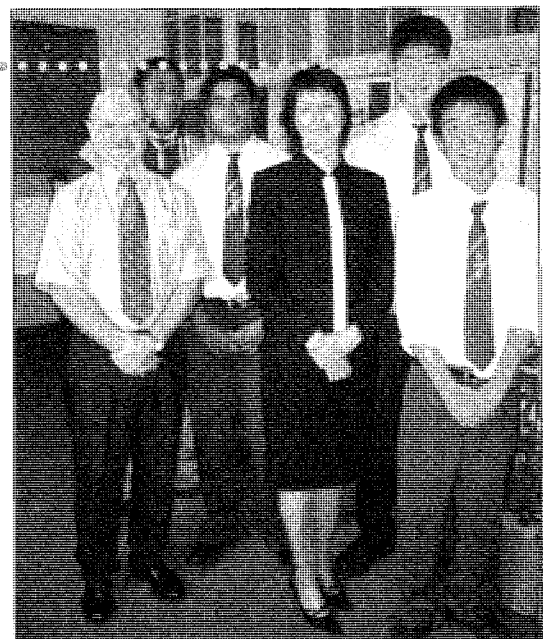
Dr. Paterson discussed educational issues in general, as the minister observed a functioning school in action. Several of the senior students discussed their experiences at Homebush and outlined their goals for the future.

The minister then performed some playground duty as she toured the school happily assisting with the beautification program which is always in place!

The Minister stressed it was important for her to understand the detailed workings of schools within her portfolio so that the Department of Education and Training can best meet the needs of thousands of students who are educated in the State system.

The results attained at Homebush Boys illustrated the outstanding performance by many students across the state.

At right: Dr Paterson and the seniors with the Minister for Education.

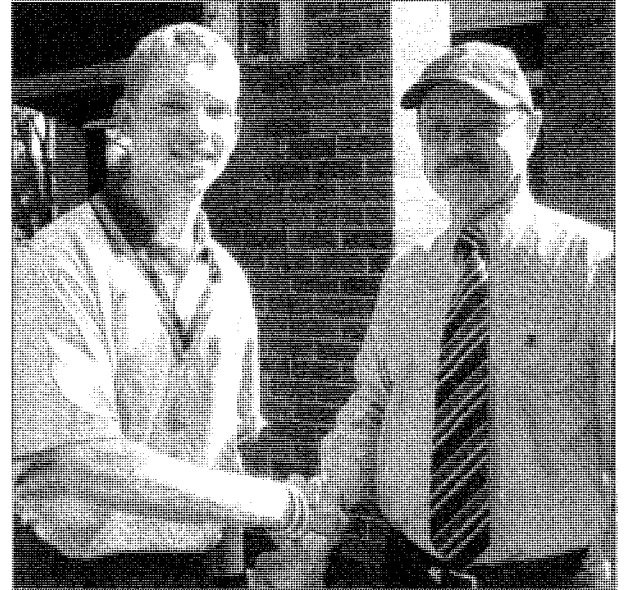


Jamie Sherson and Tyson King are congratulated on their sporting achievements.....



Above: West Tiger's club captain Mark O'Neil congratulates Tyson King.

Tyson was champion in showjumping and equestrian events at Camden High School. He is still pursuing this seemingly rural sport while a student at our school. This year he competed at state level at Quirindi and is currently preparing for the Royal Easter Show tryouts which are held on the 3rd December.



Above: The Principal congratulates Jamie Sherson as Junior Sportsman of the Year.

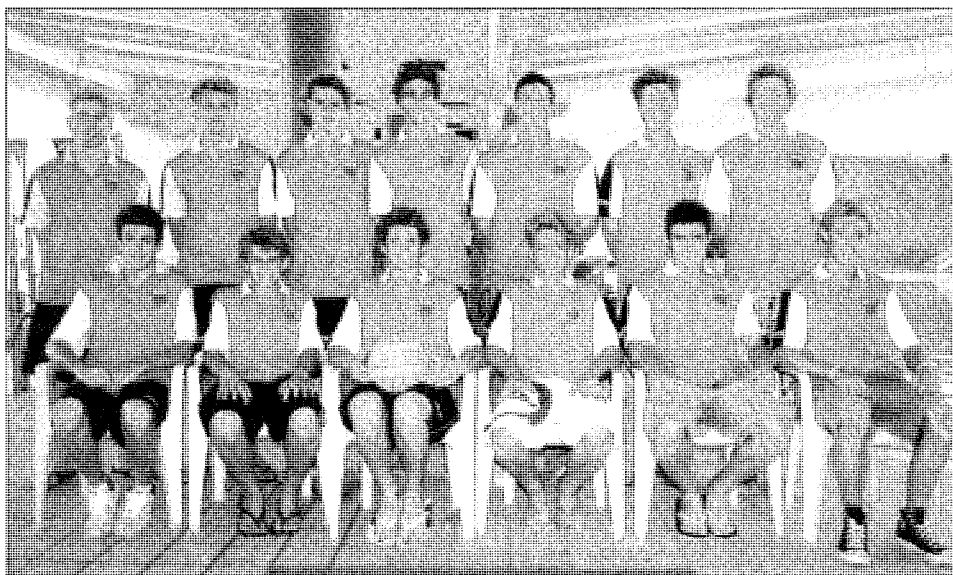
Cross Country; middle distance and steeplechase are all Jamie's forte. Along with Michael Clarke and Josh Hilliard, he will be representing our school in the 'NSW All Schools Team Triathlon'.

HBHS band plays at the Granville District Spectacular at the Opera House. 15th Aug. 2005

Below: Our school band played in the foyer at intermission and had a most appreciative audience.



Sydney North Regional Water Polo team are Inter-Regional champions.....



Sydney North Regional Water Polo team won the inter-regional championship held in Taree. The team defeated Sydney-East 10 – 6 in the final.

A total of five Homebush players were selected in the Sydney North Team. Year 11 student Daniel Davoren, Michael Clark and Joshua Hilliard from Year 10, and juniors Chad Watkinson and Connor Martin were team members in the squad of thirteen.

Sydney North were placed second after eight games with seven wins and one loss. They accounted for Hunter 10 -2 in the semi-final. The finals was the first time in eight carnivals Sydney North had defeated the strong Sydney East team. Daniel Davoren was selected in the C.H.S. Squad.

Will Parker brings honour to the school in the sport of sailing

Will Parker from Year 9 has brought great honour to Homebush Boys High School in the sport of sailing.

Will was a member of the crew from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia that finished second in the 2005 Beneteau Australian Youth Match Racing Championships, held at the Sandringham Yacht Club (Victoria) from Saturday 17 – 19 September 2005. The crew sailing a Beneteau 7.5 were outstanding in finishing a close second to the winning team from the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (NSW).

The Australian match racing titles were supposed to be conducted over three days however wild winds on Port Phillip Bay on the Saturday resulted in race officials postponing racing on the first day.

Day 2 proved another frustrating day for officials and competitors with only 21 races completed until the breeze faded. Racing didn't commence until 11.00am in a breeze that was shifting and eventually died out, forcing race officials to move the course in search of more wind. At around 4.00pm,

winds moved into the south and strengthened to about 10knots, but this only lasted long enough to get three races in before it faded, forcing racing to be abandoned for the second day.

On Day 3 the breeze arrived in the morning and the Race Committee and competitors were hopeful that a full round robin would be completed. Unfortunately the round robin could not be completed, which disadvantaged

the team, and officials were forced to resort to wins versus races completed to award the national championship.

The CYCA Coach, Dayne Sharpe commented that "Unfortunately the team was beaten by the clock at this regatta but they showed excellent boat racing skills and boat speed in very difficult racing conditions".

Congratulations to Will and the other members of the crew. Below: Will 3rd from left



Ammar Awan, William Duong, Oliver Pase and Tandeep Singh attend a Gifted and Talented discovery program held at the University of Sydney.

The Gifted and Talented discovery program was held on the 8th July at Sydney University.

It was a well organised day and began with an introduction by Tim Wilkinson, a lecturer in civil engineering. Then the boys were given the opportunity to explore the different types of engineering available at the university.

In the program they did some exciting hands-on activities all to do with careers in engineering. These included lectures, building a model of a bridge using straw and pins, using CAD (computer assisted drawing) and many other varied and interesting activities.

They thoroughly enjoyed the time at the university. Ammar said, "Overall it was an interesting day which opened our views and

prospective future as well as enlightening us on other industries available in the world apart from medicine and accounting which seem to be everyone's interest as a future

career". These students were assisted by the schools Excellence Fund and all thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity.



Michael Clarke wins nine medals at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships



Lifesaving champion Michael Clarke (left), seen here with football champion Mark O'Neil and Joshua Hilliard (another talented sportsman).

Michael Clarke, of Year 10, won a total of nine medals at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships.

In Brisbane Michael competed for New South Wales in the under 16's division of the championships. His medal haul included five golds, two silvers and two bronzes over a variety of individual and team events.

Though swimming is an integral part of Life Saving, the events have much more variety. Michael had to swim 50m underwater, swim with an 80 kg manikin, throw a line to a victim and compete in an obstacle relay. Many of the events required problem solving and were called 'initiative tests'.

Michael was then selected in the Junior Aussie Barras team which will compete in Darwin against many other Asian nations, in the Arafura Games.

Drum Corps Report.....

Manager, Ms Rayner reports on the success of the Drum Corps.

For the first time in its seven year history the Corps has evolved into a students-only performance group.

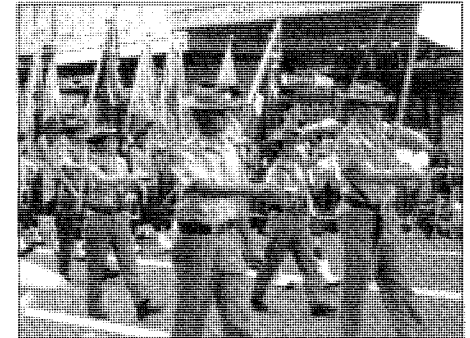
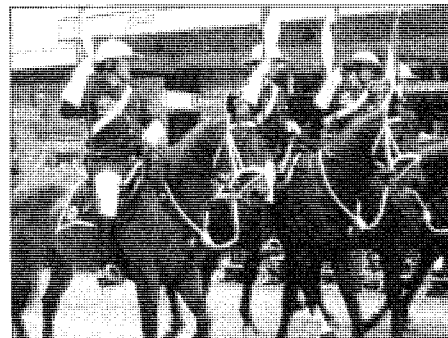
Year 11 students Stephen Speirs and Wilson Petrushnko have both taken on the demanding job of Drum Major this year, a role previously reserved for the more senior ex-student or teacher. Another first is the advent of our very small and very keen Year Seven mascot, Daniel Rosen – special modifications had to be made to his harness! (It had to be cut in half).

The Corps has been involved in all the usual marches this year, and as well appeared in the VP Day commemorations in the city, the Burwood Festival, a much more light hearted affair than we are used to, and the 120 year celebrations for Strathfield Municipality.

A particularly welcome development this year has been the support we have received from several parents. Jim Pike, father of Mitchell, organised and drove the bus on VP Day in August, while on at least three occasions Warren Worthington (father of Ben) has accompanied the marchers and generally made Ms Rayner's life easier.

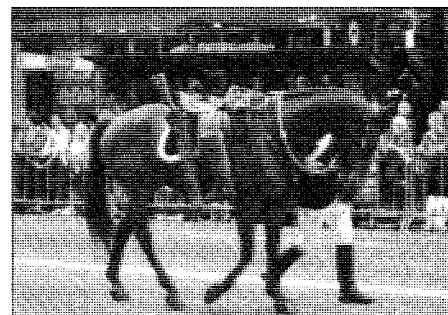
We are looking forward to 2006, with both the School Captain and Vice Captain as well as three prefects being part of the Corps – another first! In addition, our skills will receive a big boost from Jim Batch of Burwood Pipe Band who has generously volunteered his time, even planning to train our new recruits in term 4, 2005. Finally thanks must go to Burwood RSL Sub-Branch for their continued support, without which the Corps would not be able to continue to operate.

Right: The Drum Corps on ANZAC Day in the city.



Corps members in 2005

Stephen Speirs
Wilson Petrushnko
Sudhagar Sivabalan
Elison Furneaux-Bate
Clifford Luu
Oner Kasap
Mitchell Pike
Jeremy Pinto
Solomon Donald
Ben Worthington
Daniel Rosen
Danny Kim
Ethan Rizos
Oliver Pase
Banner and Flag Bearers:
Abrar Ahmad, Simon Watson,
Mohammed Zaoud and Tomas Kopf
Vulaca on Anzac Day. Eddy Wu,
Andrew Nguyen, Tom Gallagher,
Robert Polec and Jack Sadler.



Peer Tutors Literacy Roll Call.....

Volunteer tutors and tutees work together to raise the level of literacy in HBHS.

Peer Tutors

Lindsay Owen-Taylor
Oliver Pase
Ethan Rizos
Aayush Sharma
Niruthan Sanmuanathan
Ankit Sharma
Hayder Shkara
Simran Singh
Tandeep Singh
Rakulan Sothirajah
Patrick Tang
Faroque Ahmed
Mohamed Bardouh
Peter Bijjani
Samir Boulekraout
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Marvin Lim
Royce Ly
Adam Mussa
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Andrew Quoc Nguyen
Joshua Tarrant-Windt

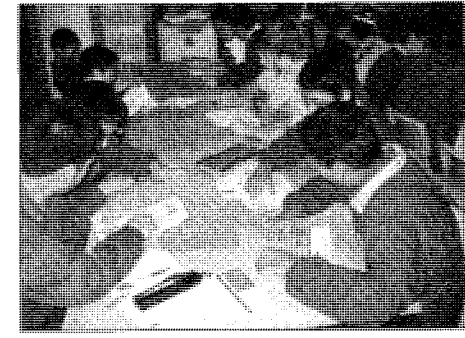
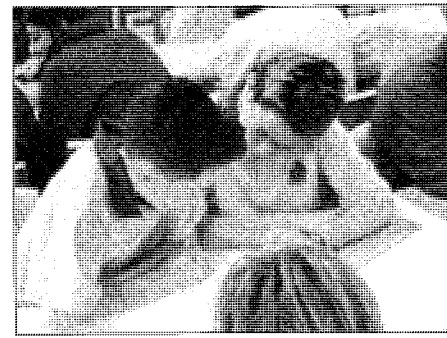
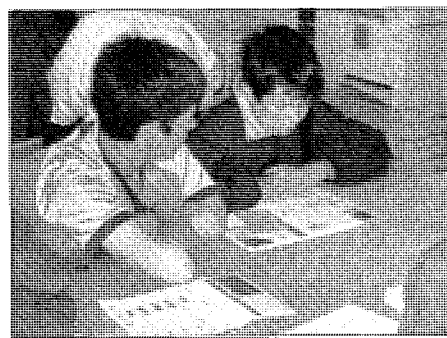
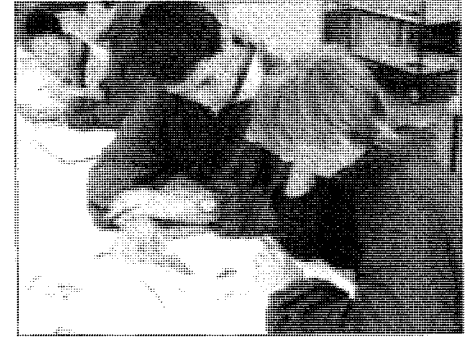
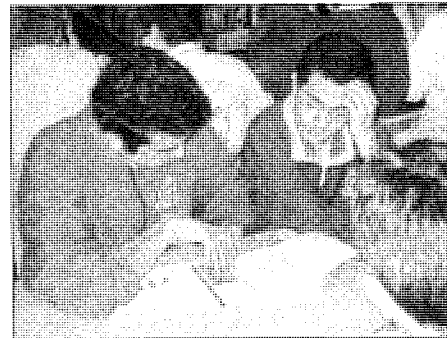
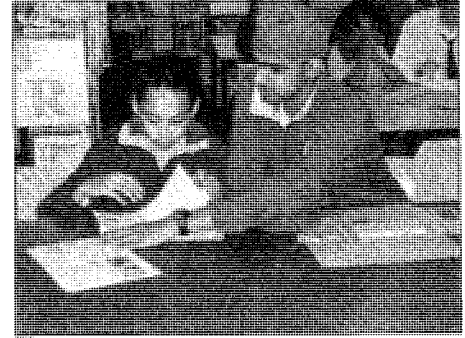
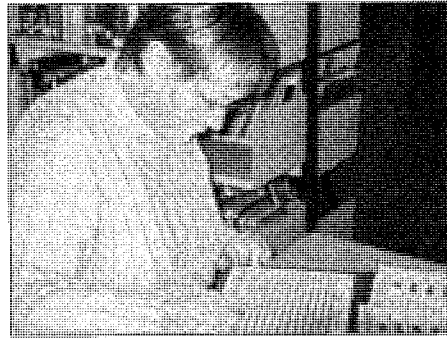
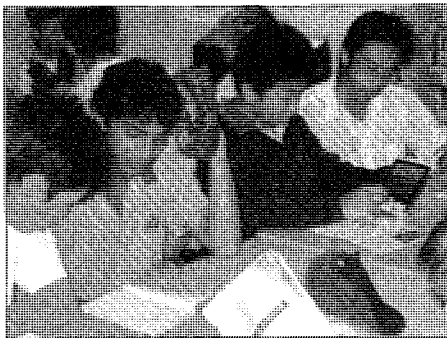
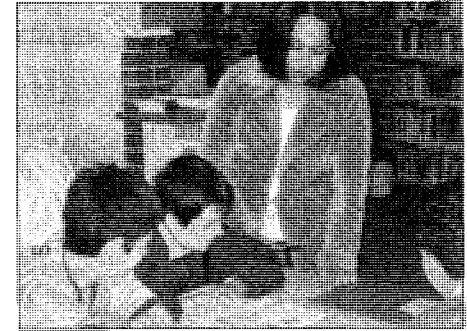
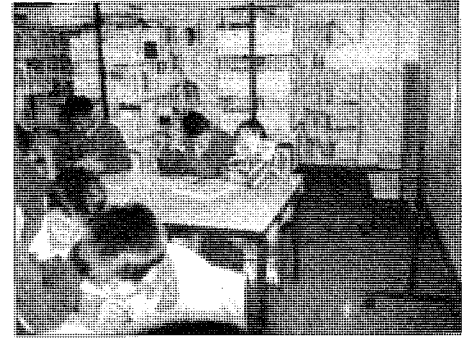
All this year roll calls 19 and 20 have been quietly working wonders in the field of literacy using a small group of student volunteers.

These Year 10 and 11 leaders volunteered to devote 2005 DEAR to assisting younger students with their reading of authentic material from the Year 7 and 8 history and geography syllabuses. The tutors have attended Meadowbank TAFE to train in literacy courses.

The tutors use the 3 P's 'Pause, Prompt, Praise' to assist the younger readers with the technicalities of the language of their texts. The pictures on this page show the tutors working with their tutees.

Previous years have shown that students involved in this program have demonstrated improvements in ELLA results well above the State and school average.

The dedication of the students is matched by their devoted roll teachers, Ms Rani Pather and Ms Edan Martinez. The program is coordinated by Ms Michelle Degney.



School Band Camp.....

Band Master Mr Ian Albertson takes the band members for a camp to hone their skills.

Things were looking pretty bleak (literally) on Monday, 4 April, when 38 members of the Homebush Boys High School Band turned up to school loaded with gear and ready to depart for a three day Band Camp. It was raining as had been predicted. This made the task of moving music stands, amps, drum kit, orchestral xylophone, keyboards, leads, adaptors, percussion instruments and CD player from the music rooms to the coach even more of a pain than usual.

With the coach fully loaded (a major accomplishment in itself) we took off just after 8.40 am headed for the south coast. It rained for most of the trip but fortunately stopped before we reached our first port of call – McDonald's at Bomaderry. That was the last of the rain for the next three days.

After our sumptuous lunch (only healthy food of course) it was only another 20 minutes on the coach before reaching our destination – Kooloona Conference Centre on the banks of the Shoalhaven River at Nowra.

Once the Band had set up the Meeting Room as our rehearsal area and moved their personal gear into their cabins it was time for the first Full Band Rehearsal – two hours of intensive work under the direction of our Guest Conductor, Mr Glenn Armitage, the Band Program Director at Burwood Girls High School. Although Mr Armitage has a fearsome reputation we discovered that he also has a comic side to his nature too.

Mr Armitage had composed two pieces especially for our Band – "Homebush Blues" and "Homeboys Procession". The Blues gave many of the boys their first taste at solo improvisation. Future audiences will have a treat in store for them when this piece is performed.

Despite overcast conditions many band members took the opportunity to relax in the pool following the rehearsal. The water temperature was bracing for the first couple of minutes but we soon acclimatized.

The food at Camp was teenager-friendly & there was plenty of it. With morning teas, afternoon teas and suppers included we were never hungry. The remainder of the Camp program was made up of further intensive Full Band rehearsals, sectional rehearsals led by Ms Gobel, Mr Albertson & Mr Armitage interspersed with leisure activities.

We just had to pop in to The Lolly Shop in Berry on the way home on the Wednesday - it's become a tradition!

The troops arrived back at school on time, returned gear to the Music rooms & were soon on their way home to what would surely have been an early night.

Band Camp was an undoubted success and Band members can't wait for the next one. Naamaroo Conference Centre in Lane Cove National Park has been booked between 7.30 pm, 29 March and 31 March 2006. Families and friends of Band members will be invited to attend a Concert and afternoon tea at the Campsite at 4.30 pm on the Friday before departing for home.



A pensive Andrew Riccord during rehearsal.



Tom Gallagher cools down in the pool.



Daniel Armitage and friends around the campfire.



Ms Gobel helps the flautists during rehearsal.



Sam Higgins and Michael Simpson are laid back percussionists.



Oliver Buckley says, 'It wasn't me sir.'



Vicnesai Tharmarajah hanging around by the pool.



Nicholas Andronikasvili and others clap rhythms.



Garth Andrews: Lead violinist and Band leader.



Oliver Buckley causing waves.

HBHS Old Boys.....

Old Boys join with the new at a Year assembly. A penny for their thoughts!



Above: Old Boys and their guests enjoy a Year Assembly.

As part of the Education Week celebrations Homebush Boys High School staff and students welcomed back 'boys' from the 1930-50's. After a careful roll call each lad was introduced to the senior executive, a selection of prefects and student leaders. A school tour then took place despite steady rain and poor conditions for moving around the school.

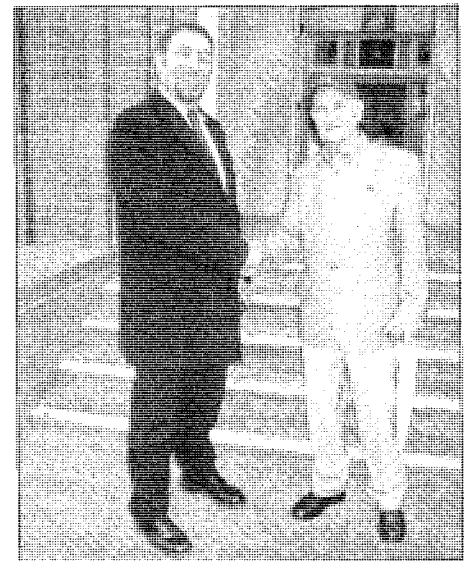
Hospitality, TAS, Science, Computer rooms and the Library were keenly examined by the group who included career scientists Professor Richard Collins, Professor Fred Stephens and Dr Frank Donovan. The Hospitality students and staff were able to demonstrate in a tangible way the products of their work and subsequently presented a magnificent morning tea.

During Period 3, a Year 7 assembly was held to convey SRC information and demonstrate musical instruments actually constructed by the boys. Dr Donovan complemented these items with a fascinating account of school life back in the 1940's with a strong message

of team work, thoughtful goal setting and clear respect for his teachers and specific books which had a distinct impact on his development.

A period later the Year 8 assembly saw Professor Richard Collins recount his days at Homebush in the 1950's and how he was inspired by the teachers of the time. Prof Collins told of the contact he had with two other past students of the 1990's who had impressed him at Sydney University in the Physics courses.

All in all a fabulous morning was had by the participants with special thanks to Ms Shadwick, Ms Gobel, Ms Gabor and all the Hospitality staff and students. One former student remarked he found the visit truly inspirational as he left the foyer. On the other hand, importantly old friendships were renewed and hopefully current students were influenced by the deeds of these men, their presence and recognition of the values associated with Public Education in NSW.



Mr Cheiban Elaro thanks Old Boy Mr Ray Crane who spoke to the Year 7 boys about the importance of literature and reading.

First Grade Rugby Players of 2005 meet First Grade Players 1954

Rugby players from different generations have something in common - a love of the game.

Members of the 1st XV Rugby team met up with players of the 1947 & 1954 vintage when a "Back to School" day was held as part of Education Week activities. Don Archer & Geoff Tweedle fondly remembered their playing days.

Mr. Archer was a member of the 1954 team which was placed second to Sydney Boys' High. The speedy centre was selected in the Combined High Schools' 2nd XV and received both Rugby and Cricket Blues in his senior year. During the season the team had defeated the highly rated Fort Street and Hurlstone Agricultural College teams.

A bustling lock forward, Geoff Tweedle gained representative honours in the C.H.S. 1st XV in 1947 and went on to play with local Briars Club in Burwood.

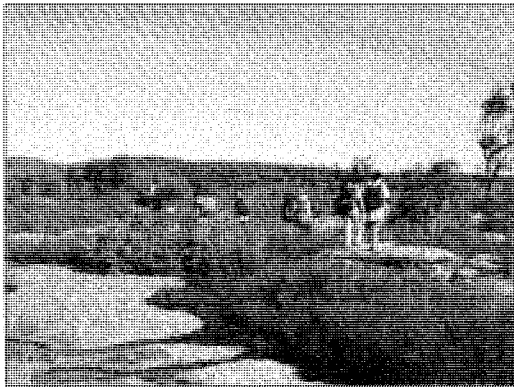
Five current players Paul Latu, Pascal Wallace, Lyle Taulalai, Sean Little & Robert Kang will be representing the Metropolitan North West Zone at the N.S.W. Combined High Schools carnival in an effort to gain selection to the state team in 2005. These students have been assisted by the school's Excellence Fund.



Paul Latu, Pascal Wallace, Don Archer, Geoff Tweedle, Lyle Taulalai & Robert Kang.

Duke of Edinburgh Award.....

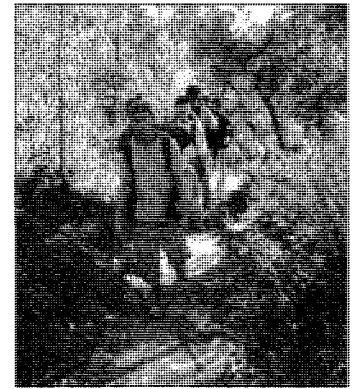
Michael Thomson, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Coordinator tells a tale of endurance.



Heading to Uloola Falls



Rest at Karloo Pool 3.30 pm



On the track



Janaha enjoys morning tea



Group shot Mooray track Junction



Navigation Check after the climb

With an easy 11 km one day walk already under their belts, a group of nine valiant Yr 11 students ventured into the wild unknown (well, Royal and Heathcote National Parks) for their first overnight walk.

Laden down with heavy backpacks, we tramped on narrow bush trails, struggling up steep hills, with map and compass ready at hand (that's if it wasn't squashed into the bottom of their pack). After an especially steep, 100 metre ascent up a series of what seemed like almost vertical steel ladders, short pants were the result, even for those dressed in jeans!

We were rewarded with extensive views over the Hacking River as we descended the ridge to reach the panoramically picturesque picnic point of Audley. This idyllic riverscape of shady grassland and tranquil waters was the lunch spot. We left no litter but the environmental code was less specific about the alliteration and cliché. Some couldn't resist the kiosk, though their choice of burgers and chips has not yet been endorsed by the bushwalking guidebook, which is food for thought or vice versa.

Recharged, we were soon climbing back to the ridgetop, heading for Uloola Falls, with a short detour to see some Aboriginal rock engravings and spear sharpening grooves. (The obligatory pun was rejected here as many might fail to get the point!) Then as the shadows lengthened in inverse proportion to our energy levels, we hobbled on to Karloo Pool, too tired to truly

appreciate the distant city views on the horizon on the way. Eventually, we limped into the Scout Camp at Heathcote to set up our tents for the night. Hot showers and proper toilets were a welcome luxury from the hardships of the track.

The night was less intense, though actually more in tents, with all enjoying the warmth of the logfire before retiring to ascertain the accuracy of the temperature rating of their sleeping bags. Surprisingly, most were up early, which probably suggested that the aforementioned rating was a bit of a disappointment, as the night was very cold. Would it be possible to sue, as "sleeping bag" could well be a misrepresentation of the product's description? Those with down weren't feeling so down, pleased that their wise choice of bedding was not the only feather in their cap or more accurately, that there were feathers in at least one other place besides their cap.

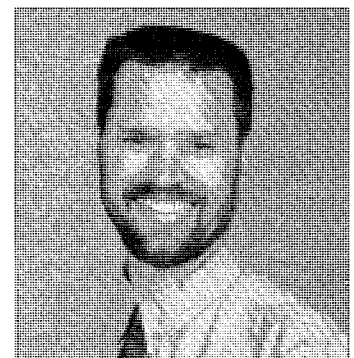
The next morning, we packed up wet tents (our dew reward) and were under way by about 9.30 am. Several missed turn-offs reminded all that the coloured lines and shapes on the map do have more than mere symbolic meaning, as we followed Heathcote Creek along the pipeline road and then, back on the right track, via the Bullawaring Track towards Waterfall Station.

Lunch at Kingfisher Pool became a test of courage but only six faced this by diving into the icy cold water for a very quick swim. One other place besides their cap.

One final, short, steep section led us back to tar and cement for the final leg to the station. A fast country train sped us back to Central, where we changed trains, and thence to Strathfield and beyond, to arrive in time to see our fellow students, much cleaner and neatly dressed in correct Homebush uniform, on their way home from school, after what we trust was a learning experience as equally rewarding as ours, albeit in a more traditional way.

We had survived – 25.5 km of effort and endurance... but what an adventure it had been! Stay tuned for the next instalment as we undertake the Bronze Level Qualifying Expedition in the near future.

A promotion for Mr Lucas



Mr Greg Lucas, Head Teacher TAS left us at the end of 2004 to take up a position as Deputy Principal of a nearby high school. We have missed his energy and enthusiasm and wish him well for the future.

Sydney Balalaika Orchestra goes to Russia...

Mr Andrew Smith, music teacher and Lucy Voronov, learning support at HBHS recently visited China and Russia as members of the orchestra.



Above: The Sydney Balalaika Orchestra performs in Harbin China.

Homebush Boys High School teacher Andrew Smith plays domra with the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra, which recently performed in Sakhalin and Khabarovsk in the Russian far east and Harbin in China.

The orchestra is made up of 25 people from many nationalities and backgrounds including Serbian, Dutch, Armenian, Croatian, Scottish, Australian and, of

course, some Russians. The orchestra plays a variety of Russian folk instruments such as domras, bayans and one bass balalaika. Most of the players have taught themselves to play these instruments with the exception of Lucy Voronov. Lucy was born in Belarus and there, as a young child, was spotted as a musician of great talent and sent to Moscow for advanced musical training on her instrument the cymbalom. She has

since gone on to perform in many parts of Russia and has won several national music awards.

The orchestra gets together every week to rehearse at Homebush Boys High School under the musical direction of Victor Sergie. Andrew says Victor's deep passion for Russian music coupled with his boundless energy, humour and enthusiasm spur the orchestra on as one happy family. Indeed the orchestra is like a family with ages ranging from 16 to 79 and many times this has been mentioned and appreciated by audiences of the orchestra.

When the orchestra was first invited to perform in Russia it was both flattered and frightened. After all, Andrew says, it is one thing to perform in Sydney but to perform Russian folk music in Russia is another thing entirely, particularly when one considers that most of the members are non-Russian. But the trip went beautifully with the orchestra being enthusiastically supported everywhere they went including standing ovations.

Local residents had a chance to see and hear this unique orchestra when they performed a concert at Homebush Boys High School hall at 2pm on Sunday November 13th.

John Symond All Boys Speaking Comp.....

Chris Pooley, the winner of the senior division reports on the successful competition.

The 'John Symond All Boys Public Speaking Contest' has successfully continued into 2005. This popular contest is in its fourth year since being introduced into the school calendar in 2002 by Ms Sahyoun (now Mrs Bou Francis) and the former HBHS English teacher, Mr Hague.

The contest is conducted in two separate divisions: the junior division and the senior division. The juniors comprise students from Years Seven to Year Nine and the senior division involves those from Year Ten to Eleven. The competition involves students writing a prepared speech on allocated topics devised by the teachers.

The juniors segment was conducted first. The predominant topic chosen by the junior students was that 'education is the key to success'. Junior speakers were allocated a five minute time slot into which they would develop and convey their argument. Although the number of entries in the junior section was much less in comparison to the senior section,

the competition remained fierce.

The senior division continued the competition after the conclusion of the junior division. The senior division included numerous speakers, the greatest number in the history of the competition. The senior division had three topics from which the students could choose. They were 'Life in the fast lane', 'the choice we must make' and 'destiny in our own hands'. The competition was very equal and the humour of Ethan's talk lightened the intensity.

At the conclusion of the contest the adjudicator issued some words of encouragement and advice before announcing the winners. The winner of the junior competition was Emre Mehmet of Year Nine and the winner of the senior division was Chris Pooley of Year Eleven.

On behalf of the students, I would particularly like to thank Mrs Bou-Francis and Mrs Sahay for their involvement and organisational ef-

forts. I'd further like to extend my thanks to Mr Shanmugan, school captain of 1999, for returning again for his fourth year of adjudication. It was a very fulfilling day giving students vital skills in public speaking - pivotal in any working place.



Chris is congratulated by the Principal.

Business and Finance - a winning experience for Homebush Boys

Students from Year 10 commerce participated in an online hospitality program run by Australian Business Week (ABW). In this program we had to run a virtual hotel over eight days. Each day represented a separate quarter, which is equivalent to two business years. Our team consisted of General Manager Tandeep Singh, Financial Controllers Jason Tran and Jas Singh, Human Resources Manager Joshua Tarrant-Windt, Marketing Director Martin Gabor, Front Office Manager Nathan Crighton, House Manager Oliver Pase, House Operations Patrick Tang, Food and Beverage Manager Aayush Sharma, Banqueting Ankit Sharma and Director of Sales Harsatnam Singh.

The aim of the competition was to create and successfully manage a fully operational hotel chain. Winning required the most consistent share price, in comparison to other participating schools. Additionally, HBHS was pitted against a team made up of those involved in the creation of the competition. Homebush was the winning school from all of NSW.

Each day, the team was responsible for making and discussing financial and management decisions affecting the company's performance on the share market. These decisions ranged from completing case studies related to the set business to generally planning operations

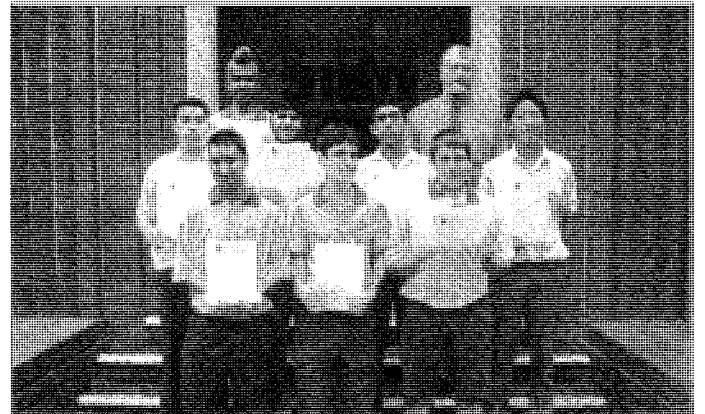
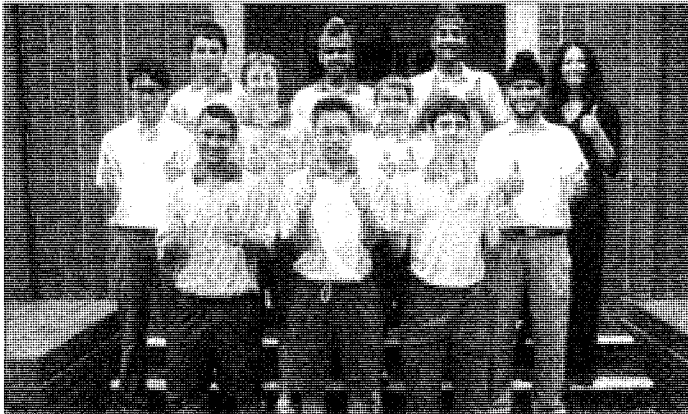
and marketing within the hotels.

The ABW Competition has been such an informative and rewarding experience, and one that has opened our eyes to the more detailed aspect of the complicated and unpredictable business world.

The team, however, would not have been able to complete the competition, let alone win it, without the dedication of Ms Dwyer, who has invested her own free time into supporting us in this competition.

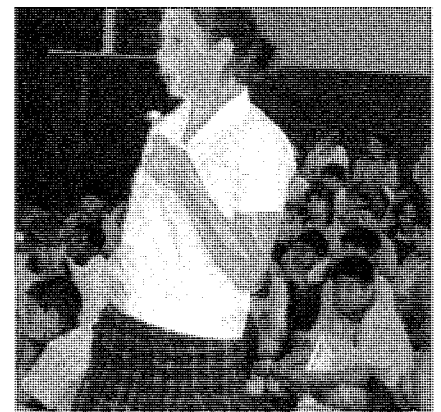
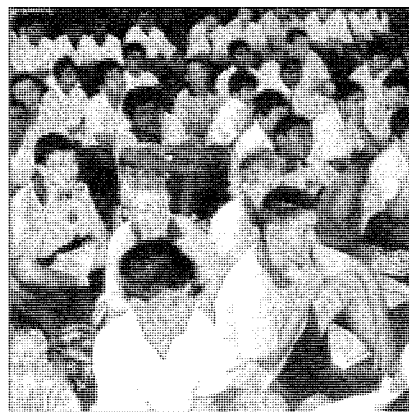
Financial Literacy - Outstanding results for our boys

All year 9 and 10 commence classes competed in the UNSW Financial Literacy competition. The results were outstanding and significantly above state averages. From the 165 students 12 received High Distinction, 26 received Distinction, 37 were awarded Credit and 90 received Participation Certificates. Below Left: AMW award winners Below Right: The Financial literacy comp winners.



Year 8 are the audience in a performance of 'Verbal Combat' an anti-bullying program

The program was presented by the PD/Health/PE faculty and actors from 'The Brainstorm Theatre Co.'



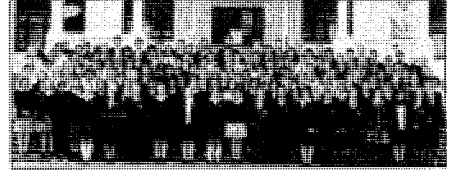
Eating is science too

Dr Balan's science class examine the scientific properties of a 'traditional food party'.



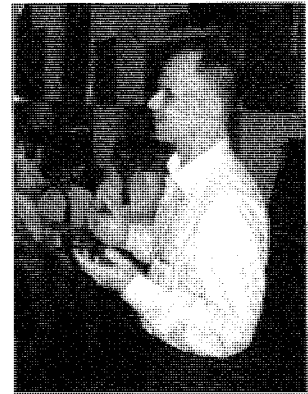
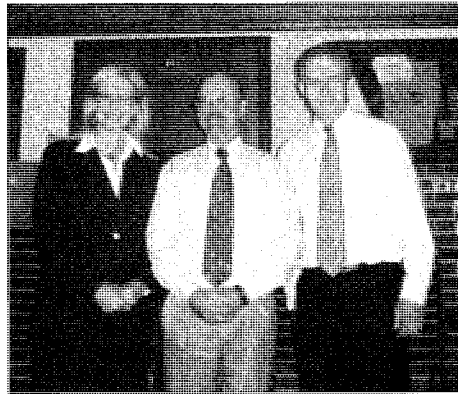
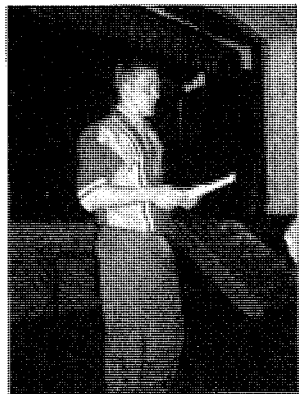
Mohammed Zaoud represents NSW at the Constitutional Convention in Canberra.

Issues relating to young people were discussed with prominent political and community leaders. Below: Mr Bob Green, Mr Brendan Nelson, the delegates and John Murphy, the Federal Member for Lowe.



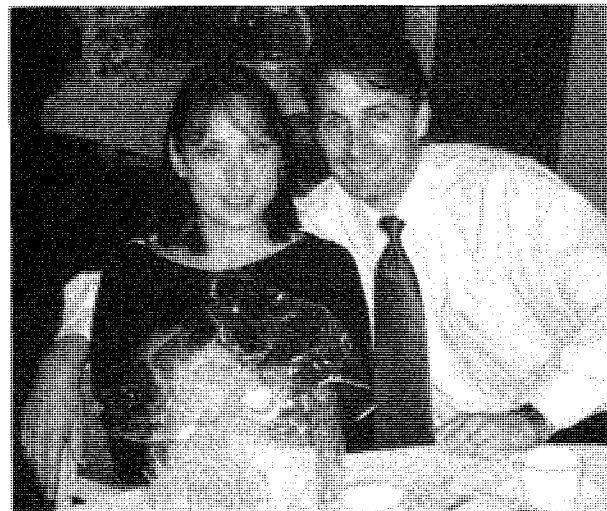
The 'Bushy Boys' are still getting involved in extra-curricular activities

Below top row: At the Inner West Tertiary Expo our boys were guides, and set up stalls. They were all given these T shirts to thank them. Second Row: In 2004 Carl Scully (Minister for Roads) and Virginia Judge (Local state member) came to the school to hear presentations from senior students on issues surrounding P plate drivers. SRC co-ordinator, Mr Sam Hague was present as well.



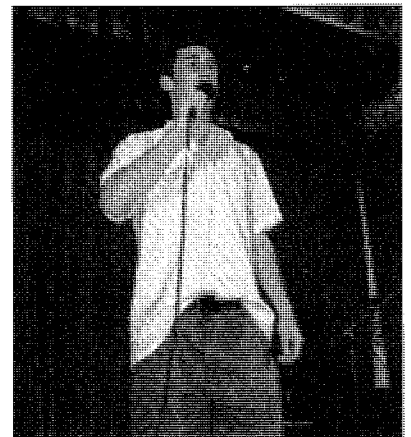
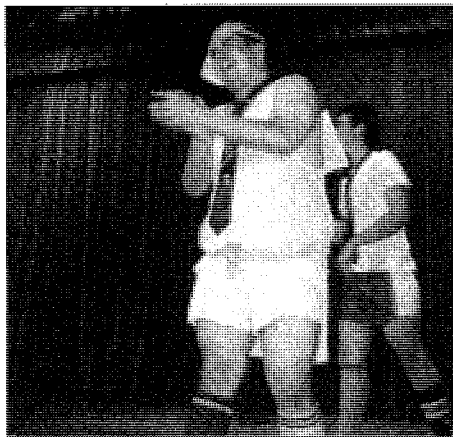
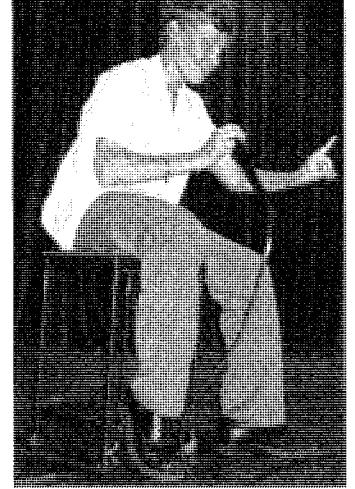
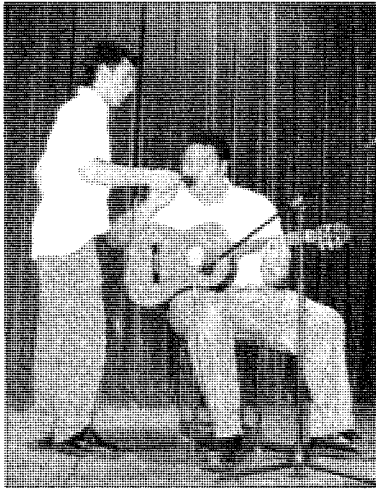
'Pride of Workmanship'-awards from the Lions Club

Mrs Michelle Degney and Dr Ian Paterson both accepted awards. From left: Mr John Brogden and Mrs Degney, guests Mr Mitchell (a previous winner) and Mrs Mitchell, Mr Brogden and Dr Ian Paterson.



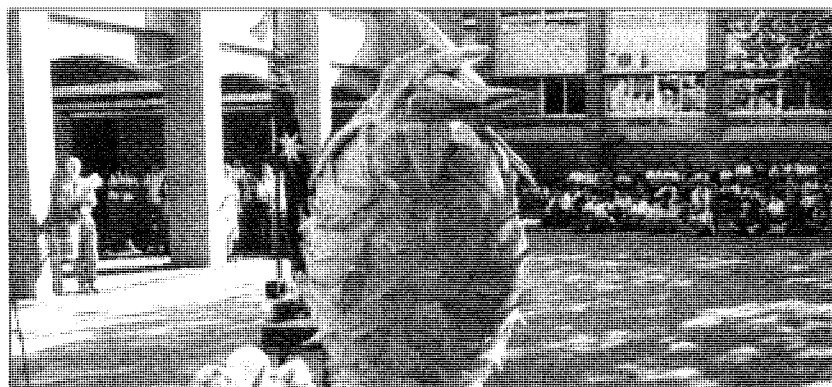
Max Little is the winner of the inaugural Homebush Idol

The SRC organised the inaugural Homebush Idol that ran for four weeks during Thursday unchtime. Max little was the winner to become our first 'idol'. ONYA Max! From left: Hilal Mehmet and Paul Latu; all the contestants; Max Little; Rabeh Garibeh; Paul Latu; Halil Mehmet and Ms Perry; Halil again.



Art students and Mr Tedford like to look on the bright side of life

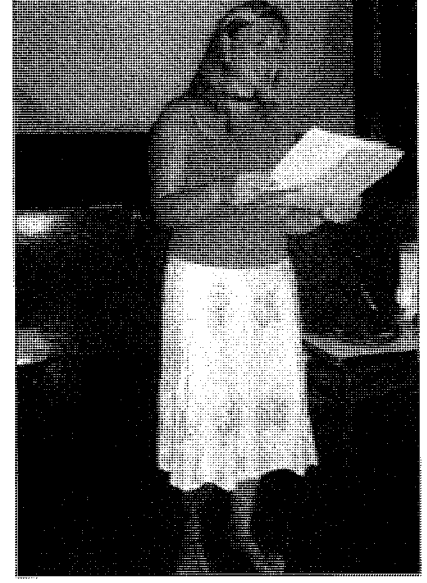
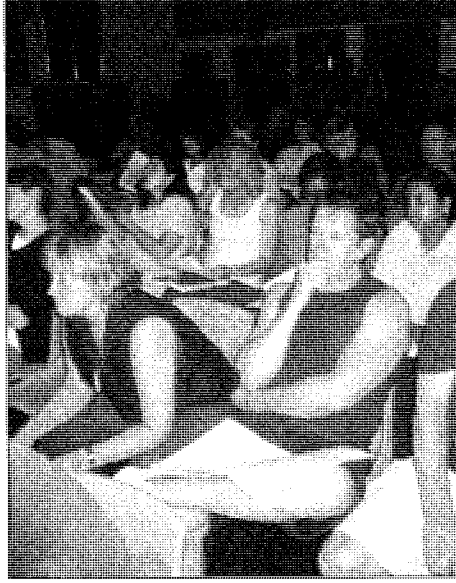
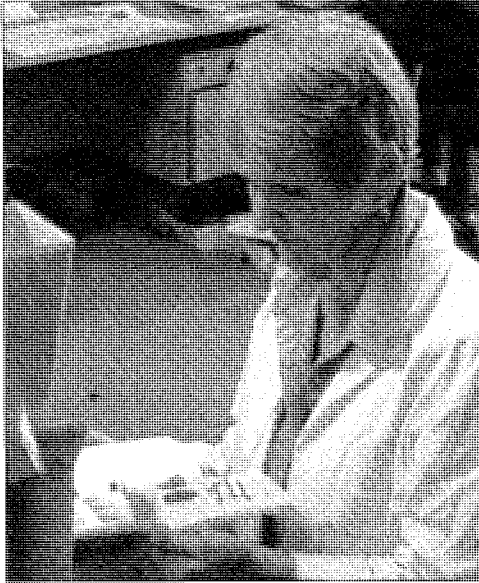
The artist are William Mcartney, Jack Sadler and John Treweek.



The Golden Circle Pineapple Man assists Mr Ron Tedford in his fundraising.

Goodbye to Mrs Carey and Hello to 2005

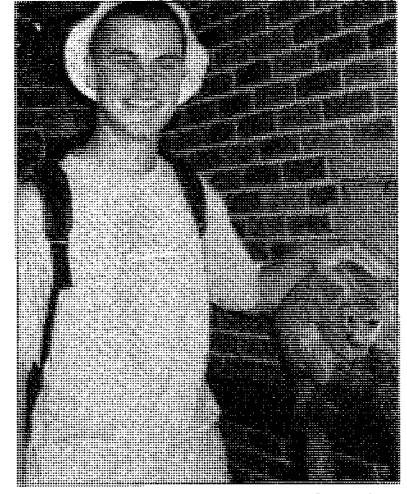
Mrs Anne Carey retired at the end of 2004 after many years service in the Science department as a lab assistant. She is missed by students and staff alike. The first day back for 2005 was a Staff Development Day. Quality teaching was the theme for the day.



Students enjoy the outside classroom in this beautiful city of Sydney



Another great Geography excursion, this time to the Collaroy Rock Platform. Sydney is a wonderful place for the outdoors classroom



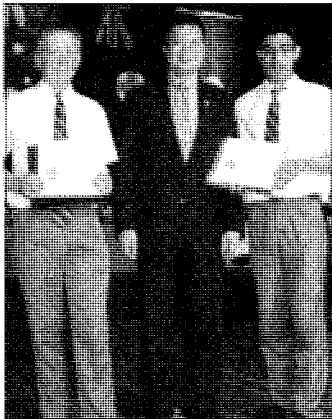
Morgan DiVal pats a furry friend.



Homebush Boys High School is not far from Bi-Centennial Park, located in the Olympic 2000 site. It is a perfect opportunity for students to learn about wetlands, with many activities for Geography students both out of doors and in the Learning centre.



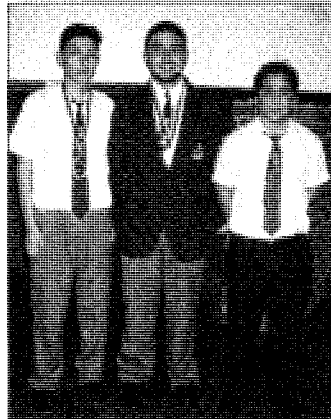
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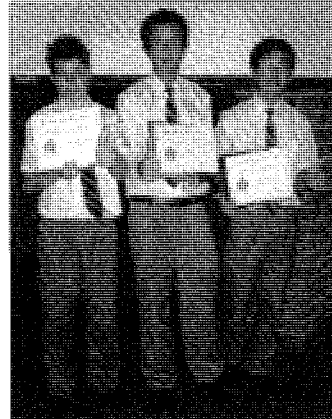
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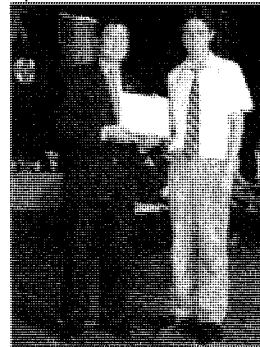
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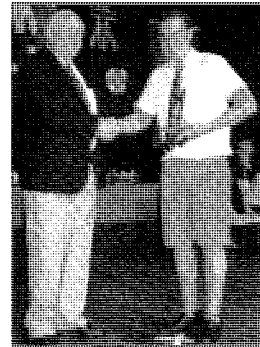
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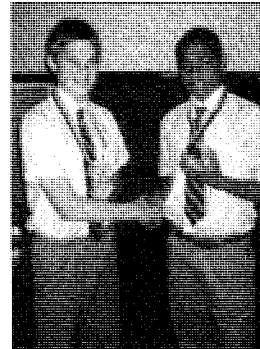
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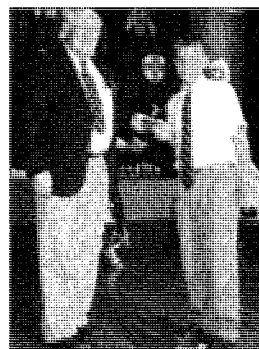
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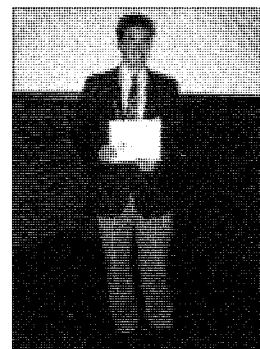
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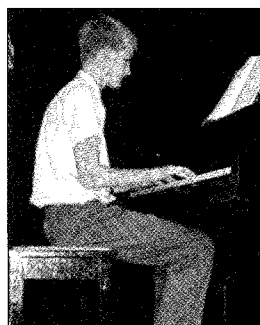
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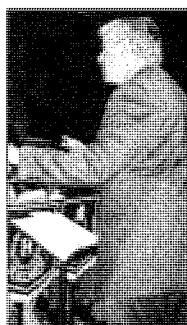
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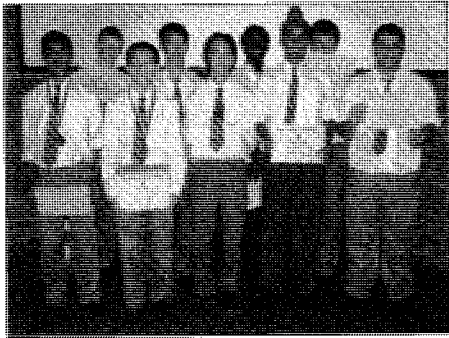
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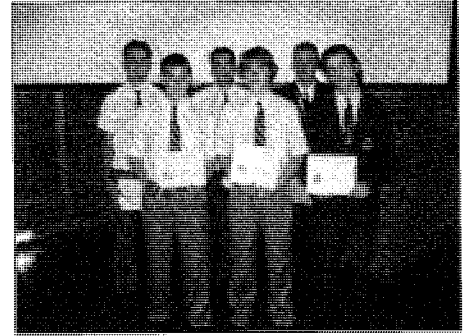
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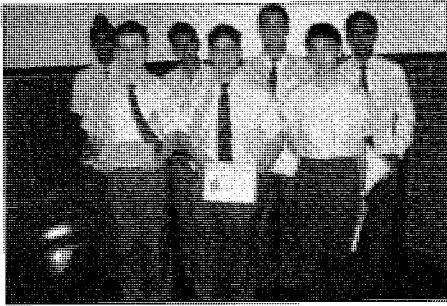
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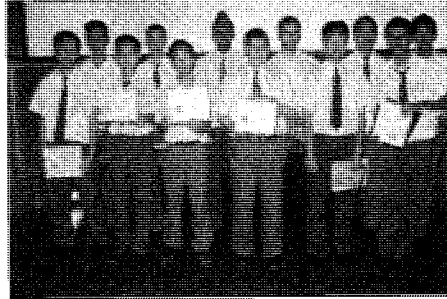
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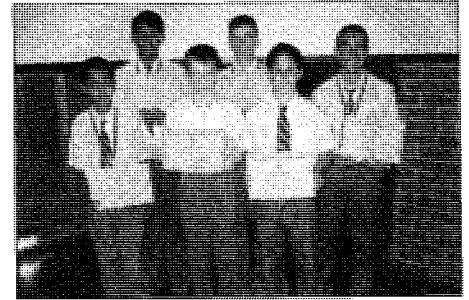
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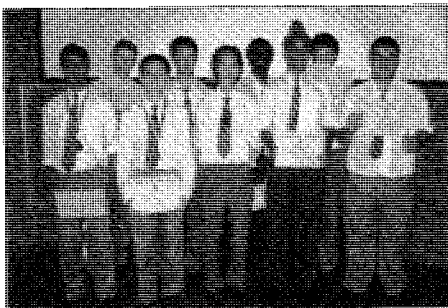
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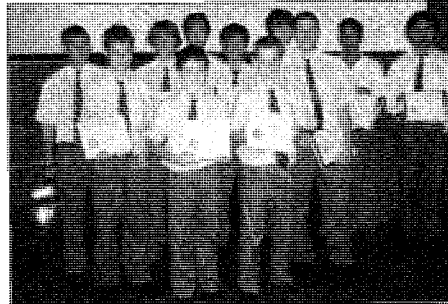
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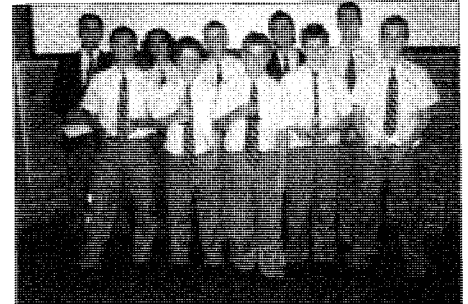
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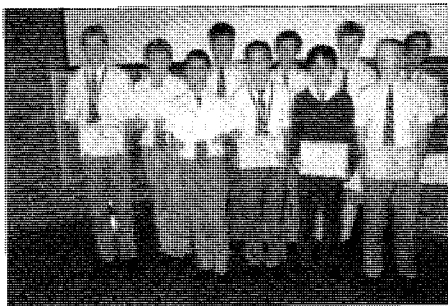
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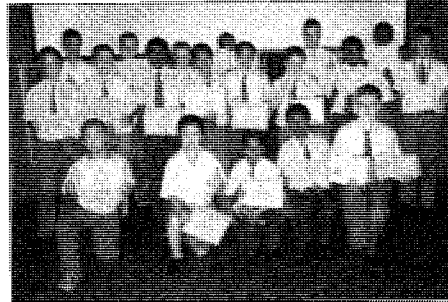
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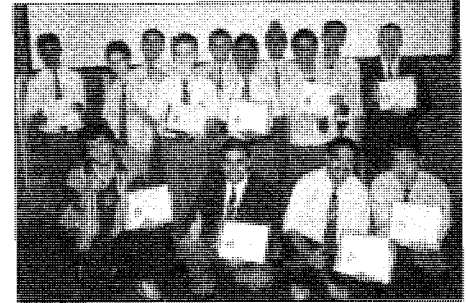
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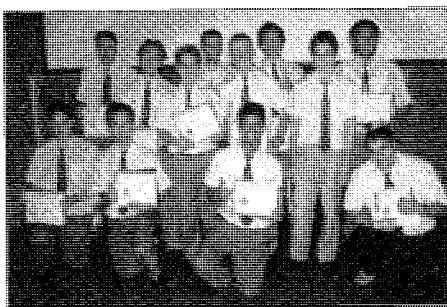
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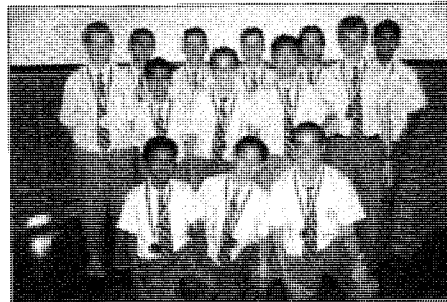
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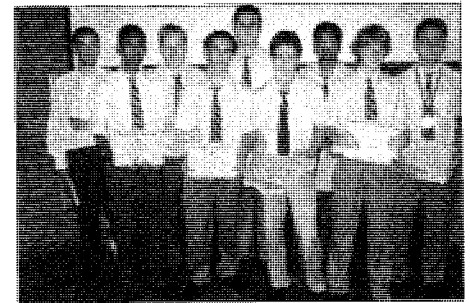
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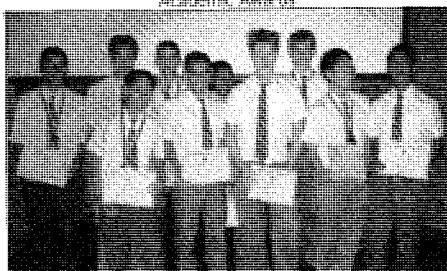
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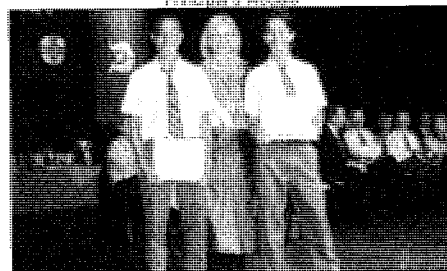
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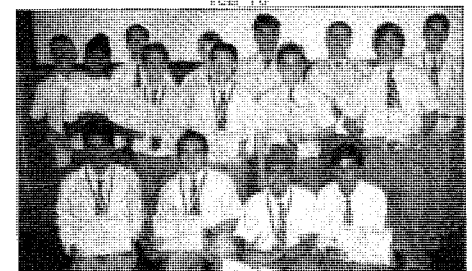
Year 10



Academic Awards



Ibrahim Kerem and Kaan Sozen



Academic Awards

Academic Awards 2004

FACULTY AWARDS

ENGLISH

Year 7 First in English
Tom Gallagher
Outstanding Effort in Wide Reading Program
Thomas Kopecny
Year 8 First in English
Elison Furneaux-Bate
Year 9 First in English
Joshua Tarrant-Windt
Year 10 First in English
Chris Pooley
Year 11 First in Standard English
Wilson Huynh
First in Fundamentals of English
Richard Sun
First in English (ESL)
Joseph Song
First in Extension 1 English
Nikola Kovac
Equal First in Advanced English
Abhinav Khanna
Aik Ooi Lee
Year 12 First in Extension English
Marcus Harvey
First in English (ESL)
Bolin Li
First in Standard English
George Siomos
First in Advanced English
Isaac Kapodistrias

HISTORY

Year 7 Equal First in History
Daniel Armitage
Tom Gallagher
Year 8 Equal First in History
James Filippoy
Paritharan Shanmuganathan
Elison Furneaux-Bate
Donald Chung
Year 9 First in History
Jacob Chandrakumar
First in History Elective
Hayder Shkara
Year 10 Equal First in History
Chris Pooley
Stephen Speirs
Year 11 First in Ancient History
Simon Watson
First in Modern History
Simon Watson
Year 12 First in Ancient History
Tim Bates
First in Modern History
Isaac Kapodistrias
First in History Extension
George Siomos

CREATIVE ARTS

Year 7 Equal First in Visual Arts
Ryan
Satchinpal Singh
First in Music
Daniel Armitage
Year 8 First in Music
Amnon Holland
Equal First in Visual Arts
Ibrahim Kerim
Kaan Sozen
Year 9 First in Computers in Music
Adrian Clement
First in Photo, Digital Media
Clifford Luu
First in Visual Arts
Donny Huang
Year 10 First in Music
Danny Kim
First in Photo Digital Media
Danny Kim
Excellence in CAPA
Danny Kim
First in Visual Arts
Jin Yu
Year 11 First in Music 1
Matt Small
First in Visual Arts
Matt Small
First in 1 Unit Photography, Video & Digital
Matt Small
Year 12 First in Visual Arts
Ben Pooley
First in Music 1
Min Suh

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 7 First in Geography
Daniel Armitage
Year 8 Equal First in Geography
Vasili Koungoulos
Kumarari Balaraju
Year 9 Equal First in Geography
Ammar Awan
Orest Danylak
First in Commerce
Tandeep Singh
Year 10 First in Geography
Min Hyo Stone
First in Commerce
Rakulan Sothirajah
Year 11 First in Business Studies
Jatin Mahajan
First in Legal Studies
Simon Watson
First in Studies of Religion
Mohammed Zaoud
First in Economics

Tully

Siddarth Bhardwaj
Year 12 Equal First in Business Studies
Mohit Bhanabhai
Rajwinder Sandhu
First in Legal Studies
Ramy Yassa
First in Studies of Religion
Wassi Haider
First in Economics
Nhan Do

LOTE

Year 7 First in Language
Daniel Armitage
Year 8 First in Italian
Duncan Trinh
First in French
Joshua Lott
First in Chinese
Alan Tran
Year 9 First in Italian
Martin Gabor
Year 10 First in French
Shaan Jahan
First in Chinese (Background Speakers)
Kwok Kin Wong
First in Chinese (Non-Background Speakers)
Chris Pooley
First in Italian
Samater Ali
Year 11 First in Chinese (Background Speakers)
Chen Liang
Year 12 First in Chinese (Background Speakers)
Bolin Li

MATHEMATICS

Year 7 Equal First in Mathematics
Matthew Iwanczuk
Jeffrey Quach
Year 8 Equal First in Mathematics
Bob Lin
Tony Lee
Year 9 First Standard Mathematics
Alex Wong
First in Intermediate Mathematics
Jimmy Wang
Equal First in Advanced Mathematics
Hayder Shkara
Wen Xin (Jack) Li
Year 10 First Advanced Mathematics
Mohamed Bardouh
First in Intermediate Mathematics
Nick Trantis
First in Standard Mathematics
Murat Agar
Year 11 First Extension 1 Mathematics
Shivam Sharma
First in Mathematics
Ajesh Shrestha

First in General Mathematics

Vishnu Sarpeshkar

Year 12 First in General Mathematics

George Siomos

First in Mathematics

Andre Rangiah

Equal First in Extension 2**Mathematics**

Bolin Li

Henry Yang

First in Extension 1 Mathematics

Henry Zhong

SCIENCE**Year 7 Equal First in Science**

Martin Loo

Emre Aral

Year 8 First in Science

Nicholas Siomos

Year 9 First in Science

Tandeep Singh

Year 10 First in Science

Mohamed Bardouh

Year 11 Equal First in 2 Unit Biology

Ajesh Shrestha

Albert La

First in Chemistry

Abhinav Khanna

First in Physics

Siddarth Bhardwaj

Year 12 First in Chemistry

Mithun Sriganeshan

First in Biology Abdigibar Omar**First in Physics** Seung Lee Suh**COMPUTING STUDIES****Year 9 First in Computing Studies**

Tandeep Singh

Excellence in Robotics

Tandeep Singh

Year 10 First in Computer Studies

Jamie Scott

Excellence in Computing Studies**Software Design**

Jayanga Wickramarach

Year 11 First in Software Design &**Development**

Abhinav Kanna

First in Information Processes &**Technology**

Harry Chan

Information Process & Tech**Excellence**

Joseph Vermiglio

First in Information Technology VET

Angelo Livanos

Year 12 First in Software Design &**Development**

Ben Huang

Information & communication**Technology Award**

Dev Nathan

First in Information Processes &**Technology**

Zheng Zenghui

First in Information Technology

Ramji Kulosingham

Year 7 Gifted and Talented Computing Award

Daniel Armitage

PD/H/PE**Year 7 First in PD/H/PE**

Sam Higgins

Year 8 Equal First in PD/H/PE

David Paterson

Mehran Modasser

Year 9 First in Sports Science

Adam Imer

First in PD/H/PE

Adam Imer

Year 10 First in Sports Science

Chris Pooley

Equal First in PD/H/PE

Chris Pooley

Min Hyo Stone

Year 11 First in Sport, Lifestyle &**Recreation 1 Unit**

Raymond Park

First in PD/H/PE

Cameron West

Year 12 First in PD/H/PE

Ben Pooley

TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES**Year 9 First in Electronics**

William Duong

First in Wood Technics (Cabinet work)

William Duong

First in Food Technology

Daniel Nassif

First in Metal Technics

Jamie Sherson

Year 10 First in Technics**(Cabinetwork)**

Min Hyo Stone

First in Technical Drawing

Adrian Alim

First in Technics (Electronics)

Mohamed Bardouh

First in Food Technology

Jack Atkins

Year 11 First in Hospitality**Operations**

Daniel Evans

First in I/T – Timber & Furniture

Daniel Evans

First in I/T – Multimedia

Angelo Livanos

First in Engineering Studies

Raymond Tran

Year 12 First in Hospitality**Operations**

Hassan Kadous

First in Industrial Technology**(Timber)**

Tim Butler

Most Outstanding Design Project

Wadih Jreij

First in Industrial Technology**(Multimedia)**

Henry Zhong

Equal First in Engineering Studies

Venu Santhakumar

Varuna Silva

CO-CURRICULAR AWARDS**Most Outstanding Junior Boy in Debating**

Joshua Tarrant-Windt

Junior Public Speaking Award

Stephen Speirs

Prize for Senior Debating

Tim Bates

Public Speaking Award

Chris Pooley

Reuben F Scarf Award for**Commitment**

Nicholas Lennings

Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Simon Watson

YEAR AWARDS**YEAR 7****Principal's Medal**

Matthew Iwanczuk

Gold Awards

Jamie Szelid Daniel Armitage

Andrew Sorrenti Adam Ajaj

Johnson Zhang Tim Delai Vulaca

Tom Kopency Vijay Nagagopan

Andrew Saliba Matthew Iwanczuk (2)

Lucas Frigo Tyson King

Kerolas Beshara Tim Delai-Vulaca

Darusan Nagaratharajah

Aaron Russell Charles Lu

Peter Jackson

Thajeeranth Raveendran

Oliver Atkins Duleendra Perera

Academic Excellence

Tom Gallagher

Mark Iwanczuk

Dux of Year 7

Daniel Armitage

YEAR 8**Principal's Medals**

Alex Patrulescu Kaan Sozen

Androu Beshara Bismellah Latifi

Vasanth Buvanentharan

Pavi Shanmuganath

Prakash Nagaratharajah

John Skourou Daniel Choi

Michael Hua Nicholas Siomos

Philip Truong Ibrahim Kerim

Gold Awards

Michael Hua Jibraan El-Ahmad

David Lee Bismellah Latif (2)

Androu Bashara James Filippoy

Steven Lakmas John Skourou (2)

Daniel Choi Sujan Sathiaselan

Bob Lin Kumaran Balaraju

Donald Chung Mehran Modasser

Jack Avery Alex Patrulescu (2)

Aayush Sharma Kaan Sozen

Suat Ozcan David Paterson

Josh Lott Chad Watkinson

Prakash Nagaratharajah

Alan Tran Andrew Brimfield

Pavi Shanmuganath (2)

Phillip Truong Daniel Kissick

Nicholas Siomos Georgio Speranza

Ibrahim Kerim

Academic Excellence

Elison Furneaux-Bate
Jeff Wong

Dux of Year 8

Bob Lin

YEAR 9**Principal's Medals**

Ronny Huang Mayaz Raihani
Donny Huang Aayush Sharma
Peter Bijani Vamsi Velampati
Ammar Awan Martin Gabor
Tandeep Singh River Cheung
Daniel Nassif Krishna Rupadas

Gold Awards

Peter Bijani (2) Adrian Clement
Krishna Rupadas Aayush Sharma
Darshan Singh Jamie Sherson
Jas Singh Mayaz Raihani (2)
Donny Huang (2) Adam Imer
Ronny Huang (2) Vamsi Velampati (2)
Shaun Treweek Sae-Hwan Kim
Shaher Khan Jas Singh
Ammar Awan (2) Razak Akunyare
Martin Gabor (2) Clifford Luu
Tandeep Singh (2) River Cheung (2)
Daniel Nassif Ethan Rizos
Harsatnam Singh

Academic Excellence

Joshua Tarrant-Windt
Ankit Sharma

Dux of Year 9

Tandeep Singh

YEAR 10**Principal's Medal**

Sasikaran Arunthavanathan
Stephen Speirs Jansen Che

Gold Awards

Jefferson Ly Chris Mustafa
Omar Youssef Brendon Churton
Sasikaran Arunthavanathan (2)
John Dai Preston Shehadie
Chris Pooley Shaan Jahan

Min Hyo Stone Wilson Petrushenko
Stephen Speirs (2) Rajtheepan Rajendran
Gow Manoharan Nick Trantis
Jansen Che Julian Valacos

Outstanding Attitude in Studies in Society

Paul Kim

Excellence in the Junior School

Stephen Speirs

Most Improved in Year 10

Robert Kang

Academic Excellence

Min Hyo Stone
Mohamed Bardouh

Dux of Year 10

Chris Pooley

YEAR 11**Principal's Medal**

Teng Huang Joseph Vermiglio

Gold Awards

John Hua Mohammed Zaoud
Daniel Evans Joseph Vermiglio
Kareem Sourour Jack Coppard

The UWS Award for Most Outstanding Student in Year 11

Mohammed Zaoud

Third in Year 11

Fahim Khan

Second in Year 11

Abhinav Kanna

Dux of Year 11

Simon Watson

YEAR 12**Principal's Medal**

Rishiv Rathore Mohammad Edelbi
Tim Tran Krishnaraj Selvakumar

Rajev Shanmugan**Gold Awards**

Alexander Yang Evan Tran
Rishiv Rathore (2)
Ashutosh Singh Richard Green

Subangan Nirmaleswaran

Jaibin Gong Mohammad Edelbi
Tim Tran (2) Jason Alim

Most Improved Student

George Siomos Tim Butler

Meritorious Service to the School

Tim Bates

Third in Year 12

Marcus Harvey

Second in Year 12

Henry Zhong

Dux of Year 12

Bolin Li

Chess Awards

Phillip Djuricic Year 7
Jeff Wong Year 8
Prakash Ganeshalingam Year 9
David Gonzalez Year 10
Joseph Song Year 11

Peer Mentoring Medals

Rabieh Gharibeh
Abdul Jamal
Mohammed Zaoud

Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit

Chetan Punjabi

Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder

Isaac Kapodistrias

The Wilson Shield

Ben Pooley

Exemplary School Performance

Marcus Harvey
Matthew Helou
Daniel Mahmoud

Soros Family Award for Public Relations

Peter Morkos Outstanding Contribution
to the School

Andrew Little

P & C Award Most Outstanding Boy in the School

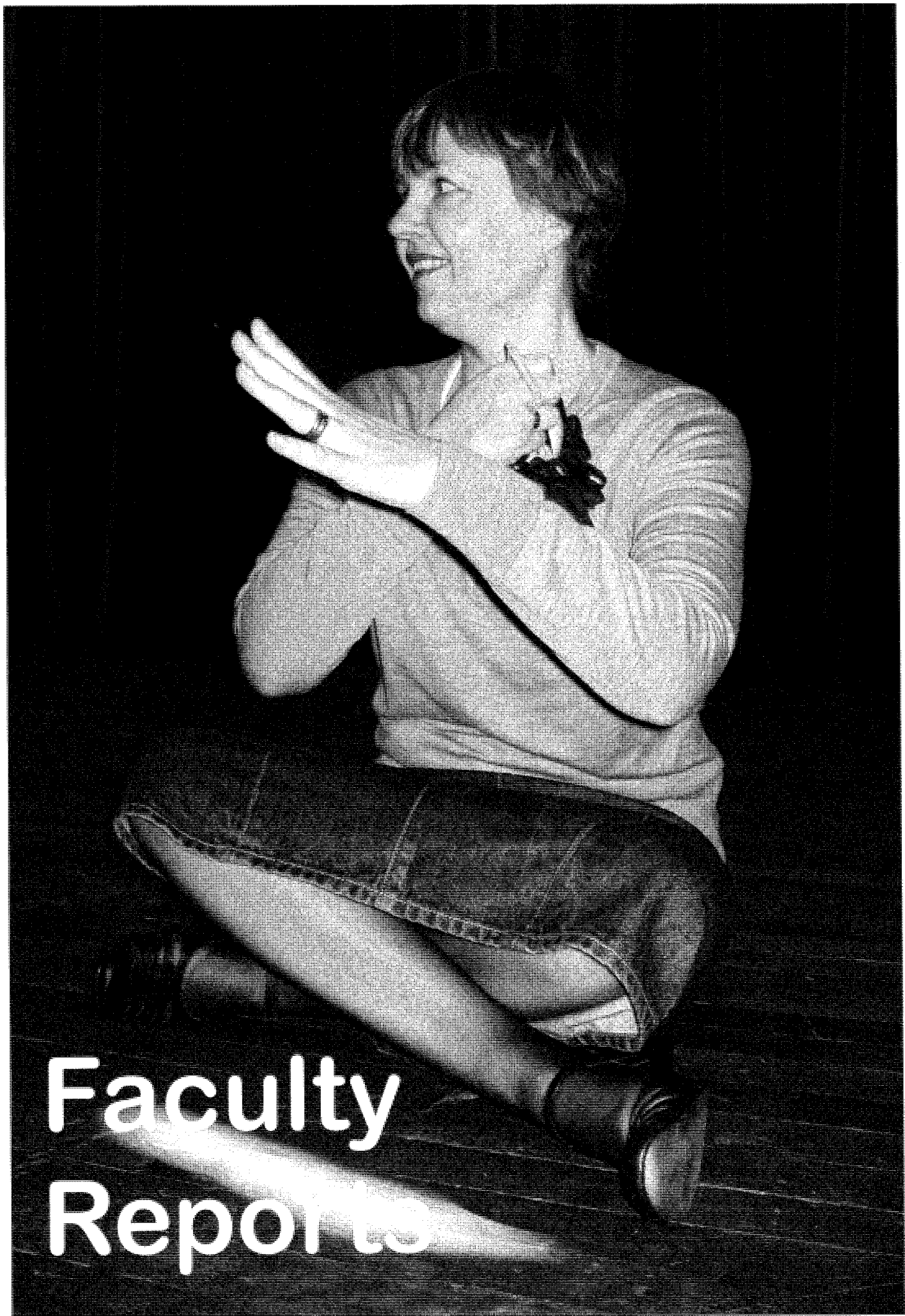
Rajev Shanmugan

Homebush Financial Services Award

Mohammed Zaoud



Year 9 Photogram



Faculty Reports

Creative & Performing Arts.....

Ms Jacqui Dahl, Head Teacher

Well another year has flown in a flurry of creative activity. The boys have been out and about enjoying concerts with the Army Band and others at the conservatorium, Study days at the Gallery, the cinema, the stunning Lord of the Rings Exhibition and shooting out on location. Congratulations to our HSC students of 2004. I hope you enjoyed viewing John Wang's major work in Art Express, an outstanding achievement. We anxiously await news from the marking centre for our Visual Arts candidates for this year, fingers crossed for another member of the Art Express team! Best wishes to all our HSC students for a successful end to their years of schooling.

It was terrific to welcome Ms Ilea back after her year away and Ms Menzies to our Faculty as a Visual Arts teacher. You know that you are getting old when a former student is now teaching with you. It has been fantastic working with Ms Menzies as a colleague.

We are blessed to have such creative strength at Homebush Boys High. Our students have taken advantage of every opportunity to expand their creative repertoire. Opportunities to work with practicing artists are invaluable so the District initiatives have been well filled by 'bushie' boys. Graphics and Sculpture at *Artsmart* were enjoyed by Donald Chung and David Seo of Year 9 and Adrien Clement of Year 10 while *Body Builders* provided opportunities in film, painting and sculpture for Sam Everett, Eddie Lee, Sam Roche, Nick Trantis, Mitchell Pike, Danny Kim, Vlad Korsakov, Michael Dagiantis, Nathan Docwra and Chun Ting Kwok of Year 11. These experiences certainly stand our students in good stead with Halil Mehmet utilizing his experiences from *Body Builders* 2004 to make his HSC film submission for Visual Arts. This year we were successful in one student gaining entry to the Dobell Art School. Congratulations Sam Everett!! All the boys were a very real credit to the school with their courteous behaviour and excellent participation.

Our digital lab has certainly been very fully occupied this year by all CAPA students. It has provided students with the opportunity to enjoy new educational experiences as they have turned their hand to making both film and animation. We have enjoyed *The Globe, The Adventures of Abu Dung Dung, Duck, Uniform, Hunger, Starvation, Campfire, Reich, Walrus Man, Drive By and Gun Runner*. Our HSC candidates produced one film and some seventy digital works so the facility has certainly proved to be both a very enjoyable and valuable educational resource.

This year we have held the first of what will become an inaugural art exhibition for Homebush Boys. It provides a venue for the exhibition of student work from across the grades and a wonderful opportunity for members of our school community to view

the HSC Body of Works. The evening was fantastic, many of the boys really enjoyed supper. I am sure they enjoyed the works as well.

Music has provided a diversity of experiences this year with audiences enjoying Recital Night, many thanks to Ms Ilea and Variety Night courtesy of Mr Smith. Variety night has been going for eight years now and each year it seems to get bigger and better. This year was no exception with many lively band performances including the "*Goons of Doom*", the Year 11 Rock Band and Patrick Chung's Band. Special mention of course must be given to year 12 Music students – it is meant to be their evening and they certainly did us proud. Who will forget Douglas' version of Chopsticks, or Lyle and Paul with their love songs or Matt, Patrick, Douglas and Daniel with their performance of Autumn Leaves. Also, Patrick's guitar solos or Roy's Liebstraum or Matt's terrific composition Hippo.

Our band is going from strength to strength. Thanks to all the boys, parents, Ms Gobel and of course our Band Master Mr Albertson. The Band again journeyed to Kooloona Conference Centre on the banks of the Shoalhaven River at Nowra for Band camp. Mr Glenn Armitage, Bandmaster of Burwood Girls' High attended as Guest Conductor. Mr Armitage introduced new music to the Band including *Homebush Blues*, his own composition written specifically for our Band. The Camp was enjoyed by all present and has become an annual feature of the Band program at HBHS.

This year the Band was selected to participate at the Granville Schools Spectacular at the Opera House. The size of our group and the equipment needed when performing saw us performing in the Northern Foyer during intermission rather than on stage. In some respects this was a better option as it allowed the Band to play four pieces instead of just one. An appreciative crowd witnessed the Band's performance. Several letters and emails were received by the school in the days that followed commenting on the impressive standard of our boys.

This year the Band performed a selection of pieces at Recital Night and Variety Night concerts. New for this year was the opportunity to play in public at the special ceremony held to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of Strathfield municipality. At the time of writing the School is preparing for an Orientation Day assembly and Presentation Night. The Band's future looks rosy.

This magazine will be my last, the end of five years at Homebush. I have had the pleasure of working with a fantastic staff and tremendous students. I am sad to leave but won't miss the traffic. I wish everyone the best for the future.



At right: The Art exhibition

Rhonda Lesley Roberts

Teacher at HBHS:1975-2005



The text below was written by Ms Kerri Morey and presented at staff morning tea February 7, 2005.

One death does not supersede another. We grieve now for two friends and colleagues who have been 'untimely ripped' from us. But today I want to speak about Rhonda.

Usually, when a member of staff leaves, as a result of a transfer or retirement, we gather as a staff to say farewell and to pay tribute to him or her for their contribution to the life of the school. This farewell is by its nature much sadder and devastatingly more permanent. I offer the following words as a homage to Rhonda Roberts, Rhonda the professional and Rhonda the person.

Rhonda was a consummate professional. For thirty years she taught at Homebush Boys' High School, for thirty years she devoted herself to the teaching of English and the needs of her students. The exactingly high standards she demanded of herself never faltered – getting to class on time, marking and re-marking carefully and conscientiously senior assessment tasks, walking out of here every night carrying mountains of students' books, to be returned, marked and commented upon, the next day. One could speculate and say this demanding work ethic came from her strong Protestant upbringing and the influence of her father, the Methodist Minister – but finally, this is irrelevant. What is important is that Rhonda had internalised it completely – it was her morality, it was the way she lived.

Within the English Faculty Rhonda was a leader. Those of you who didn't know her well or work closely with her might be surprised to know just how strong and formidable a presence she was. She had chosen not to have a high profile within the larger school but this was certainly not true within our Department. Her depth of knowledge of the English literature and language she taught, her incisive analytical skills and her calm, logical but forceful approach to difficult and contentious issues made her an invaluable contributor who played a dominant and irreplaceable role in the Faculty. Everyone learnt from Rhonda – from the new and inexperienced to the tired and jaded.

It is always a cause for regret when the very best teachers choose not to climb the promotion ladder. Yet just as she was solely committed to the Public Education System so she remained committed to the classroom and as a result hundreds of students over the decades reaped the benefits of her expertise as a teacher. Her dedication to those students was well known – in particular her Seniors. Not a year passed without Rhonda receiving thankyou presents from those she'd spent her free periods and lunchtimes with – explaining the issues of order and chaos

in King Lear, class and status in Jane Eyre and unveiling the beauty of a complex and elusive poetic image or editing and polishing their often convoluted and turgid prose.

In a time when the growth of popular culture threatens to swamp us and the current English syllabus, Rhonda stood for the delights and authority of a high culture which produced art and literature of great and lasting significance. She was in no doubt of the absolute and timeless value of those writers who have made up the canon of English Literature and her pithy, scathing remarks about the relative and transitory value of the Cluelesses, the Blade Runners, the Frontlines and the picture books we are now required to teach, will long echo through the English corridors.

Rhonda's personal life, as her professional, was founded on a strict and unwavering

morality. Consequently, she never hesitated in making judgements when the rest of the world, the rest of us, failed to meet these seemingly uncompromising expectations. Jaws would drop all over the staffroom as Rhonda shot from the hip at her designated target – whether you walked off the Assembly early, sent your children to a private school or dared to suggest that perhaps John Howard was not the Devil Incarnate. Yet, side by side with this was a huge capacity for compassion. Whenever she sensed someone in need or trouble of any kind Rhonda was generous with her time and affection. She offered understanding and empathy, always with tact and sensitivity.

Farewell Rhonda. Those of us who knew you best will miss you terribly; the teaching of English at Homebush Boys' will be immeasurably the poorer for your absence.

Mr Michael Klein has written the poem below in memory of his friend and colleague.

To Rhonda

*Rhonda, our dear heart
You've left us just a little early
Slipped gently out of life a little too soon
For there are conversations we would like to have with you
Warm to your glances, share a coffee or two.*

*For us at school you were a queenly lady
Head erect, your slight figure moved with grace
On thorny points of English you'd pronounce with wisdom
You were a priestess of clarity and taste.*

*Literature was a pleasure you shared with years of students
Your delight was to tease out the imagery of Donne
Acquaint youth with Shakespeare's dysfunctional families
And show how Austen's heroines acquired their men and homes.*

*In close friends you engendered warm affection
The way you sensed the trouble in their lives
You'd smile and gently tilt your head at an angle
And invite them to lift the burden from their minds.*

*Yet in your small frame there lodged a fiery spirit
That could charge your voice with indignation and scorn
As you chastised pet abuser or errant distant colleague
Whose acts outraged your ordained moral law.*

*For all of us there is this last adventure
But we'd rather you had stayed with us at home
We feel privileged to have shared some wit together
And sailed the seas of thought you chose to roam.*

*We would like to hope that time would ease his restless pace a moment
So we could sight you shaded in your garden world
Pausing to lift your paintbrush from the paper
As you ponder how to catch a blue flower's curl.
Seeing us, you glance your knowing smile
While you reach out a petite hand to pat
Beneath your chair a dozing, dog or cat.*

Until then Rhonda, goodbye.

English.....

Mr Cheiban Elaro, Head Teacher

2005 is an end of an era in the teaching of English at Homebush Boys High School. It is the end of an era in many ways. The old junior programme will end with this year's Year 10. The passing of Ms Rhonda Roberts in January was as sad as it was sudden. Her outstanding teaching, her experience, her guidance and her friendship are still being missed by those who knew her. Her 30 years of service to the students of this school is a monumental achievement.

Our other long serving colleague Mr Michael Klein, who has been teaching at Homebush for over 30 years, will be hanging up his whiteboard markers at the end of 2005. On behalf of the students and the staff, I would like to thank Mr Klein for his outstanding service to public education in NSW and we all sincerely wish him a long and happy retirement.

Whilst one era ends, the education life-cycle continues. We welcomed Mr Andrew Fairley at the start of the year as a permanent member of staff. At the start of term 2 we also had Ms Rani Sen and Ms Gyan Sahay join the English faculty on a permanent basis. Already each has made their mark as they have settled into the Homebush community. To complete the transition to the new English syllabus, the faculty is currently developing the final stage of implementing the new syllabus by developing a new programme for Year 10 in 2006. This will complete the process that has taken over 4 years.

With a great deal of hard work and perseverance, 2005 has been a successful and rewarding year for the faculty and the students of English at Homebush Boys High School. One component of the change was the implementation of the new programme in Stage 5 (Year 9), which worked well. With some fine tuning it will be an even better programme in 2006.

As well, two of the four debating teams reached their group finals this year. The Year 11 debating team and Mr McGuinness' Year 10 team had much success in their respective competitions.

Public speaking continues to be popular and successful thanks to the tireless work of Mrs Marie-Therese Bou Francis and Mrs Gyan Sahay. Many students were successful in the numerous competitions organised throughout the year.

The 2004 Higher School Certificate and School Certificate results were very pleasing, being above the state average and there were marked improvements in

most bands when compared to the 2003 results. 48% of the Advanced students achieved Bands 5 and 6 – 80% and above. Over 48% of Standard English students were placed in the top two bands – some 18% above state average. Some 73% of Year 10 students were in the top 3 bands (marks of 70 and over), compared to 56% in 2003. We look forward to even better results from this year's cohort.

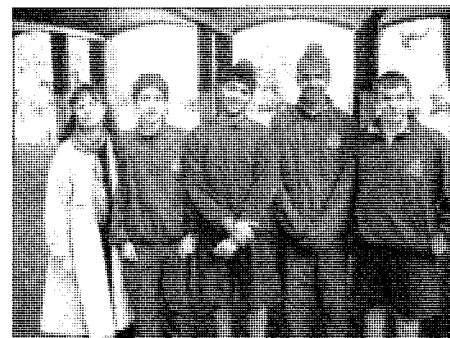
Some 275 students entered the 2005 Australasian English Competition; more than twice the number of 2004. 18% of those students attained a credit or distinction. Students who achieved distinctions were Josh Carter and Jackson Hua from Year 7, Sudarshana Bharadwaj, Sajeeb Roy and Andrew Yi from Year 8, Li Yuen Chen from Year 9, Josh Hilliard and Joshua Tarrant-Windt from Year 10, and Pu-Ping Zhang from Year 11. The same situation applied to the 99 students who attempted the Writing Competition in May. The results for those students were outstanding with 32% of the candidates achieving a credit or better. There was one High Distinction (Dharshaan Vasanthan, Year 8) and 10 Distinctions (Michael Dubos, Ziyad Hussain, Zachary McGowage, Yu Wang, Patrick Dixon, Simon Kumar, Shivayan Saravanapavanantha, Ashok Ashvinikram – all from Year 7, Lachlan Irvine-Brown from Year 8 and Oliver Pase from Year 10.) Congratulations to all the students who entered the competition and well done to those who received achievement, credit and distinction certificates. A special thanks to Mr Fairley for his determination in promoting this competition. I am sure the trend will continue in 2006.

The annual English Week occurred in the middle of term 2 and as per usual, it lasted much longer than a week. It involved the usual activities that the school community have come to expect such as literary readings during roll call, the literary quiz and drama performances for all students in years 7 – 11. This year's guest speaker was the popular children's author, Mr James Roy, who addressed the whole school assembly one cold Friday morning. He stipulated the importance of reading as he shared some excerpts from his novels with us.

I would like to thank, and congratulate, all twenty or so members of the English staff for their dedication to the students, for continuing to embrace change to the curriculum, and for adapting to all the challenges we continually face in our professional lives.



Mr Fairley with English Competition Distinction winners.



Ms McGuinness with Year 10 debaters.



Stephen Speirs with Mr Elaro.



Mrs Sahay with competition winners.



Mr James Roy - published novelist.

Sailing Away.....

Eight students completed a 'learn to sail' program at the Cruising Yacht Club. They spent one day on a large yacht and two days learning to sail a smaller Elliott class yacht. The course is sponsored by the Freedman Foundation.



The whole crew



Smiles all round



Daniel at the helm



Thumbs up!



All hands on deck!



Garth Andrews



Making white water



Lachlan Irvine-Brown



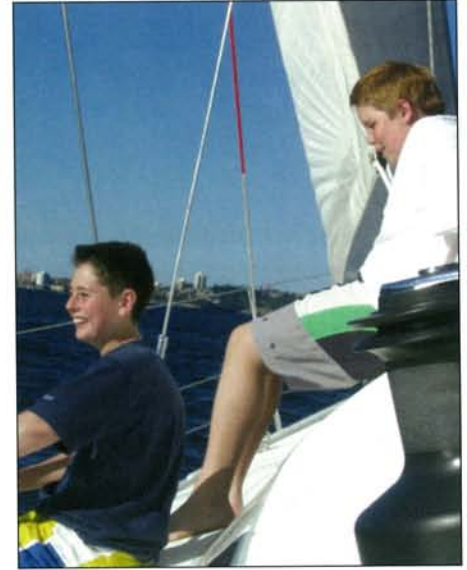
Getting the hang of it



Anyone seasick?



Peter Bijjani



Daniel and Garth take it easy



History.....

Mr R. Doenau, Head Teacher

2005 has not been the happiest of years in the History Faculty with the tragic loss of the much-loved Ian French in February. Ian taught History at all levels in all courses and imparted his broad knowledge and interest in the study and appreciation of the past.

However, students and staff alike have rallied around and carried on the good fight to maintain the standing and profile of History in the School. Ms Martinez joined us from University and has made an immediate impact on the teaching of History. Her new approach to pedagogy has revitalised some of the more world-weary members of the faculty and brought new approaches and ideas to all of us.

Mrs Pather has moved to South Africa for the remainder of the year to reacquire herself with her spiritual, cultural and historical roots. Ms Symonds has been a vital member of staff filling in for the first six weeks of the year and will also take the place of Mrs Pather until the end of 2006. Ms Symonds brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm.

December 21 will mark the retirement of Michael Klein after a distinguished career of more than 35 years enlightening students to the wonders of the Ancient World. Mr Klein has been a most influential member of the History staff and his witty and insightful observations will be sorely missed. We all wish him a long and prosperous retirement.

All teachers of History play a vital role in the education and development of their students and I must pay tribute to the dedication and perseverance of all members of the History Faculty as they impart their knowledge and wisdom to the masses. Ms Bowe, Mrs Degney, Mr Klein, Mr Koff, Ms Martinez, Ms McGuinness, Mrs Pather, Ms Symonds and Miss Tsouloukidis are all key players in the life of the School and its students.

2005 has also been a year of change in the curriculum area with the introduction of new syllabuses in all subjects. While the Stage 4 and 5 courses are essentially the same in content the emphasis has become more focussed on historical investigation. Ancient History now includes a core area on Pompeii and Herculaneum for all HSC students while the Modern History course has made all units of study examined worth 25% and narrowed some of the parameters. History Extension is the only course unchanged.

Students have embraced the Elective History course in Years 9 and 10 in a most emphatic fashion as interest in the study of history at Homebush increases impressively.

Students have enjoyed many and varied

activities in 2005 with Year 7 enjoying James Adams' Ancient show and Year 8 participating in his Medieval program. Year 9 visited the Rookwood Necropolis as their site study and found a part of their local area they were not really familiar with. Later this year they will see a Vietnam War production. Senior students have been to the movies and HSC Study Days.

Year 10 students were entered in the HTA NSW History competition and achieved outstanding results including High Distinctions for Faroque Ahmed, Garth Andrews, Jacob Chandrakumar, Simon Dinopoulos, Neill Francis, Joshua Hilliard, Raymond Hoang, Alan Lam, Chris Lee, Vincent Liang, Sharangan Maheswaran, Daniel Nassif, Lindsay Owen-Taylor, Mayaz Raihani, Shahrooz Sarwar, Ankit Sharma, Hayder Shkara, Harsatnam Singh, Jas Singh, Joshua Tarrant-Windt, Darren Virakorn and Htet Yan.

The 2004 School Certificate results built well on the encouraging data from 2003 as 39.14% of candidates secured Band 5 or 6 compared to the State results of 25.79%. Band 6 awards were achieved by Mohamed Bardouh, Vebooshan Elankovan, Anant Jaiswal, Hasanul Kabir, Greg Lee, Chris Mustafa, Chris Pooley, Niruthan Sanmuanathan, Stephen Speirs, Min Hyo Stone, Tony Tang, Roden Vuong, Rafik Yassa and Omar Youssef.

Ancient History results at the HSC were very good with 46.67% in Bands 5 and 6 (State 37.02%). Tim Bates, Andre Rangiah, George Siomos and Henry Zhong all achieved band 6 with Daniel Garan, Marcus Harvey, Isaac Kapodistrias, Amalan Kumar, Peter Li, Subangan Nirmaleswaran, Ben Pooley, Ekin Serdar, Rajev Shanmugan and Ramy Yassa in the band 5 area. Modern History results were solid if not spectacular with Fawzul Ahmed, Daniel Garan, Wassi Haider, Hassan Kadous, Isaac Kapodistrias, Peter Morkos, Abdul Moussa, Ben Pooley, AndrÉ Rangiah, Shiva Rathore, Ekin Serdar and George Siomos all Band 5s. Marcus Harvey, Isaac Kapodistrias, Ekin Serdar and George Siomos all achieved Band E3 in History Extension.

The 2005 HSC results look promising with the talents of Abrar Ahmad, Wilson Huynh, Nik Kovac, Aik Ooi Lee, Nick Lennings, Gaven Lin, David Mang, Max Mason, Bosco Ryan, Amlan Sharma, Matt Small, Tommy Tang, Pascal Wallace, Simon Watson, Cameron West and Mohammed Zaoud coming through.

History marches on in spite of the naysayers, the doomsdayers and the ne'er do wells. History will always be there because people are interested in it, see value in it and above all enjoy reading it and participating in it.

At right and on the facing page - all the fun of Medieval Day.



Ian William Alexander French

14th July 1957— 3rd February 2005



Mr Roger Doenau shares some memories of Mr French - friend and colleague.

Ian French came to Homebush Boys High School on 28 January 2000 after five or so years at Bidwill and casualing at schools as diverse as Macquarie Boys, Malvina, Concord and Balmain.

He must have wondered what he was letting himself in for when he made himself known to Sandra Crossan at School Certificate marking in 1999. Sandra was sporting a black eye at the time but it is not recorded whether Ian thought she had copped it from one of the boys.

Ian quickly settled into the school teaching only English for the first year and gradually weaned himself onto History until by 2002 he was a full on History teacher. Ian revelled in teaching and made a total commitment to all aspects of every course he taught. He never complained about dodgy classes or kids or his allocation. There was a job to be done and he did it. Ian was a professional in every sense.

Ian soon involved himself in other aspects of the school. He was a premierships Rugby Union coach, a premierships Indoor Soccer coach, he

ran the tennis coaching programming introduced last year and pitched in whenever and wherever Ron Tedford asked him to.

Ian was an English debating coach and manager from his first year and when everyone gave up on the Year 10 History debating Ian took it on. Ian was instrumental in the introduction of the Peer Tutoring Program whereby Year 10 and 11 students assist Year 7 and 8 students who are having difficulty with their reading. That this has been so wonderfully successful is in no small measure due to his efforts.

Boys wanted to share with him. Ethan, Oliver, Sudaghar and others would pop in for a chat ostensibly to check on their homework or to get their marks earlier but they were there because they were devoted to him and knew that he cared.

From the moment Ian joined, in his words, the History family by moving upstairs in 2003 he enhanced the caring and sharing philosophy. When asked if he would like to take a newly created HSC Ancient History class he leapt at the opportunity. When there was no-one

to take Indoor Soccer Ian put his hand up – it didn't matter that he had no idea whatsoever about the game – the boys wanted to do it and that was enough for him. He and Stephen and Chris would stand at the door discussing tactics and they actually ended up winning the comp.

Ian supplied each and every one of us with unreserved and unstinting support. He listened to us, he shared with us, he laughed with us in good and not so good times. I am sure that this was also the case in his time in the English staffroom and at Bidwill.

Our abiding memories of him will always be the unassuming way he helped colleagues when he knew they were down. He was someone who was never judgemental - what he gave to you was what you knew you just had to give back to him - sincerity and genuineness. He didn't listen to stories or rumours about others, but took all at face value, believing there was good in all people.

That was Ian.

Vale, Frenchy.
We shan't see another like you.

Computing Studies.....

Mr Greg Sheath, Head Teacher

This year saw the computing studies faculty enter both the computing studies competition plus the national robotics championships with our students distinguishing themselves at a high standard. We have continued with our changes to the curriculum and purchasing of new PC's and technology.

Congratulations to the two teams of boys who attended the state finals of the robocup challenge at the University of NSW 11th and 12th of August.

Daniel Armitage of year 8, Peter Ayre and Kaan Sozen of year 9 competed in the Rescue challenge where they built and programmed a robot to navigate a tortuous path to a map of Australia and then locate and rescue a chocolate "yowie" in the shortest amount of time. The boys acquitted themselves exceptionally well after 2 days of competition.

Ahmed Faroque, Awan Ammar, and Navaretna Nararajah all of year 10 competed in the Soccer Challenge where they built and programmed two robots

to play against another team's robots in a game of mini soccer (the field is about the same size as a table tennis table). The boys were successful in making it through the first day of knockouts and went on to compete in the finals and won half of their matches on the final day. They reached the final 16 teams in the state. Well Done! All of the boys are eagerly awaiting next years competition and have already started designing and building their robots.

In the Recent Computing skills competition conducted by the UNSW we had 110 students enter. The boys received 2 high Distinctions 10 Distinctions 21 credits 2 achievement awards and 65 participation certificates. Nelson Zheng and Tandeep Singh both received high distinctions and a state percentile ranking of 99%. This competition has recently changed its format and content to reflect recent changes in Information and Communication Technologies, and as such is now much harder than previous competition papers as the content is often not that familiar to the students.

These results show an excellent understanding of computing content and skills by all boys who attempted this competition.

We are now offering students who study computing studies state of the art PC's (all P4's running windows XP) to work with, plus a diverse curriculum that extends our boys but still gives them a good grounding in the basics.

Below: Mr Jurd with Mahesh Vuppalapati who completed the Cisco Certified Network Associate certificate. He also gained the status of a Microsoft Certified professional all over a period of one year. Congratulations Mahesh!



English as a Second Language.....

Ms Kerry Meucci, Head Teacher

The year 2005 has been a busy and productive one as ESL teachers have formed partnerships with teachers and students to help promote the literacy skills and English language development of students from Year 7 to Year 12.

For the seventh year, Mrs Marianna Lacek has run her Year 7 'Responses to Wide Reading' program and as usual the ESL staffroom has seen most of the Year 7 students make their regular treks to either collect or drop off their latest assignment. The aim for every student is to perfect their writing and score the enviable 20 out of 20 and a Bronze Award for their efforts. It is a testament to the skills and motivational powers of Mrs Lacek that many boys have developed an interest in reading as their scores have improved. Congratulations to Jacob Pooley for his impressive performance in Wide Reading this year!

Ms Conomos and Ms Altundag have also been motivating Year 7 students in the area of ESL and Drama. For many weeks Year 7G and 7H students have been rehearsing a play specially written by Ms Conomos to celebrate racial harmony and tolerance. Some talented Year 10 students have played a vital role as well. All of the hard work that

has gone into the project has created an opportunity to raise funds for CanTeen, a registered charity for teenagers living with cancer. Local businesses have also been most generous in their support of this endeavour. The drama project has played a significant role in providing opportunities for students to demonstrate leadership skills, maturity and responsible behaviour. There is a report on the drama production and those who made it possible elsewhere in the magazine.

The school offers English (ESL) to students who have been learning English for five years or less and it offers Fundamentals of English to Year 11 students who wish to improve their English language and literacy skills. Ms Horiatopoulos is the co-ordinator of these courses: her expertise and experience ensuring very positive outcomes for our senior students. Our 2004 HSC results were extremely pleasing with 40% of the candidature receiving between 80% and 89%. Bolin LI, an ESL student from last year shared the Dux of the School award with two other boys. We are anticipating some more good news when the results for 2005 are released.

This Year Ms Altundag has been instrumental in introducing a new course to the

school. Aboriginal Studies is the platform from which recent arrivals in Australia can launch into an Australian cultural experience while focusing on developing their English language skills. The course has been popular with students who have developed an understanding of Australian history and culture from the perspective of the indigenous people of this land. Learning about aspects of culture, as well as Australian language and literature provides newcomers with the background knowledge many of us take for granted.

We are very proud of the students in ESL classes who work extremely hard to achieve excellent results. Some of them have come from parts of the world where instability and disadvantage hindered their development and they appreciate the benefits of a good education. Homebush Boys High School provides a comprehensive education experience for all its students. The ESL department works with the whole school to help provide this experience.



The ESL Department lost a dear friend when Mr Ian French passed away early this year. We miss him.

Languages Other Than English (LOTE).....

Mrs K. Gabor, LOTE Teacher

2005 has been another busy year in the Languages Department and in the language classrooms. Mrs. Gilchrist – our expert Italian teacher – Ms. Lay – our new Chinese teacher – and Mrs. Gabor – our French teacher have all done their best to instil the love of languages to students from Year 7 to Year 12.

Year 7 students were introduced to French, Italian and Chinese. They studied each of the three languages for about 12 weeks. The course is a beginners' course, meant to 'whet their appetite' for next year, when they are to choose one of the three languages and study it for 4 periods a week. Students learnt to introduce themselves, to describe themselves and discovered different traditions and customs in the two European countries and in China.

Year 8 students studied the language of their choice for the whole year. There were 3 classes of Italian, 4 classes of French and 1 class of Chinese. During the year, students had the opportunity to learn about school systems in other countries and compare them with the Australian one; they learnt about classroom objects and instructions; they are now able to present themselves in terms of physical characteristics, nationality, ethnic background and introduce their family members. They are also familiar with many

famous people born in any of the countries where their chosen language is spoken.

Year 9 students were taught either Chinese or French, as an elective subject. The advantage of choosing languages in years 9 and 10 are countless; one of the greatest is that the classes are much smaller and, thus, students have the opportunity of participating more frequently and consistently than in a class of 28 or 30 students.

Year 8 and 9 French students went on an excursion to the Maritime Museum to see an exhibition called Les Genies de la Mer – Masterpieces of French Naval Sculpture. Judging by the boys' comments, it has been a worthwhile experience and an occasion to learn about a little known, and yet ancient tradition.

Year 10 students studied Italian and considerably improved their skills either in the classroom or overseas. The following boys were fortunate enough to go on a study trip to Italy for one month: Ethan Rizos, Raymond Hoang, Joshua Tarrant-Windt and Martin Gabor. They were warmly welcomed by their host families, went to school in Rome, were shown around by the host schools and discovered the beauties of Rome, Florence, Venice and Verona. The

monuments, the museums, the shops and the confectioner's shops...

Some of the year 10 students also sat for the ACER National Language Certificate exams, further proof that they take the studying of a foreign language very seriously, since learning a new language is an excellent asset in any future career.

Year 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to improve their language skills in Chinese, within the 2-unit courses for Background speakers and Continuers. Together with the many students who have studied different languages at Saturday School and/or the Open High School, the senior students have demonstrated their interest in mastering listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, exploring new ideas, discussing contemporary issues, be they social, cultural or linguistic ones.

We sincerely hope that 2006 will see the tradition of teaching and learning languages continue at Homebush Boys' High School. We also hope that more students will take up the challenge of participating in overseas study trips to New Caledonia, China and Italy. This is the way our students can be better prepared to become confident citizens of the world.

The trip of our lives.....

Martin Gabor, Year 10, relates the story of his Italian trip in September of this year.

On the 17th of September 2005, four students from Homebush Boys High School, Raymond Hoang, Ethan Rizos, Joshua Tarrant-Windt and Martin Gabor went on the trip of their lives to Italy for four weeks.

The four of us were part of a large group – 63 students and 7 teachers – from several schools in Sydney and Wollongong. After a twenty two hour flight on Thai Airlines we landed in Rome, tired but excited. We were taken by bus to the schools we were going to attend for the following three weeks, and there we met up with our host families. Raymond and I, together with 20 other students, boys and girls, were in one group attending Liceo Classico Pilo Albertelli, while Joshua and Ethan were in another group going to another school.

For three weeks we stayed with our hosts, went to school with them to gain an understanding of how the Italian school system works, and visited some of the many monuments in Rome. The Colosseum was only a ten-minute walk from school, and places like the Vatican and the Pantheon were only a short train trip away. Our school, which specialised in History, Latin and Greek, organised a trip to Pompei, an ancient city buried by lava during an eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79 AD.

After saying goodbye to our hosts, we went by bus to Venice, where we stayed for two nights. We had a whole free day in Venice, where we could do whatever we wanted. All four Homebush Boys travellers went on gondola trips with the new friends we made during this tour, and bought presents at the open-air markets.

From Venice we went by bus to Florence, where

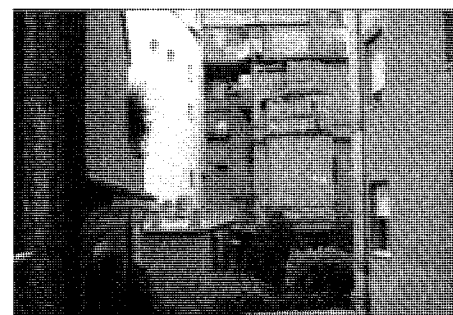
we spent two more days. There we stayed at a very central hotel, in a building several centuries old. We went to the Uffizzi Gallery, saw the Statue of David, and did some more shopping. On the last day, in the morning, with a heavy heart we left this beautiful place, where art and history coexist harmoniously with the modern.

We arrived at the Leonardo Da Vinci airport in the afternoon, and flew back to Sydney where we landed in our parents' arms at around 8pm on Thursday, the 13th of October. We said goodbye to all of our friends, and hello to our parents.

The trip was a brilliant experience. I increased my Italian vocabulary, tried new foods (and, needless to add, loved them) and made a lot of new friends.

For anyone who is considering picking Italian for years nine and ten, do it, and you may be lucky to go on a trip like this one! Or, why not, pick French and you might experience a similar adventure in New Caledonia or France.

Thank you very much to all our teachers, especially to Mrs Gilchrist for the care and the guidance provided during the trip.



Mathematics.....

Mr J. Evans, Head Teacher

The Mathematics Faculty had another successful year in 2005. Outstanding results continued in the HSC and the aSchool Certificate. Excellent results continued in the Mathematics competitions. Year 10 student Jack Li was awarded Prizes in the Mathematics Challenge, University of NSW Mathematics Competition and Australian Mathematics Competition. Jack finished near the top of the state in all three competitions and was one of 25 students in Australia invited to be a member of this year's Australian School of Excellence. These students may become members of the Australian team to compete at the International Mathematical Olympiad.

At the end of 2004 we farewelled Mrs.Dare who was a member of the Mathematics staff for eleven years. We welcomed Mr.Reso and do hope that he enjoys his stay with us.

Other activities included further developing Spreadsheet activities, Project work, as well as devoting a lot of time to the implementation of a new Mathematics Syllabus for Year 9 and preparing for the introduction into Year 10 in 2006.

HSC Results

Mathematics results in the HSC were once again outstanding with forty-four results in the top band. The names of these students, who scored marks of 90% or over in an examination paper, were published in the HSC Distinguished Achievers List in newspapers. Of our boys that made the list, thirteen did so on the Extension 2 Paper, twenty-six on the Extension 1 Paper and five did so on the Mathematics Paper.

These forty-four boys who made the Mathematics list placed our school sixth in the state for comprehensive high schools. When expressed as a percentage of candidates, our 44 mentions from a total of 292 papers sat meant that 15% of papers sat by our boys were on the list - slightly down on the figure of 19% achieved in recent years.

The thirteen Extension 2 boys in order were: on 96 - Bolin Li; 95 - Chih-Hwan (Henry) Yang; 93 - Yei Bei Huang, Seunglee Suh, Fei Zheng; 92 - Danny Jui Feng Tsai, Wesley Yip; 91 - Mir Daani Mahmud, Rajiv Paramanathan; 90 - Daniel Kim, Ye Jie Ma, Chetan Punjabi, Abhishek Sharma.

The twenty-six Extension 1 boys were: on 99 - Bolin Li; 97 - Chih-Hwan (Henry) Yang; 96 - Yi Bei Huang, Seunglee Suh, Danny Jui Feng Tsai, Wesley Yip; 95 - Mir Daani Mahmud, Rajiv Paramanathan, Chetan Punjabi, Fei Zheng; 94 - Abhishek Sharma; 93 - Daniel Kim, Abdigibar Omar, Mithun Sri Ganesan, Ronald Tran; 92 - Simon Lam, Kevin Pei Feng Lin; 91 - Daniel Huo, Yi Jie Ma, Yi Wu, Zenghui Zheng; 90 - Eric Dai, Nhan Do, Ryan Ma; Robert Tang, Henry Hao Cheng Zhong.

The five boys from the Mathematics Paper were: 95 - Henry Hao Cheng Zhong; 93 - Nhan Do; 92 - Venuganan Santhakumar, Robert Tang; 90 - Joy Deluxon Thiraviarajah.

School Certificate

Year 10 faced the 2004 School Certificate External Test on of Tuesday, 9th November. This was the sixth year of the new format where students are given their result placing them in Bands 6 down to Band 1.

The results were once again highly impressive with 14.65% of our students in Band 6 (State - 5.44%) and 53.39% in the top two bands compared with 24.78% of the state, 77.99% of our students were in the top three bands compared with 52.51% of the state.

Mathematics Competitions

The impressive results continued for the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, the Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad, the University of NSW Mathematics Competition, The Australian Mathematics Competition and the Hunter Mathematics Competition for Year 10 Standard Students. The results are outlined in the following Competition section. We hope that students find 2006 even more challenging than this year.

Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

During the year boys from Years 7 to 10 were involved with the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians under the guidance of Mr Ha. It has two stages commencing with a three week Challenge in April consisting of six problems done at home.

Fifty-eight boys received certificates for the first stage. In an outstanding performance, Li Yuan Chen of Yr 9 & Jack Li of Yr 10 were awarded High Distinction Certificates. A total of eight Distinction Certificates were received by Joshua Tarrant-Windt of Yr 10; Shen Guo, Tony Lee, Bob Lin, Nicholas Siomos, Philip Truong & Steven Zhang of Year 9 and Varunan Balaraju of Yr 7. The following twenty boys received Credit Certificates - Nelson Zheng Zhuo Yi Guo & Amar Awan of Year 10; Kabiram Kulasingam, Christopher Parkee, Sujun Sathiaselam, Gordon Tan, Peter Ayre, Jeff Wong, Jing Shun Mae, Abdal Shanjari, Simon Chung, Hao Ni, Eric Truong, Bakr Bardouh, David Lam, Mehran Modasser & Scott Tonkin of Yr 9 and Umair Awan & Kai Lin of Yr 7. Twenty-eight boys received Certificates of Participation.

Fifty-five boys were involved in the Second or Enrichment Stage which ran from April to September. This involved working through notes then solving sixteen problems over a three month period. Twenty seven boys completed the work and achieved one Distinction, seven Credits and nineteen participation certificates. Shen Guo of Year 9 was awarded the Distinction, Credit awards went to Jack Li of Year 10; Bob Lin; Steven Zhang; Jeff Wong; Li Yuan Chen and Eric Truong of Year 9 and Taren Tu of Year 8.

University of NSW Mathematics Competition

On Tuesday, 21st June twenty boys from Years 9-12 sat for this difficult competition which involves completing six questions in three hours. Only those exceptional students of mathematics attempt this competition. Only a limited number of certificates are awarded.

Jack Li of Year 10 and Li Yuan Chen of Year 9 were awarded Prizes & Certificates. Only twenty-three students in Australia received these awards.

Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad

Jack Li of Year 10 and Shen Guo & Li Yuan Chen of Year 9 were invited to attempt this competition where ten questions are answered in four hours. Jack Li was placed 3rd in NSW and 5th in Australia. He was awarded a Prize certificate. Shen Guo received a Distinction certificate.

Hunter Mathematics Competition for Year 10 Standard Students

On Thursday, 4th August two boys from our Year 10 Standard class, were involved in this competition. 592 students from across the state benefited from this competition.

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday, 4th August 994 boys were involved in the 2005 Australian Mathematics. This was 22 less than the record of 1,024 Homebush entries - set last year.

The results were once again very impressive. Of the 994 students entered in the Competition, one student was awarded a Prize, nine students received a Certificate of High Distinction, 104 obtained a Distinction and a record 369 achieved a credit. All entrants received at least a Certificate of Participation and an individual performance report.

Jack Li of Year 9 was the Prize Winner. The Prudence Award winner for correctly answering the greatest number of consecutive questions was Johnathon Ngo of Year 7.

Johnathon Ngo of Year 7, Emre Aral & Sajeeb Roy of Year 8, Jeff Wong of Year 8, Shen Guo, Andy Han, Bob Lin, Peter Ayre, Jing Ma, Li Yuan Chen of Year 9 were the High Distinctions recipients placing them in the top 2% in the state.

Sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation, the Australian Mathematics Competition is the original and largest Mathematics competition of its kind in the world. In its 28th year, almost half a million secondary

school students tested their maths skills in the biggest annual event in the school calendar here and one of the largest of its type globally. Entries included Year 7-12 students from Australian schools and many students from schools in overseas countries with a Prize or High Distinction Award a rare and prestigious achievement.

Established in 1978, the Competition has been popular with students ever since and successfully expanded into primary schools last year. Run by the Canberra based Australian Mathematics Trust, which is comprised of educators and mathematicians from all over the country, the competition is sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation, the University of Canberra and the Canberra Mathematical Association.

Aimed at making maths fun, this competition is designed with the average student in mind. It also identifies those with exceptional ability, some of whom go on to represent Australia at the International Mathematical Olympiad.

The competition is unique. The problems are intended to be non-intimidating and can inspire confidence in average students to extend themselves. There is also still a challenge for the more talented. It is an educational event that has been acknowledge and copied overseas.

Boys are advised to include their certificate in their job portfolio as it can only be of benefit when seeking employment.

A summary of the results for 2005 is shown below.

Year	Entries	Prize	HighDist	Dist.	Cred
7	174		1	22	74
8	175		2	13	60
9	182		6	26	61
10	153	1		17	62
11	172			18	60
12	138			8	52
Total	994	1	9	104	369

YEAR 7

High Distinction: J.Ngo.

Distinction:

K.Lin, Z.Y.Ma, O.Huang, F.Rowe, D.Son, E.Feng, R.Rafael, P.Le, G.Choi, K.Vuong, D.Thiruchelvam, J.Carter, M.Dubos, K.H.H.Ko, R.Speranza, D.Griffin-Collis, K.Bascaran, V.Ngo, F.Khan, P.Liang, A.Piet, H.Attia.

Credit:

A.Bernard, D.Lee, V.Balaraju, V.Mai, Y.Zhao, F.Vongpraseth, M.Vuong, N.White, S.Saravanapavanathan, S.Lam, T.Lai, F.Khan, J.Hua, K.Stone, O.Buckley, S.Suntheradas, H.Marsden, M.Lam, V.Iyer, A.Chan, A.Ho, B.Chun, D.Wang, M.Talarico, S.Nagesh, A.Thiyagalingam, R.Khan, S.Khalid, U.Awan, B.Tran, J.Simclair, L.Dassaklis, S.Rathore, V.Lee, C.Aumkaran, J.Barrett, K.Simssek, K.Nirmaleswaran, R.Kim, R.Vasaiwalla, J.Simpson, J.Stewart-Moore, M.Chung, P.Tat, Y.Milligan-Saville, Y.Tanaka, A.Ashok, S.Rajan, S.Novic, M.Platt, R.Mu, S.Tu, Y.Dib, A.Chun, Y.Wang, D.Rosen, D.Hristoforidis, D.Li, Q.Shafi, B.Yoon, S.Alam, S.Xu, V.Tharmarajah, Z.Hussain, A.Kirvan, J.We, J.Natale, K.Huang, S.Sanmuganathan, Z.McCOWage, D.Giang, E.Vuong, R.Verma, S.Sampathpillai.

YEAR 8

High Distinction: E.Aral, S.Roy.

Distinction:

B.Green, D.Zhuang, A.Baek, K.Ayikol, S.Bharadwaj, T.Lavdaras, T.Tu, F.Xiao, J.S.Lee, J.Yoon, P.Yang, P.Song, R.D'Aspromonte.

Credit:

M.Nguyen, A.Yi, D.Speed, D.Von Dinklage, R.Kim, S.S.Veeramani, A.Tong, B.Nguyen, J.Kim, O.Noori, A.Russell, A.Saliba, A.Lam, A.Gupta, T.Yick, O.Atkins, S.Wong, B.Kim, D., Nagaratharajah, M.Iwanczuk, T.Raveendran, W.Chan, K.Wong, R.Rajkumar, F.Khan, S.Ede, S.Docwra, V.Luu, A.Chintamani, C.Yoon, E.Ndlovu, G.Tsang, H.Kulasingam, J.Quach, M.Loo, R.Amarasingham, S.Javakhar, A.Pan, D.Kocher, L.Frigo, W.Z.Zhao, A.Singh, D.Armitage, R.Rahman, S.Higgins, W.Buksh, S.Bull, A.Mahajan, J.Zhang, K.Arunthavanathan, N.Thompson, P.Sivapatham, S.Mansfield, T.Lui, S.Hamayun, A.Nguyen, C.Martin, D.Gabrielli,

R.Mahmood, T.Stefouliss.

YEAR 9

High Distinction:

S.Guo, A.Han, B.Lin, P.Ayre, J.Ma, L.Y.Chen.

Distinction:

J.Y.Zhao, L.Yu, D.Lam, T.Zhang, S.Che, T.Lee, K.Balaraju, J.Wong, P.Truong, R.Pai, K.Huang, S.Chung, D.Xiang, J.Yoon, O.He, R.Liu, J.Zhao, P.Sarker, H.Ni, J.Lu, J.Ho, S.Sathiaseelan, A.Bramfield, D.Seo, H.Elankovan, M.Modasser.

Credit:

C.Parkee, J.Yook, J.Sun, S.Sriharan, S.Dixit, W.Shanthikumar, E.Truong, G.Tan, I.Chan, J.Vuong, K.Kulasingham, R.McCrea, W.Cheng, H.Lee, Y.Zhang, Z.Ahmed, A.Fazli, M.Thiagarajan, N.Siomos, K.Kedicioglu, O.Azamy, P.Kim, R.Hasham, V.Koungoulos, S.Zhang, V.Mai, A.Burjan, E.Au, K.Leong, L.Ly, A.Tran, A.Holland, J.Raihani, J.Skourou, M.Pluis, A.Patrulescu, B.Arumugaiyer, D.Hwang, D.Trinh, J.Yuen, P.Nagaratnarajah, S.U-Rahman, A.Shanjari, I.Kerem, J.Lott, N.Subramaniam, R.Shanmugasundaram, S.Ozcan, W.Sec, B.David, C.Watkinson, D.Wang, H.Rajaji, M.Robson, R.Vasaiwalla, B.Hur, E.Furneaux-Bate, J.Anzar, P.Purusothaman, S.Saravanamuthu, T.Ng.

YEAR 10

Prize: J.Li.

Distinction:

H.Shkara, L.Pun, N.Von Dinklage, K.Jananayakam, X-H.Chen, K.Rubadass, T.Singh, A.Lam, A.Islam, B.Kim, D.Kim, P.Tang, B.Zhuang, R.Kabir, R.Cheung, R.Ling, W.Duong.

Credit:

D.Ng, M.Reid, N.Zheng, A.Imer, A.Khan, J.Lay, J.Dongol, A.Clement, D.Chau, J.Hilliard, S.Khan, H.Gu, P.Vuong, H.Subramaniam, J.Bui, L.Lo, A.Osman, T.Ravinthiran, D.Thilakanathan, H.Yan, J.Chandrakumar, R.Beattie, S.Kwak, T.Tsui, C.Luu, E.Sunardi, J.Smedley, J.Tran, S.Bardouh, S.Cheng,

S.Sriram, Z.Guo, E.Rizos, O.Pase, H.Faizi, J.Jeong, T.Nicholls, D.Schimke, D.Huang, M.Di Val, M.Chin, M.Kabalan, S-H.Kim, V.Velampati, C.Lee, G.Moussa, J.Hung, J.Jiao, R.Lu, S.Gnanarathinam, A.Sharma, D.Edgton, G.Andrews, K.El-Ahmad, M.Vuppalapati, N.Crighton, D.Nassif, J.Tarrant-Windt, M.Ng, M.Koh, P.Lai, W.Xiao.

YEAR 11

Distinction:

P.Jiang, D.Truong, Y.Zhang, E.Wu, J.Ni, C.Zhu, D.Nguyen, Y.Kim, F.Zou, P.Kim, S.Ali, A.Q.Nguyen, C.Pooley, J.Narenthiran, J.Dai, M.Stone, R.Rajendran, S.Hwang.

Credit:

A.Alim, A.Satchidanandam, K-K.Wong, V.Elankovan, C.Chopra, M.Bardouh, M.Di Val, S.Barkat, A.Omar, J.Yu, K.Arulanathan, K.Tao, P.Ranjan, D.Yuan, J.Cao, K.Jiang, X.Ma, X.Wang, E.Nguyen, J.Satkunanathan, M.Jin, P.Ip, C.T.Kwok, A.Widge, A.Jaiswal, M.Agar, R-P.Zhang, S.Jahan, A.Chur, A.A.K.Nguyen, B.Chu, D.T.W.Tan, D.Tang, E.Tseng, J.Che, T.Y.Tang, K.Akhter, J.Cai, J.P.Chang, L.Zhao, N.Sanmuhathan, P.Banerjee, A.Sim, J.Huynh, N.Selladurai, P.Chen, S.Boulekraout, M.Gunaratnam, R.Amir-Khan, T.Wong, C.Chen, G.Muhana, M.Asaratnam, M.Zhou, S.Speirs, Y.Kim, D.Fei, G.Manoharan, R.Vuong, R.Ly.

YEAR 12

Distinction:

S.Li, A.Khanna, A.Khan, S.Little, S.Bhardwaj, S.Donald, K.Siu, B.Guo.

Credit:

D.Habashy, J.Li, T.Man, C.Lucchinelli, P.Chen, V.Yang, D.Li, E.Khan, S.Sharma, J.Hua, R.Chan, L.L.Tran, R.Tran, E.Liao, H.Jegatheeswaran, T.Huang, D.Lekanic, H.Jing, N.Mac, A.Shrestha, J.Mahajan, D.F.Xu, S.Lai, D.Mang, G.Lin, P.Kalra, S.Nur, N.Chu, I.Alam, J.E.P.Chung, K.Wong, J.Yook, A.Sharma, H.El Jamaly, T.Uysal, D.Thangavel, P.Fung, S.Sunder Raj, A.O.Lee,

A.Huynh, C.Liang, G.Liu, C.Wang, G.S.Sui, M.Mason, M.Zaoud, N.Lennings, B.Tran, D.Isaac, T.Tang, Y.Cui, Y.Zhang.

Congratulations to all who entered and for those who cannot wait, the date of the next Australian Mathematics Competition is Thursday, 27/7/06.

Below is summary of all Maths Comp results since 1979.

From 1996 Distinctions (15%) were replaced by High Distinctions (2%) and Distinctions (13%). The following students received merit certificates. The names appear in order of merit.

Year	Entries	Prize	H.D.	Dist	Credit
1979				22	7
1980	136			25	54
1981	241			30	104
1983	280	1		29	92
1984	302			27	103
1985	390	3		8	110
1986	328	2		50	134
1987	524	2		38	132
1988	635	2		55	174
1989	593			65	172
1990	644	2		71	188
1991	718	1		80	195
1992	695			80	196
1993	686	1		85	223
1994	656	4		98	215
1995	629			94	193
1996	651	2	5	81	219
1997	698	1	6	81	275
1998	680	1	12	107	263
1999	712		9	115	313
2000	859		12	116	346
2001	857	1	13	118	341
2002	879	1	12	133	343
2003	932	1	8	146	352
2004	1,012	6		73	344
2005	994	1	9	104	369



Year 12 Distinction winners



Year 11 Distinction winners



Year 10 Distinction winners



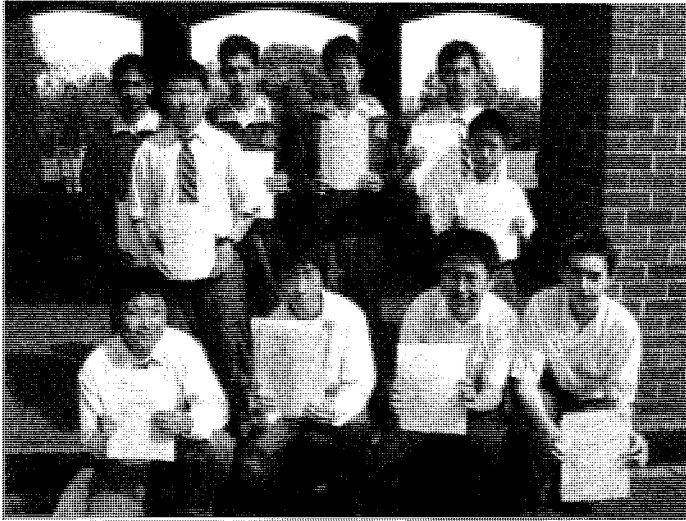
Year 9 High Distinction and Distinction winners



Year 8 High Distinction and Distinction winners



High Distinction and Prize winners



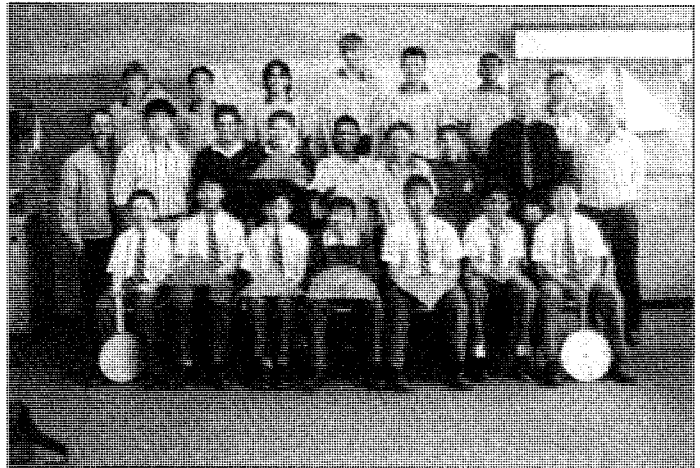
Maths Challenge: H.D.'s and Distinctions



Mathematics Staff



Save Our Souls (SOS)



Year 7 Maths Comp. high achievers

Mr John Evans retires after 31 years at HBHS.

Ms Jane Rayner honours her friend, colleague and Head of Department.

VALE GAUDEAMUS IGITUR NON iuvenes dum sumus
sed propter res gestas.(see below)

After an amazing teaching career spanning 41 years, 31 as Head Teacher of mathematics at Homebush, one of our finest teachers has decided to retire.

Mr Evans came to Homebush as Maths Master, after nine happy years at Bass Hill High. In those days masters had their own staff room, and in a few years one of his staff was none other than our current Deputy Mr Tim Jurd! But that was "PRE-FIRE".

The fire which gutted our school in 1983 meant a move for the maths department from Block A to Block C, which had previously housed the library! (Imagine – a library with nothing but maths books...!)

It was here that Mr Evans laid down the foundations of our school's outstanding success among comprehensive high schools. His many fine personal qualities are a blessing to both his staff and students. There has never been a more genuine or hard working teacher nor one with a better attendance record, of which he is rightly proud. He never simply takes the easy way out, but instead always gives 100% even at great personal cost.

Mr 'Maths Comp' Evans, as he is affectionately known to the more than 1000 boys who now enter the annual Australasian Mathematics Competition, (often cowed by his sheer dogged persistence!) has always ensured that boys are rewarded and properly acknowledged. His care, thoroughness and thoughtfulness have always been appreciated by boys as they see their name in the Bush Bulletin or school magazine, or hear it on assemblies, or as they are driven to Friday afternoon chess tournaments or handed one of his wonderfully 'Calligraphied' Bronze awards. The sheer effort and time every week to produce these Bronzes demonstrates, as clearly as anything, Mr Evan's dedication and commitment to his profession.

On behalf of all your students and staff past and present, thank you Mr Evans for your intellectual leadership, energy, commitment and above all the fairness with which you have striven to treat us all.

Foot Note

The Latin at the beginning is from the beginning of a famous university song, altered for Mr Evans.

'Let us then rejoice,
not because we are young,
but on account of his achievements.



Personal Development/Health/Physical Education.....

Bill Gavathas, Head Teacher

Below: Year 11 PDHPE on track with their Senior First Aid

It is often said, "the grass is greener on the other side of the hill"...Homebush BHS must be that place. I am happy to provide you with just a snapshot of events impacting on the faculty.

There has been a considerable improvement to our outdoor/green areas thanks to the active support and contribution of the senior executive and the environment committee. Our students and staff have benefited greatly through these improvements.

We bid farewell to Mr Mitchell who has been with the faculty for 9 years. Mr Mitchell has been promoted to Head Teacher PDHPE/Welfare @North Sydney BHS. On behalf of the faculty, we thank him for his numerous contributions over the years and wish him luck as he takes on this demanding role. We welcome Mr Sculthorpe from The Moore Campus who will replace him. We also congratulate Miss Chapman who has received notice of her permanent appointment to HBHS.

We have "played host" to a number of tertiary institutions through the year as they have sent their respective graduates to us to complete practicums. All "prackies" left this school better prepared for the journey ahead.

Year 11-12 PDHPE continue to move forward with a number of interesting teaching strategies introduced. Mr Mitchell lectured @ACHPER PDHPE Enrichment Days also providing invaluable information to students from other schools. The introduction of an email support network to assist our students has well received. The practical tasks in First Aid, Sports Medicine and physiology labs leave our PE boys well prepared.

The faculty continues to be progressive in applying technology to their practices. Students in the elective Sports Science classes have had their coaching lessons videoed and compressed to CD. This activity was part of a wider school initiative in "Talking and Listening" as well as being active.

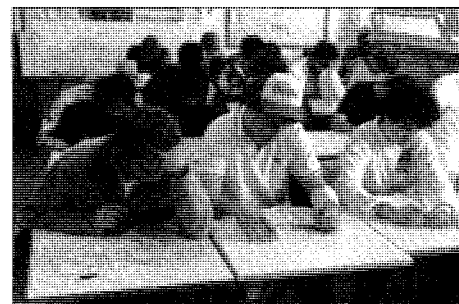
We are excited that students are beginning to think outside the square and are handing in some outstanding course work projects, particularly in the form of Movie Media and elaborate PowerPoint presentations. Of particular note, Danny Kim's (Y 11) Movie Media tasks come to mind.

We also recognise and congratulate @ this time, Pascal Wallace, Chris Pooley, Jansen Che, Thomas Wong, Adam Imer Jamie Sherson and Mehran Modasser, dux for their respective year groups in PDHPE or its electives.

The faculty continues to thrive through the new Board Endorsed Syllabus of Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS). We will see 3 x Y9 classes and 2x Y10 PASS in 2006.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff – Mr Madycki, Ms Chapman, Mr Wilson, Mr Mitchell and Mr Tedford for their camaraderie and hard work throughout the year.

Remember, that "Every day is a PDHPE Day!"



Social Sciences.....

Mr John Pearson, Head Teacher

The Social Sciences Faculty has experienced an eventful and dynamic period of change over the last 12 months. The changes have been with faculty personnel and the implementation of a new curriculum for junior Geography (Years 7 to 10) and Commerce (Years 9 & 10).

Change also means new opportunities and the Social Sciences Faculty would like to welcome the following new faculty members: Ms Sarah Fernando, who brings with her exceptional skills in debating, music, drama, English and Social Sciences. Mr Tai Lee who previously worked in business in Hong Kong. Mr Peter Barraclough who has done an exceptional job in covering Ms Legge's classes. As for myself, Mr John Pearson, I was previously Head Teacher Social Sciences at Westfields Sports High School. I am looking forward to the challenges and rewards of working at Homebush Boys High School.

As for the existing Faculty members, Ms Dwyer who was successfully appointed as Head Teacher Teaching & Learning, Mr Neill Francis, Ms Margaret Allan, Ms Julie Uhlen and Ms Christine Wyness, the Social Sciences Faculty and Homebush Boys High School are fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated and professional group of people, all devoted to public education. I would like to congratulate and thank them for their support and comradeship over the last 12 months.

School Certificate and HSC Results for 2004

For School Certificate Geography in 2004, 7 students achieved a band 6 in Geography, while 47 students received a band 5 and 65 students received a band 4 (Band 4 & 5 were above state average).

Business Studies was above the state average in bands 6,5 and 4. Economics got three students into the top band 6 and eight into band 5 and twenty three into band 4. Well done! Legal Studies received one band 5 and six band 4s, while Studies of Religion achieved thirteen students into band 4. These were good results and we are working to improve on these results in the future.

Excellence In Academic Achievement

Congratulations to the following students for an outstanding effort in the Humanities subject areas.

Year 7 Geography - Ms Allan's 7A Geography - Jackson Hua, Daniel Ferguson and Eric Vuong, Mr Francis's 7D Geography - S Saravanapavanathan, Ashley Piet and Vignesh Iyer. Ms Legge's 7F Geography - Sunthert Suntheradas, Dinesh Thiruchelvam and Patrick Le. Ms Uhlen's 7H Geography - Kai Lin, Umair Awan and Sampath Sampathapill.

Year 8 Geography - Ms Legge's 8A Geography - David Von Dinklage, Emre Aral & Azlan Safi, Ms Fernando's 8B Geography - Sudarshana Bharadwaj, Brian Kim & Brenn Legaspi, Ms Uhlen's and Ms Fernando's 8E Geography - Mohammed Holali, Ben Worthington & Richard Amarasingham. Mr Francis's 8F Geography - Jae Seong Lee, Omar Noori & Ayush Gupta.

Year 9 Geography - Joshua Lott, David Paterson, Kaan Sozen, Andrew Brimfield, Emre Mehmet, Philip Truong, Alex Burjan, Chris Parkee, Sujana Sathiasaelan, Vaili Koungoulos, Nicholas Kritharas, Shen Guo. Joseph Giannone, James Filppoy, James Sun, Matthew Robson, Paul Kim, P Nagaratnarajah, Prajesh Shrestha & Donald Chung.

Year 9 Commerce - David Paterson, Matthew Robson, P Shanmuganathan, Philip Truong, Li Yuan Chen, Bakr Bardouh, Ian Banerji, Alan Tran, Matthew Pluis, & Jeff Wong.

Year 10 Commerce - Julian Dongol, Khoder El-Ahmad, Ankit Sharma, Tandeep Singh, Sunny Cheng, Martin Gabor, Sinjia Kwak, Harsatnam Singh, Jas Singh & Joshua Tarrant-Windt.

Year 10 Geography - Luke Pun, Hayder Shkara, Jacob

Chandrakumar, Oliver Pase, Tandeep Singh, Ankit Sharma, Mayaz Raihani, Clifford Luu, Sinjia Kwak, Joshua Tarrant-Windt, Chun Tsui, Shahrooz Sarwar, Daniel Chau, Lucas Djurichkovic, Ethan Rizos, Jas Singh, Neal Von Dinklage, Nathan Crighton, & William Duong.

Year 11 Geography - Alistair Sim, Tony Tang, Matt Lott & Pawalpreet Sran.

Year 11 Legal Studies - Jeremy Pinto, Greg Lee, Rizwan Amir-Khan, Wilson Petrushenko & Song Hao Wang.

Year 11 Studies Of Religion - Min Hyo Stone, Jeremy Pinto, Rafik Yassa and David Nguyen.

Year 11 Economics - Mohamed Bardouh, Kaurab Akhter, David Yuan, Eddie Wu, Thomas Wong, Song Hao Wang, Tony Tang, Jeremy Pinto, Greg Lee & Yun Ki Kim.

Year 11 Business Studies - Mohamed Bardour, Anant Jaiswal, Rafik Yassa, Thomas Wong, Son Hao Wang, Roden Vuong, Jason Tran, Chetan Chopra, Abhi Widge, and Wilson Petrushenko.

Year 12 Business Studies - 1st Jatin Mahajan and Saul Han, 3rd Jai Shankar & Pascal Wallace, 5th Siddarth Bhardwaj, 6th Babak Sahebkhairi, 7th Amlan Sharma, 8th Jason Chung, 9th Rahul Koduri & Aik Ooi Lee.

Special thank you to their teachers Mr Hilliard, Ms Dwyer, Ms Legge & Mr Lee for all the hard work put into getting these students up to this high standard.

Year 12 Legal Studies - Ms Allan has put in another sterling effort to get her students ready for the HSC. High achievers are - 1st Peter Hong, 2nd Simon Watson. Equal 3rd were Babak Sahebkhairi & Jai Shankar, 5th James Xu.

Year 12 Economics - Mr Pearson & Ms Wyness have worked hard to get students ready for the HSC. Outstanding results were achieved by: - 1st Tommy Tang, 2nd Siddarth Bhardwaj, 3rd Kapil Gahir, equal 4th Joseph Vermiglio & Mohammed Zaoud, 6th Louis Tran, 7th Jason Li, equal 8th Chen Liang & Boscvo Ryan, Equal 10th Richard Sun, Jatin Mahajan & Peter Chen.

Year 12 Studies Of Religion - Thank you to Mr Francis for another outstanding effort. High achievers this year are: - 1st Rabieh Gharibeh, equal 2nd Kenny Tran & Arsalan Ashgar, equal 4th Clement Duong, N Jegatheesan, & Norman Mac.

Field Studies, Excursions and Enrichment

Classroom excellence has been enhanced by a number of enrichment activities run by the Social Sciences Faculty. Year 7 Geography visited Scenic World at Katoomba to study temperate Rainforests and World Heritage Sites. Year 8 Geography visited Warragamba Dam to look at water management issues. Year 9 Geography visited Homebush Bay Wetland Field Study Centre; Year 10 Geography had field trips to Georges River Field study Centre and Fields Of Mars Environmental Education Centre at Ryde. Year 9 Commerce visited Kingsford Smith International Airport, while Year 10 Commerce will visit the Police & Justice Museum and State Parliament House in Term 4. Year 11 Geography had field study excursions to the Northern Beaches and Woogoolmai Outdoor Environmental Education Centre near Oakdale. Year 12 Legal Studies were fortunate to visit the Local and District Courts in Sydney.

Other enrichment activities offered to students by the Social Sciences Faculty were: The Geography Competition, The Commerce Competition, and the Business Studies & Economics Competition. The Share Market Game run by the ASX is very popular with students doing Year 11 Economics & Business Studies. A group of 12 Year 8 students have been selected to represent HBHS in the Year 8 NSW Geography Competition. Congratulations to all students who have taken advantage of all the enrichment activities offered by the Social Sciences Faculty.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff members for their part in making 2005 such a successful and rewarding year. I am looking forward to 2006 with its challenges and further rewards.



So that's how it's done?



Testing the sand samples



Asher checking the wind speed



Above: Year 10 Geography go the Georges River Field Studies Centre.

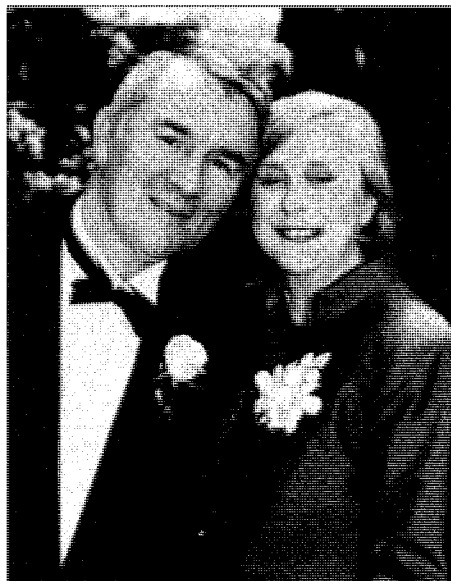
Below: Water Testing Chipping Norton Lakes.



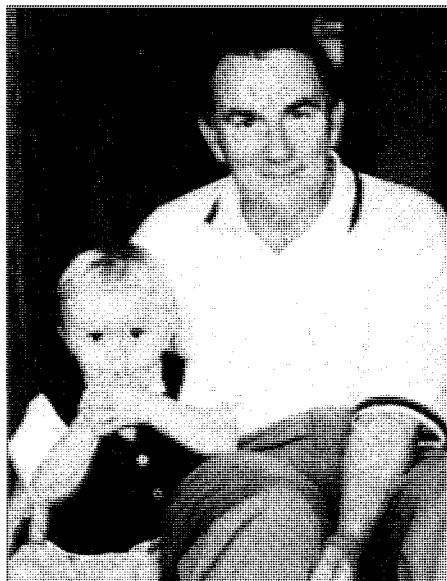
John Taggart

4th February 1947-9th October 2005

Below is a tribute to Mr Taggart written by Mr Alan Brawn, retired head teacher of Social Science.



Devoted husband



Loving grandfather



Respected teacher

The Homebush Boys High School community sadly marks the passing of their good friend, colleague and highly regarded and respected teacher.

Thomas John Taggart was born on 4th February 1947, in the small town of Werris Creek, the younger of two children to Vaughan and Nancy and brother to Janet. John's family moved from Werris Creek to Junee and then to Auburn by the time he was five and it was in Sydney's west that he grew up. His schooling was in the Catholic system, beginning in the local primary school, where his sixth class teacher still remembers him, then at Marist Brothers Auburn and he completed his Leaving Certificate at the Marist Juniorate, Mittagong. He was a keen sportsman who figured prominently in school and week teams, particularly football and he maintained an enduring interest in sport as a participant, a spectator and a coach. These experiences his close family ties – he was particularly close to his father – and his religious training were undoubtedly significant influences in developing his lifelong values of truthfulness, trust, loyalty, a respect for others, a belief in the worth of fellow humans and, particularly, the importance of family.

John's post-school education was at Sydney Teachers College where he graduated in 1968, a qualified teacher. A call-up to national service then intervened and John spent two years in the army medical corps in various far-flung locations in NSW and Queensland. So it was not until 1970 that John was appointed to Homebush to begin his 35 year teaching career in the social sciences.

In the same year he married his long-time sweetheart Gwennanne and they set up home in a small cottage in Birrong and started a family. They delighted in the birth of four children – Anne, Alison, Peter and Catherine – and, with a growing family, moved to a larger home in Epping. His family has always been the centre of John's life. He was always on hand to help his kids with their education; to coach and manage all manner of sporting teams they joined; to nurture their cultural, spiritual

and social development; to provide them with stimulating recreational activities; to challenge them; to guide them; but, most of all, to give them his complete support. Their happy and successful lives are testament to his devotion to family and they, with good reason, regard him as the best dad ever.

There is a clear parallel here in the way John approached his teaching duties. Boys in his classes were treated with respect and with genuine concern for their educational progress, their welfare and their personal growth. He always practiced a sharing-caring philosophy. "Be nice to each other" was his constant spoken and unspoken theme and because it was not merely a mantra but genuinely applied and expected, boys invariably developed a real respect and admiration for John and a more tolerant attitude towards each other. He was a very popular teacher, not because he was an easy mark who could be gotten around, but because he set realistic and attainable goals for students of all abilities, whilst providing the sound teaching, advice, feedback and other support needed for students to succeed. Put simply, he was an excellent teacher. A great skill was his ability to take himself out of the spotlight to turn the classroom focus onto the students and have them working in a co-operative and cohesive environment – student centred learning. He was also very generous in giving his time to help students with their work outside class time, or to volunteer himself for extra classes so that students preparing for important exams would not be disadvantaged, exemplified by him teaching an additional 3 unit extension class on top of his already full load for most of a year after their original teacher accepted a promotion. John's particular respect was reserved for the boys who always tried their hardest and especially for those who did not always get the rewards they deserved.

John had a career-long commitment to school sport and coached grade teams throughout his years at Homebush, beginning with baseball and soccer teams and moving onto cricket, rugby and tennis. In all of these sports he had the knowledge and ability to teach skills and tactics

appropriate to junior age teams right through to first graders. For many years he coached the 1sts or 2nds cricket and the 2nds rugby sides but was always willing and able to take a 13 years team up through the age groups. His management skills and ability to develop team unity made him a highly successful coach, with numerous zone competitions to his credit. His success rate was quite remarkable. Here again, he always deflected the glory onto the players and wrote many glowing comments in magazine reports referring to the abilities, personal qualities and team contribution of various players.

Many current and past students will remember with pleasure the skills they learned, the successes they may have had, but most of all, the enjoyment they gained from playing under a coach whose philosophy was to play fair, to play well and especially to have fun, rather than to have a coach with a win at all costs outlook. Many will also recognize how John's guidance helped them develop as a person and to be both a gracious winner and a good loser.

John was also the first Career Advisor at HBHS, a position he filled for a number of years. Although the role has developed considerably in subsequent years, John commenced a number of important practices, most notably a Work Experience programme which has been further developed to give most middle school students an entry into the world of work.

John Taggart was a generous giving man who placed others before himself. Through out his life and during his illness, his concerns were for his family rather than for himself. As a teacher, he was similarly focused on the welfare of students. A selection of his senior students attended and spoke at a small function at the end of 2004 to mark his retirement. Their genuine concerns for his health, appreciation of what he stood for and affection for him were clearly evident.

John will be greatly missed. To his family, he is the best dad ever. To many of his students he is the best teacher ever.

Remembering John

John Taggart ... Uncle John to his friends in the Social Science staffroom... Taggs ... Students admired and respected him, as a thoroughly knowledgeable, fatherly figure with a firm, guiding hand. And so he was for his closest colleagues too. He was a calm, reassuring presence, nothing was ever too much trouble ... banding together through the sharing of food (sweets were the great panacea): a Cherry Ripe mysteriously arriving on your desk when you'd had a challenging day ... the staffroom bake off's, which his wonderfully homebaked chocolate slice always seemed to win. On excursions, we all wanted to be in John's group - he had the thermos of coffee and the homemade biscuits.

Humour was an essential element in the Uncle John philosophy of the world, and he always had a profound, yet lighthearted aphorism to give a balanced perspective on any situation. One ex-student described him as the 'Dickie Bird' of teaching - in reference to the famously idiosyncratic cricket umpire - and spending time with John often resulted in the adoption of some of his most contagious mannerisms, such as the characteristic intonation of 'okay' at the end of an explanation.

John showed me what was important in life - our relationships with others. We are so fortunate to have shared our lives with him.

Caitlin Dwyer

Mr John Taggart was our year advisor, teacher, coach, mentor and, most importantly, our friend during our time at Homebush Boys' between 1985-90. He was affectionately referred to as 'Papa Smurf' for his diminutive stature, bushy beard, knowledge and wisdom. He not only taught us commerce and economics (striving to make it all "crystal clear"), rugby and cricket, but also life. He was patient, enthusiastic and well respected in the school and wider community. His passing is a great loss to all who knew him.

Jason Chan: Vice Captain of this school in 1990. John had been his year advisor as well.

In my first year of teaching I was stopped by a police officer who sternly approached me and demanded to know where I was going in such a hurry. I told him I was off to a school where I had recently started working as a teacher. He asked which school and when I replied 'Homebush Boys', his manner softened somewhat. He then asked me if Mr Taggart was still there. I told him he was and that I sat beside him. There was along pause and then he said 'Mr Taggart was always a sensible bloke when he taught me so get him to give you a good talking to about sensible driving'. After telling me to pass on his best wishes to Mr Taggart he sent me on my way.

I have no doubt it was John's significant, favourable influence on that particular ex-student that got me out of a ticket that day and from that point on I have endeavoured to remain a sensible driver. Just like the boys, I didn't relish the thought of being given a 'talking to' by the formidable Mr Taggart.

The lasting fond memories held by that policeman were typical of the many students who had the good fortune of being taught or coached by John Taggart. His firm but fair style of discipline was appreciated by the boys and inspirational to teachers, like me, who had the pleasure of working along side him. In my experience he was dearly loved and is sadly missed. Vale my dear friend.

Margaret Allan

I remember John sitting outside my office of a morning changing from his walking to working shoes after his daily morning walk to school. I am also so grateful for John's warm welcome into the Social Sciences staffroom .

Gina Sorenson

I will always remember John Taggart as a kind and caring person. I never once heard John criticise anyone, and he always looked at the world and everyone in it through tolerant and compassionate eyes . It was a privilege to have known him .

Julie Uhlen

John was a person that was not easily drawn into gossip or petty arguments. He kept a very calm exterior and was always willing to say a kind word about every person or situation. He gave out loads

of love and support to others. He always looked on the positive side and therefore was a delight to sit next to in the staffroom . Another plus was that he would share his home baked food with me. He was easy going and relaxed and could often be seen without shoes on around the faculty. Despite this John was on top of his work load and willing to help others in need. He had excellent control in the classroom and all his students liked and respected him. He will always be in my heart.

Cassie McGuinness

John and I shared a passion for sport during our 30 years as colleagues at Homebush. During that time he never had a house sport , but always coached grade teams. He displayed his diversity by coaching baseball, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, soccer and tennis . His dedication and love for the game will be sorely missed by all students and myself .

Ron Tedford

John made me (and other new teachers) welcome . He often had words of encouragement for teachers and students, and was generous with his time. He was even supportive of all in his volleyball team , always exhibiting good sportsmanship.

Judith Edwards

My most wonderful memories of John Taggart were watching his interaction with thousands of boys whom he taught and was Year Adviser to over the many years I taught with him at the 'Bush' . As a young teacher I was in awe of how he knew so much about each student in his year and how he helped so many boys who had fallen "off the tracks". He carried around a very small diary which he kept in his shirt pocket - in this small diary was a volume of notes and reminders about his charges. When he had to be tough - he was ; and when it was necessary - and this was most of the time - he became a Dad to all the boys - advising them on the correct pathway , what subjects to choose, that would give them the best opportunity after they left school, and most of all to pursue their dreams and aspirations in all facets of life. He was an inspiration to all the teachers who worked with him over the three decades at Homebush and I hope that we can all continue his work in giving all students the best opportunities in their schooling.

Jan Cuke

Science.....

Mr James Richardson, Acting Head Teacher

Once again a school of this nature had an extremely busy start to the school year. Many new enrolments in our popular science courses together with large changes to our staff made for a turbulent but successful beginning.

With the retirement of our laboratory assistant Anne Carey we had two new replacements Cathy Street Thursday and Fridays and Henny Gower now permanent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Head Teacher Alan Everett took leave for 12 months and was replaced by Renee Thomson who has since proven to be a valuable member of the faculty. Taking over as Head Teacher for 12 months was Mr James Richardson who enjoyed the role and the extra responsibility tremendously.

The major senior science activity in term one was the Biology Field trip to Bicentennial park which was again a huge success thanks to the great organisation from Mr Rodi and Mr Balan. At this early stage of the year the analysis of the 2004 HSC results takes place and once again the science faculty had some excellent results were well above state averages in all courses. Full details of these results can be seen in the annual school report.

Term 2 2005

The Science faculty had a busy start to Term 2. The annual science competition was scheduled for Wednesday the 11th May but due to our grade

sport structure the exam had to be rescheduled. Year 8 completed the exam on Monday the 9th with 80 students sitting this rigorous exam. Year 10 completed the exam on Tuesday 10th with 85 students undertaking this exam. Years 7, 11 and 12 with 120 students in total sat the exam on Wednesday the 11th before they left for grade sport. Year nine sat the test periods 3 and 4 with other arrangements being made for those that had to leave early. In total we had 350 students participating and some excellent results as shown below.

Science Competition

The results of the Science Competition arrived at school early in term 3. Once again the results were very good and slightly above state average in all year levels. Two boys achieved the prestigious High Distinction awards.

Shivam Sharma:Year 12, Shen Guo:Year 9
The following were awarded Distinctions :
Year 7: John Carter, Michael Dubos and Patrick Lockington. **Year 8:** Emre Aral, Sudarshanan Bharadwaj, Ben Green, Sajeeb Roy and Alex Tong. **Year 9:** Peter Ayre, Vasili Koungoulos, Injae Kwak, Tony Lee, Jing Shun Ma, Hao Ni, Nicholas Siomos and Gordon Tan. **Year 10:** Ammar Awan, William Duong, Joshua Hilliard, Jeremy Hung, Jack Li, Luke Pun, Tandeep Singh, Patrick Yvong and Nelson Zheng. **Year 11:** Morgan Di-val, Royce Ly and Andrew Nguyen. **Year 12:** Fahim Khan and Joseph Song.

I would like to congratulate the above boys, but more importantly congratulations to all boys who entered and showed great enthusiasm towards the competition. Another 71 boys also achieved the great results of Credit and the rest Participation awards.

Totals - 340 Students

High Distinction:2; Distinction:30; Credit:71
Participation :237

The other major event to begin Term 2 was the annual year seven Zoo excursion to Taronga Park on Friday the 13th May a scary date to take 190 young men. However the day was a tremendous success and the boys added to their previous knowledge on classification and the many varied features of animals.

The science faculty has also welcomed Chris Halkidis to our Physics area and his enthusiasm and commitment is clearly evident. Our new teacher Renee Thomson has settled in well and the boys greatly appreciate her enthusiasm and great new teaching ideas and approaches.

Term 3

This term was our biggest for the year with not only the important Trial HSC exams beginning but the exciting National Science Weeks taking place in weeks 5 and 6 the 15 - 26 August with this year's theme being "energy". The Science faculty had a range of hands on activities taking

place at school with the CSIRO Lab on legs program coming in and offering programs in DNA technology Light and Sound Shows, DVD presentations, electronics and Electricity, Forensic Science and many other activities taking place in which your son was encouraged to enter. As well as these activities at school 60 Gifted and Talented boys from our top streamed classes attended Canberra as part of National Science Week from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th August. Activities taking place include visits to the National Convention Centre, The Green Machine Science Education Centre, Telstra Tower, Australian Institutes of Sport, Question, Rock Climbing and John Curtin School of Medical Research.

Amazing Science Weeks

Wow, what a two weeks, Homebush Boys High had celebrating National Science week, from Tuesday 15th of August to Friday 26th of August. The program has become so big that we now have activities running over a two week period. Tuesday the 15th of August began with a DVD presentation in the School Hall looking at our Ocean Marine Life presented by George Evalt a multi award winning underwater filmmaker. The boys, thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and Alexi said "that he wouldn't mind being a marine biologist now". The following day students had the opportunity to participate in two shows, the Science and Technology Show and the forensic frenzy show both for year 7 students, Presented by the CSIRO Lab on Legs program. Both shows were thoroughly enjoyed and the boys are already talking about next year's itinerary.

The next day, Wednesday the 17th of August 60 gifted and talented students departed school with their teachers Mr Richardson and Mr Balan headed for Canberra to take part in the Australian Science Festival for 3 days. The activities the students attended were Making Jam, Beat Boxing and a Global Warming Lecture at the National Conventions Centre. Students also visited Telstra Tower, AIS, Qwestacon and the John Curtin School of

Medical Research. Back at school in this time Forensic Frenzy and Discovering DNA took place again with the CSIRO. The following week boys attended two shows the Light and Sound show for year 7 and 8 and Electrical energy and Electronics for year 9 and 10. Throughout this busy schedule the Science Brain of the year competitions also took place at lunchtime. This is a Sale of the Century type game with all the questions being related to science. The winners of these quizzes were:

Year 7- Umair Awan 7H
Year 8- Emre Aral 8A
Year 9- Emre Mehmet 9A
Year 10- Tandeep Singh 10A

Overall it was a busy two weeks but a very enjoyable one for both students and teachers,

Chemistry Competition: On Thursday the 28th July, 120 boys also took part in the National Chemistry Competition run by Charles Sturt University. The results are shown below.

There were two prestigious plaque awards given out to Shen Guo yr 9 and Vincent Yang yr 12 the other awards were: 12 - High Distinctions; 14 - Distinctions; 12 - Credits.

Junior credits were awarded to Suryanarayanan sriram, Rui Ling, Jack Li, Sae-Hwan kim, Joshua Hilliard, Shivayan Saravanapavanant, Suthan Srihan and James Sun.

Distinctions were awarded to Joshua-Tarrant Windt, Luke Pun, Amar Awan, Garth Andrews, Jeff Wong, Jing Shun Ma, Bob Lin, Daniel Armitage and Sudarshanan Bharadwaj. High Distinctions were awarded to Nelson Zhang, Tandeep Singh, Adam Imer, William Duong and Li Yuan Chen.

In the Senior Division credits were awarded to Kaurab Akhter, Sothirajah Rakulan, Min Hyo Stone, Hassanul Kabir, Prashanthan Ranjan and Jason Li.

Distinctions were awarded to Kapil Gahir, Gui

Shan Sui, Louis Tran and Mina Wanis. High Distinctions were awarded to Mohamed Bardouh, Shaan Jahan, Xiaotian Ma, Shivam Sharma, Brendon Tran and Vincent Yang.

National Youth Science Forum: As part of our partnership with the Silverwater Rotary club two boys have been chosen to apply for the positions at the two week National Science forum taking place in January 2006 in Canberra. Two boys Mohammed Bardouh and Rokulan Sothirajah from year 11 have been nominated and at present are progressing well. They have just finished giving a 3 minute presentation on a Science related topic which is part of the selection process. I wish them the best of luck in the remaining selection process.

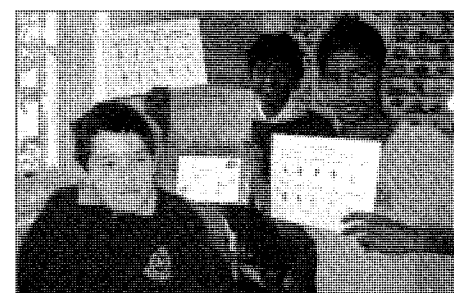
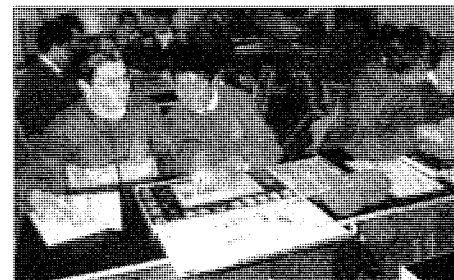
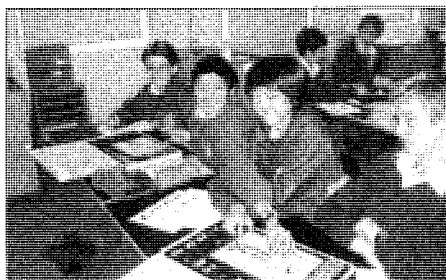
University of Sydney Discovery Program.

In our mid Semester break 4 talented boys from our Gifted and Talented classes attended the Science Discovery program at the University of Sydney from Wednesday 13/7 - Friday 15/7. The boys were Tandeep Singh, Ammar Awan, Nelson Zheng and William Duong. The boys had a great time and would like to thank the school with help financing this program from the Schools Excellence fund as well as Mr. Pinkey for his expert guidance.

Term 4

At the time of writing the organisation for both the year 8 and year 9 field trips are being organized. Year 8 will be doing a marine studies course at the Fairlight rock platform and then will be visiting Manly Oceanworld. Year 9 will be visiting the Blue mountains and the three sisters on a Geology field study. I would like to publicly thank all our dedicated staff and our new lab assistants Henny Gower and Cathy Street who have done such a wonderful job with the reorganisation of chemical rooms in line with the new OHS legislation.

Below: Science week is fun!



Technology and Applied Studies.....

Mr Sid Prasad, Head Teacher

The TAS Faculty had a very interesting and rewarding year. Late last year Mr. Lucas successfully gained a well-deserved promotion and Mr. Cavanagh was appointed to lead the team. Unfortunately Mr Cavanagh was given an alternate position and had to leave at the end of Term one, thus leading to my appointment from Term two.

I am grateful to my pre-successors for their professionalism and continued hard work to give an exemplary high level of education to our students in a comfortable and safe environment and ultimately assist them in building pathways to success.

The Faculty recognises the hard work and contributions of all the members and is proud to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic team. Technology education is a very rewarding, yet a very challenging course due to its diversity and dynamic nature. It is vital to keep abreast with the changing roles together with new and emerging technologies and it is pleasing to note that all the members of the staff have utilised enormous time to keep abreast with these through training and development.

The Faculty is pleased to announce outstanding results for both the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate for the Year 2004 and is grateful to the students for raising the bar for our current and future students. We had thirteen students (15 percent) achieving "A" grades for various TAS subjects in School Certificate and a number of Students achieving Band sixes and Band Fives for Industrial Technology (Timber and Multimedia Industries) and excellent competencies achieved in Hospitality VET Courses. These results were only possible through enthusiasm, dedication and hard work placed by the students. Credit also goes to parents and care givers for their support by providing resources and time to the boys especially for completing the Major Design Projects.

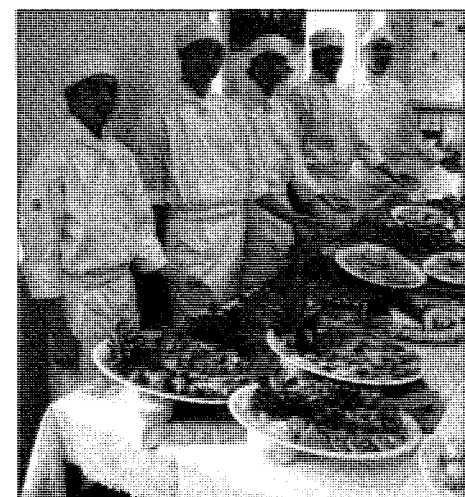
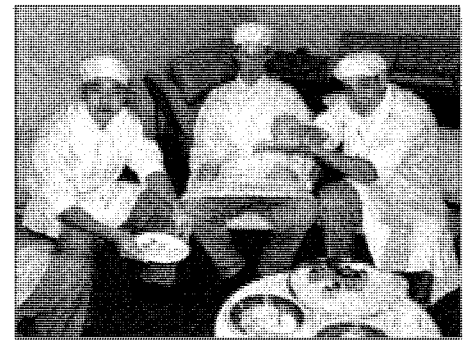
Technology has revolutionised the way we work and it is a world where it is a necessity rather than a luxury. In the TAS Faculty we use technology in an enormous way by combining technology with tools and materials to create innovative products. We continue to work hard to upgrade our facilities so that our students get a head start when dealing with realities of workplace after leaving school for occupation. We are grateful to our community for their continued support in funding these projects and I wish to stress that without the support it would be impossible to produce the results we deliver.

This year we completed all the major design projects in Industrial Technology for Timber and Furniture Industrials as well as Multimedia Industries. The projects were displayed in the staff common room and feedback from parents and Industry experts were encouraging as the Folios and Products were of extremely high quality. The boys utilised enormous hours of their own time before school and during holidays to achieve the high level of craftsmanship displayed.

The Hospitality students have displayed their skills at various school functions and done professional catering for various functions. They are great chefs and ensure that every detail is taken into consideration to give the total experience to their clients. Year nine Food Technology classes had visited the Centrepoint Tower in Term 3 to experience "cooking in the clouds". They were thrilled and had an experience of a lifetime. As part of their course requirements, our Hospitality students often go on work placements and I would like to thank the various organisations for their continued support to enable our boys successfully complete their courses. The experience greatly assists in translating to the food industries and impacting on the career decisions related to major food organisations.

This year we saw major changes in curriculum, largely due to the introduction of new syllabus documents for stages 4 and 5 (Years 7 to 10). The traditional documents were largely revised to ensure that we are current with modern methods and technology. The changes are more directed to the appropriateness and relevance and have some name changes when compared against the traditional courses.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Senior executive, staff colleagues, ancillary staff, parents, members of the community and of course the students who made me feel welcomed and settled in the position and continue giving ongoing support to help maximise the learning opportunities for our students. I also acknowledge Mr. R. Fong's willingness and professionalism in accepting to render his services when called at such a short notice. I had an excellent year at the school and wish to extend my appreciation to everyone. I wish all the students well and success in their examinations and future endeavours.



Year Advisors Reports.....

Mrs K. Gabor, Year 7 Adviser

Finishing primary school and starting high school can be one of the most significant times in students' lives. They arrive at high school on Day One with a mixture of excitement, fear, bravado, anguish and uncertainty.

Who are my teachers? What stationery do I need? How am I going to carry the 20-odd kilograms of textbooks and exercise books? Where am I supposed to be? When do my classes start? How can I remember homework and will I be able to complete it satisfactorily and on time? What are the rules of the school? What if someone picks on me?

By now, the vast majority of students have found the answers to all these questions. They were extremely busy from the very beginning of the year and were provided great opportunities to excel in a wide range of fields.

They saw an anti-bullying play and learnt some strategies on how to combat this very anti-social activity. They

visited Taronga Zoo as part of their science studies. They completed the state literacy and numeracy assessment ELLA and SNAP and achieved at a very high and proficient level. They voted for their leaders, Jackson Hua and Roberto Speranza, the year 7 representatives in the SRC and, thus, experimented with the democratic system that makes Australia such a great place to live in. They took part in the Swimming and Athletic Carnivals and a large number of them displayed a lot of talent. They acknowledged Robert Rafael's exceptional skills in the swimming pool and helped raise money for him to go and compete in an important event in Victoria, in November.

One of the highlights of the year must have been the three-day camp at the Collaroy Centre. This year, exceptionally, the camp was held in August rather than at the very beginning of the year. However, bonding took place before that, and I am very pleased to see that many friendships have materialised

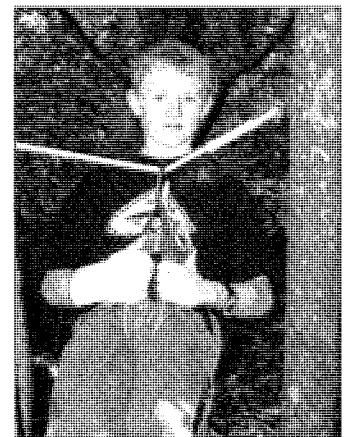
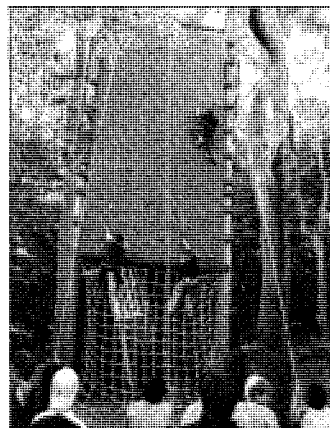
in the last twelve months. Hopefully, they will last for many years to come. That is, at least five more years.

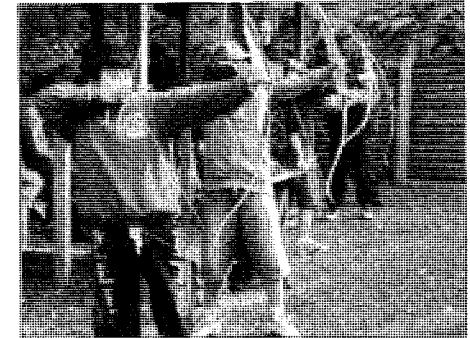
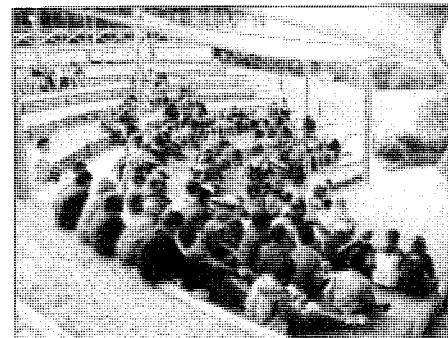
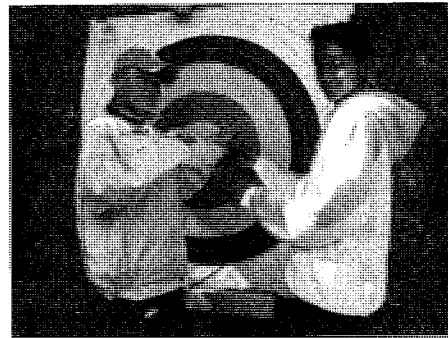
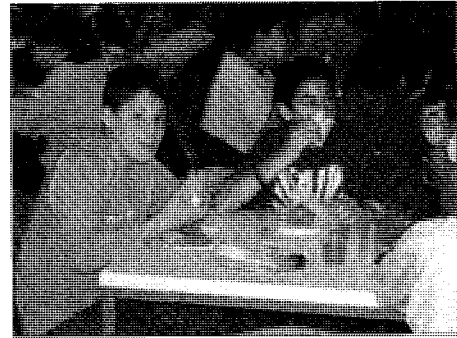
Another purpose of the camp was team-building which was achieved during the exciting and challenging physical activities all students took part in. It was very rewarding to see many students help the less confident ones, encourage them and contribute to everybody's high self-esteem. I would like to thank the teachers who attended the camp – Ms Chapman, Ms Martinez, Mr Wilson, Mr Thomson, Mr Hilliard and Mr Herd – for their efforts and commitment to make it a very successful one.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parents, staff and students who have made this year such a memorable one for me. I look forward to continuing in the role of year adviser, as the 196 year-7 boys of 2005 turn into the fine young men I know they will be in 2006 and beyond.

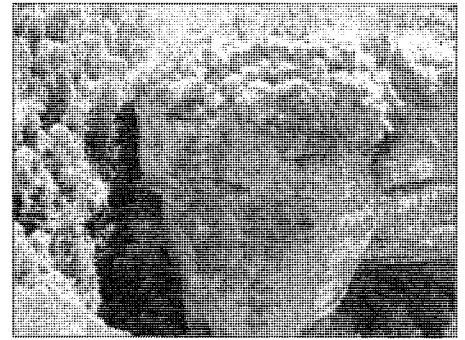
Year 7 Camp.....

The three day camp at the Collaroy Centre was a great opportunity for Year 7 to consolidate teamwork.





Year 7 Geography Camp.....



Ms Barbara Gobel, Year 8 Adviser

We recently farewelled our year 12's for 2005. It is with fondness and pride and even sadness that we watch another cohort file out from our school and into the big wide world. Sitting there, under the fig tree, eating and reminiscing with the boys and staff, the comment was made to me that in a few short years we will be saying farewell to our current year 8's.

Mohammed Zaoud, our current school captain, spoke for some time during the presentation and his audience was captivated. It is simply amazing what six years can do to a person. Mohammed was eloquent, lucid, funny, mature and his grooming was impeccable. I sat and watched and listened and I thought, Homebush Boys has helped make this boy a confident, well educated man.

Then I looked beyond Mohammed at Chris Pooley, senior prefect elect for 2006. I taught Chris in Years 8 and 9 and, even though I see him all the time, it was at the Year 12 farewell that I realised that he too had become an eloquent, mature, impeccably groomed young man in a very short space of time.

Of course my attention naturally turned to our captain for 2006, Stephen Speirs,

yet another leader among us with enviable qualities. When did Stephen, who I have also taught for a couple of years and who I am currently teaching now, become this amazingly polished and refined young man? It almost felt as if I had walked out of a classroom 5 minutes ago instead of 3 years ago and had walked back in again to find these amazing students.

Just as I started to come out of my spinning time warp, Mohammed mentioned that these current year 12's started as Year 7's the year Sydney hosted the Olympics -back into the time warp, plummeting and twisting, I went.

In my mind's eye I can still see these Year 11's and 12's, tearing around the school as Year 8's. PE uniforms, ties askew, shirts often grubby and hanging out, too busy to stop and speak properly - just like my lovely lot. "Howsitgoin-miss?", "Whasupmiss?" "Ya-gone-at-de-campmiss?"

I have despaired, I must admit, but now I know that in the blink of an eye I will be on the receiving end of "How are you Miss?" or "I am looking forward to the camp Miss."

Even now I see such a difference in the Year 8 boys since they started at Homebush Boys. New and strong friendship groups are forming which will take them through to Year 12. They are active participants in debating and sporting teams. Their work in Visual Art and DT is truly amazing. They are growing taller and stronger and bit-by-bit, more mature. Next year they are no longer the juniors of the school and they begin their School Certificate courses. In too short a time they will begin their HSC and, before any of us know it, you and I and the staff and the entire current Year 8 crew will be sitting under the fig tree, eating and reminiscing and saying goodbye.

Have faith in them - they will become mature, eloquent, well groomed young men in all too short a time - just like the year 12's of 2005.

Ms Julie Bowe, Year 9 Adviser

As usual our boys have done remarkably well academically – a credit not just to their teachers but to their own application and diligence. It has been an interesting and rewarding year for the group, and they have involved themselves in so much it would take pages to document all their many and varied activities and achievements, however, we have competed and performed above state average in English, Maths, Science, Computer and Geography competitions; particular congratulations to Alex Burjan and Shen Guo.

Sporting prowess continues to be demonstrated in grade sport and throughout the various carnivals; Vitale Roqica, Nathan Massey, Giorgio Speranza, David Paterson and Hasan Meslesmani to name only a few. We have many outstanding students in

the sporting arena: Noah Essaghir has displayed his full potential at a national level in Ice Skating and Matthew Robson in Table Tennis.

Musical talent has been displayed and further emphasises the enormous opportunities provided by the school to excel in a range of fields. Congratulations must go to Elison Furneaux-Bate for his contribution to drum corps, Emre Mehet and Injae Kwak for their musical performances to a full house this year at the 2005 Variety Night.

This year we have made a committed contribution to school citizenship and leadership. Mehran Modasser, Harichandra Rajaji Rajagopalan and Emre Mehet have been involved in representing students on the Student Council in 2005 and continuing to lead

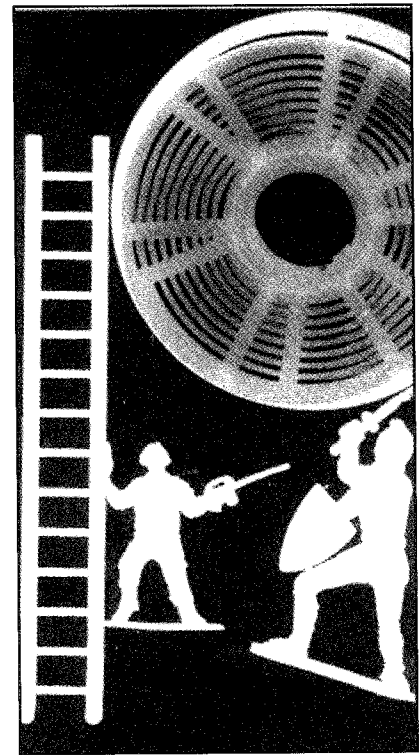
our year assemblies. Also a number of enthusiastic, hard working students were involved in the Chess Club and in Project E which has created a valuable learning object that will provide ICT skills to students in English. Special thanks to Peter Ayre and Kaan Sozen.

Finally I would like to thank the parents, guardians, staff and students for helping to make this an enjoyable year. I hope to be ongoing in the role, as these young men continue to represent the best qualities of our school.

Next year is a particularly important year to establish good study habits for the School Certificate and the HSC; I look forward to the continued support and maturity of these young men.



Above and right: Some beautiful examples of Photographic Artwork from Ms Menzies Year 9 class.



Mr Brett Wilson, Year 10 Adviser

2005 marks the end of a chapter for some, who 4 years ago arrived at Homebush as keen, fresh faced boys. They leave as well rounded young men with fond memories of their time here. For the majority the conclusion of Year 10 is the next step in their education future and the continuation of opportunities from which to derive success.

The ends of the schooling spectrum provide the dominating events of this year. A three day outdoor camp which emphasized trust, teamwork and challenges and the School Certificate exams, two days of essays, thinking,

recalling, hoping and in some cases praying for the desired result.

The Outdoor camp managed by Optimum Experiences was fitting of their catchcry “ you might not remember the optimum but you’ll never forget the experience”. Three days of camping in 2 man tents, preparing meals and tackling activities such as canoeing, abseiling and mountain biking left the boys richer for the experience. New bonds were formed and old ones were strengthened and the good times certainly won’t be forgotten.

The latter portion of the year was dominated by exams and the all

important subject selections for Year 11 2006. The selection process was made somewhat easier via an Information Day for the boys and a evening for the parents. The general consensus is choose wisely, play to your strengths and be prepared to put the effort in.

Year 10 has developed into a cohesive group of young men whose talents stretch from the academic, through music, art, design, technology, debating, youth leadership, culinary expertise and on to the sporting field. I congratulate the boys on their mateship, motivation and maturity.

Joshua Tarrant-Windt and Garth Andrews wrote these texts in The School Certificate Trials. Both raise important issues.

To the editor,

As a concerned and somewhat passionate movie-goer, I can't stand by and simply watch the destruction of the old classic cinemas. The Chauvel, the Valhalla! Where now can we go to get away from the mainstream? What cinema now would have the slogan 'If other cinemas have it, we don't'?

It is a travesty that such culturally significant institutions are being swept away without ever a word of protest. No doubt these buildings will now become multi-million dollar apartments – a worthy cause if ever there was one.

Will this now be the last time we see all those classics on the big screen? Must we now be contented with watching \$30 DVD's on an 18 inch box? Never more will we find Kurusawa's take on Japanese society, or the original and best horror films like Frankenstein and Nosferatu.

Society must protect these grand old dames of Australian culture, and society must realise that these institutions are far more important than a block of flats.

Joshua Tarrant-Windt

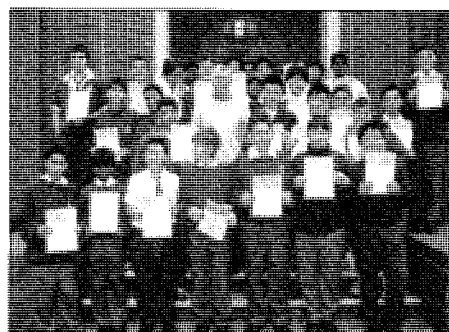
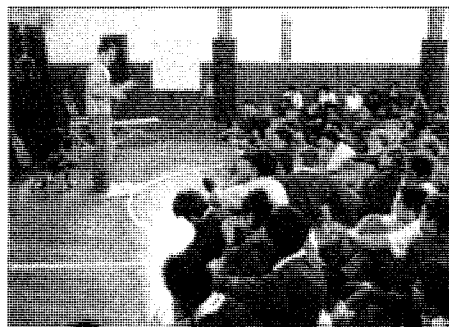
To the editor,

We talk about protecting the economy, and nature, but one thing that is almost never mentioned is our culture. The Americanisation of the entire world is an insidious epidemic. We are losing our national identity. If England is the mother country, then America is our evil stepmother.

Australia's multiculturalism is what makes it so unique. No other population in the world has such a wide range of ethnic backgrounds. However, we are slowly becoming more and more like the good ol' US of A. Just like so many other countries. Pretty soon we will all be singing 'Stars and Stripes Forever'.

If this continues will we even remember what it is to be Australian? If this worldwide massacre of culture continues, the world will become a featureless, porridge-like goo. With the Golden Arches around every corner, can we really afford to lose any more of our culture to the Americanisation epidemic?

Garth Andrews

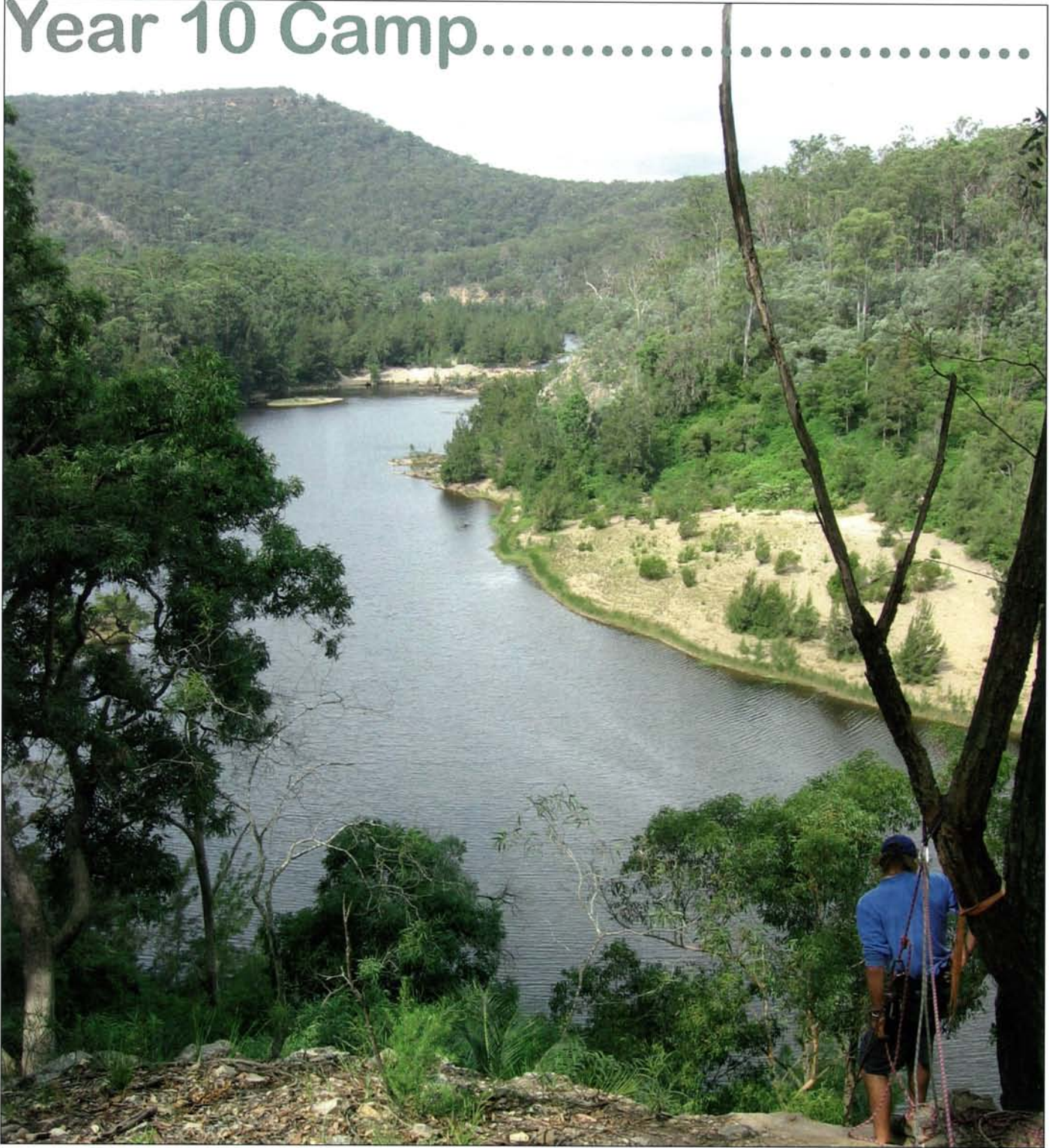


LEAVES

They sing in the mist at night when the silent wind blows,
 As its secrets are told through the winds of time,
 They're always on the flow.
 Moving motionlessly like the cloud above,
 But whisper to tell you they're there.
 Their colours are beautiful,
 Each pose is an art work of a delicate statue we see.
 They huddle together in winter,
 And never let go in summer,
 But one by one they look above and make their final journey.

James Yoon

Year 10 Camp.....



Below is an extract from a longer article written by Mitchell Reid.

After a quick swim down at the river we continued on another initiative activity. The low ropes course was quite comfortable and easy at the start, but that was before the boys had to work in teams to get a number of people across the ropes at one time. This proved to be very tricky for all the boys with not one group able to complete the course fully without falling off. After we completed the low ropes we headed back across the field for lunch.

Duty group again did their job well, and we all got a good substantial meal. During and after lunch the boys began to pack up their things, knowing that this great experience was coming to an end. Once we had finished our lunch and all our belongings were packed

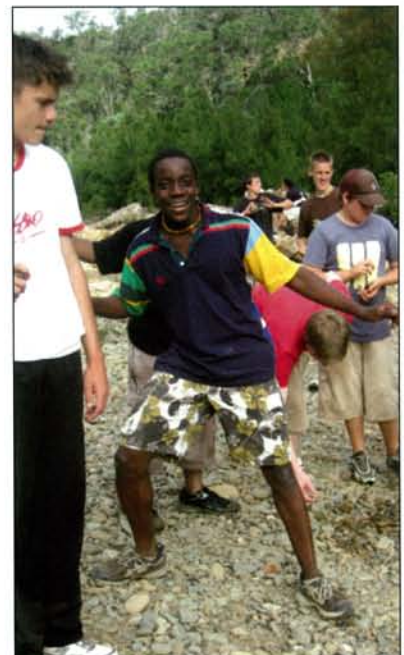
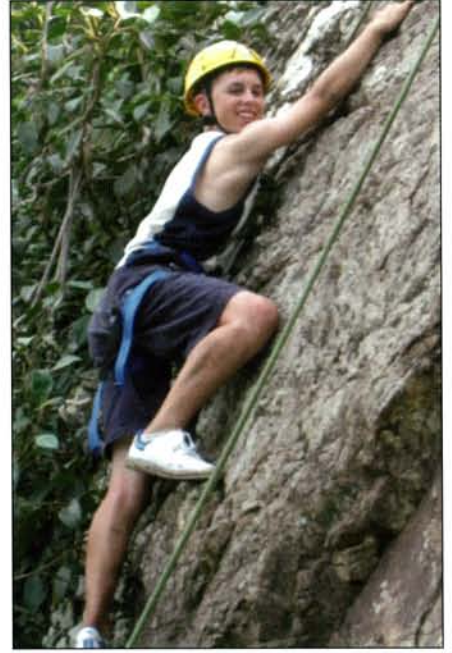
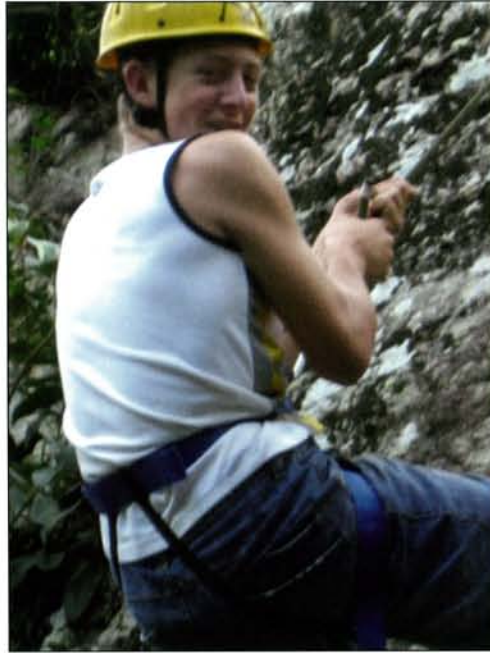
up we headed back across the grounds to the flying possum.

The thing I liked most about the flying possum was the effort put in by the group. The person who got the last ride had as good a go as the person who went first. We all worked well together in the pulling department, not afraid to get dirty in the dust pile that lay ahead of us. The highlight of this activity was Daniel Lameri's attempt to go upside-down. After the completion of the flying possum it was only a short walk down to final activity of the camp.

I'm not sure what the activity was called but it wasn't really a test of your physical ability but a test of your brain. The fastest thinkers excelled in this activity. The challenge was to

swing on a rope which was hanging from the tree above. You had to swing and land in one of the hoops below without falling out of the hoop. But the catch was that you could only have a certain number of feet in the hoop at any one time. As there were a limited number of hoops, our mathematical skills had to go to work to figure out a way in which to fit everyone in. This all had to be done as fast as we possibly could. Josh and Adam were good leaders in this challenge as they were good at thinking fast and intelligently.

We all noticed that it brought out the best in us and showed us that such qualities as teamwork, leadership, communication and friendship are the ones that can really help us in a lot of facets in our lives.







Mr Joe Philip, Year 11 Adviser

It has been once again a very busy and successful year for Year 11 students. To some the rigours of the Preliminary proved to be quite a challenge, whilst others excelled in the application that was demanded of senior students.

On the academic front we have some exceptionally talented and hardworking students who have excelled and produced some outstanding results in their preliminary course.

Once again many Year 11 students showed their talents and abilities through the many and varied extra-curricular activities that are on offer at our school. Some of the highlights of the year include:

Chess Team

Edwin Lee
Wilson Petrushnko
Drum Corp
Wilson Petrushnko

Stephen Speirs
Mitchell Pike
Eddie Wu
Danny Kim
Jeremy Pinto
Andrew Ngyuen

SRC

Wilson Petrushnko
Adrian Alim
Omar Youseff
Chris Mustafa
Stephen Speirs
David Gonzales

Public Speaking

Wilson Petrushnko
Chris Pooley
Both received Highly Commended (Eisteddford Comp 05)

Debating

1st speaker Wilson Petrushnko
2nd speaker Chris Pooley
3rd speaker Stephen Speirs
4th speaker Mohammad Bardouh
(Regional champions; one win away from grand finals)

Fashion Parade

Ryan King

Wilson Petrushnko
David Gonzales
Chris Mustafa
Beau Payne
Mohammed Bardouh
Rohan Gray
Janahan Jayaratnam
Omar Youseff
Danny Kim
Adrian Alim
Marvin Lim

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Janahan Jayaratnam
Eddie Wu
Rodan Vuong
Keneth Tao
Johnny Chong
Greg Lee
Aaron Chur

MUNA (Model United Nations Conference)

Wilson Petrushnko
Stephen Speirs

Peer Mediation:

Janahan Jayaratnam
Omar Youseff
Chris Pooley
Adrian Alim

One of the high points of the year was undoubtedly the election of our School prefects for 2006. Seventy worthy candidates stood for these positions, but unfortunately only twenty one could be elected. Congratulations to all these boys, and in particular to the following boys who were elected to the school student executive body.

Captain:

Stephen Speirs

Vice Captain:

Wilson Petrushnko

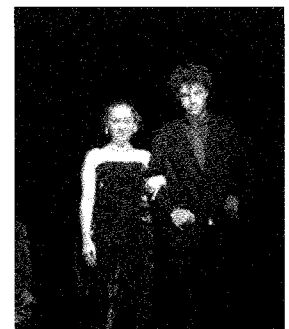
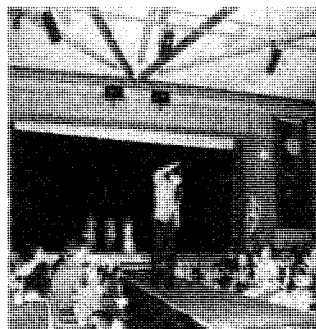
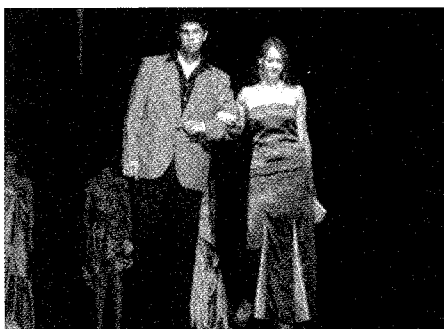
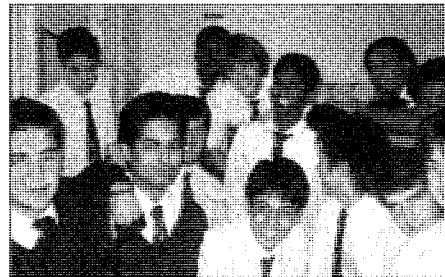
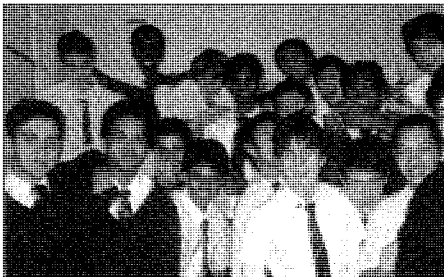
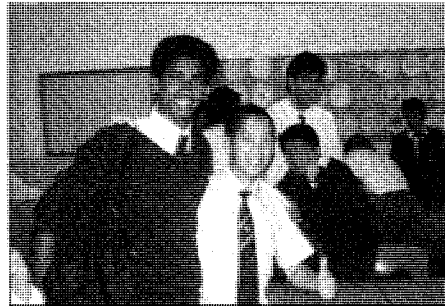
Senior Prefect:

Chris Pooley

I am sure that all three will be amply suited to carry out their duties in their respective roles.

It has been my pleasure to act as Year Adviser to such a group of fine young men. I wish them all the very best for their HSC year.

Year 11 celebrate the end of the year.....



Year 11 Premiers Debating Challenge.....

Wilson Petrushnko, Year 11

The team consisted of Wilson Petrushnko, Chris Pooley, Stephen Speirs, Mohammad Bardouh and Samater Ali. Our coach, who organised everything, was Mr. Elaro.

We all eagerly awaited our first debate because our opponent was James Ruse High School, a highly respected selective school in NSW. We went into the debate being the affirmative team; the team line up was first speaker Wilson, second speaker Chris, third speaker Stephen and fourth speaker Mohammad. The topic was 'That nuclear weapons will prevent another World War.'

This topic was very interesting with both teams having a lot of arguments for their side. During the hour of preparation, we developed a team line which was sure to rattle the opposition placing them on their back foot. Our speeches were simple but effective, we stuck with one major argument and reinforced it throughout the debate and that was, that nuclear weapons create fear and as a result will prevent another World War from occurring. A mission declared impossible by many soon became possible.

The adjudicator awarded the debate to Homebush Boys High School. With the win behind us we knew we needed to produce the same effort we did to beat James Ruse. We did just that however

this time the opposition Westmead forfeited the debate.

When entering our final debate for our group our opposition was Parramatta High School. With two wins already behind us the third win will place us through as Regional Champions. Our 2nd speaker Chris couldn't make the third debate so we found a most capable replacement in Samater. With the absence of Chris the team line up changed slightly placing Mohammad 2nd speaker and Samater the team advisor. The topic for this debate was 'That Prime Ministers should only be allowed to serve two terms' and we happened to be the affirmative team. This time the debate was held at Parramatta High School which meant no home ground advantage. Despite this we came up with yet another strong team line guiding us to another well deserved victory.

With our third victory under our belt it gained us the respect of several high schools including James Ruse and also the title of "Regional Champions"

Our next debate was the Semi-Finals and it was up against another selective school, Giraween. With our commitment and dedication from previous debates it would be a shame to lose it now. So we approached this debate in a positive fashion keeping the winning formula from debate number one. The topic

for this debate was "That one child is enough" and we were the affirmative team. This topic was extremely broad having several arguments for both sides of the topic. With the one hour preparation, we all got under way writing our speeches not wasting a single second.

So the time finally came for us to stand and deliver our speeches. Both sides heavily attacked each other and we knew the outcome of this debate would be very hard to decide. With the final speech concluding, our hearts were pumping and hands were sweating we were eager to await the adjudication. Not to be this time, the adjudicator awarded the debate to the negative team; it came down to the definition. The opposition debated the topic solely on Australian examples whilst we focused on international issues. We showed a sigh of disbelief as the adjudicator explained that the debate came down to the wire and so we lost but however put up an enormous fight to only just go down to Giraween High School. Nevertheless we all enjoyed the series of intense debates.

Finally a HUGE thanks to Mr. Elaro for supporting us all the way and driving us to and from the venue each time using up his valuable time!

Chess Report.....

Mr John Evans, Chess Master

Eight teams - Senior A & B, (Years 12 & 11), Intermediate A, B & C (for Years 9 & 10) and Junior A, B & C (for Years 7 & 8) have been entered in the Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition and were highly successful. Only Sydney Grammar with eleven & Trinity Grammar with nine, entered more teams. Further details of competitions conducted by the NSW Junior Chess League can be found on www.nsw.jcl.org.au.

Normally a competition consists of eight teams - however all of our competitions had a bye. The competition is played after school on Friday afternoons for seven weeks during second term.

Regional and State Finals are played during Term 3.

The highlight for 2005 came from the Intermediate C team who defeated Cranbrook 2.5 to 1.5 in the Regional Quarter Final and then drew 2-2 with the Scotts College in the Semi-Final. A hard fought re-match lasting 2.5 hours saw Scotts successful by 3-1. Well done to Joe

Lu, Jeff Wong, Gordon Tan, Jimmy Yuen & Li Yuan Chen. All the boys are in Year 9 and as such are eligible to play Intermediate Competition again next Year. Their future looks bright.

Other Tournaments

A number of our boys also successfully compete in Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring Holiday - One & Two Day Tournaments at Lidcombe during vacations, Secondary Schools One Day Tournament, Knox Tournament and Normanhurst Invitation Tournament. The boys entry fees were subsidised by the School Excellence Fund - thanks to Mr. Pinkey.

The Chess club meets every lunch time except Wednesday in room 52 for practice. Interested boys are most welcome.

The following boys are in the school chess teams.

Senior A:

The Senior A team consisting of Wilson Petrushnko, Anant Jaiswal, Peter Chen, Kit Lai & Edwin Lee finished fourth on 16 points.

Senior A team won one match, drew four times and lost only once. The team Senior Team drew with Homebush B (2-2), defeated Meriden (4-0), drew with Concord (2-2) & Fort St (2-2) then had a bye, lost to Trinity A (0-4) & drew with Trinity B (2-2).

Senior B:

The Senior B team consisting of Michael Jin, Cheng Zhu, Chen Liu & Frank Zou finished sixth on 12.5 points.

Senior B team won one match, drew, once and lost four times. The team Senior B Team drew with Homebush A (2-2), lost to Trinity A (0-4) & Trinity B (1.5-2.5), then had a bye, defeated Meriden (4-0), and lost to Concord (0.5-3.5) & Fort St (0.5-3.5).

Intermediate A:

The Intermediate A team consisted of: Matthew Ng, Sharangan Maheswaran, Chris Lee & Richard Lu.

The team finished third on 18 points with three wins and lost twice. Intermediate A were defeated by Homebush C (0-4), then

defeated Meriden (4-0) & Concord (2.5-1.5), then had a bye, lost to Trinity A (0.5-3.5) & defeated Trinity C (3-1).

Intermediate B:

The Intermediate B team: David Wang, Jimmy Zhao, Roger Liu & Keith Leong.

The team finished fifth on 13.5 points with one win, two draws and lost three times. Intermediate A defeated Holy Spirit (4-0), drew with Trinity B (2-2), lost to Canterbury Boys (0-4), drew with All Sts. Grammar (2-2), then had a bye, lost to Newington A (1-3) & Fort St A (0.5-3.5).

Intermediate C:

**Division Runner-up
Regional Semi-Finalist**

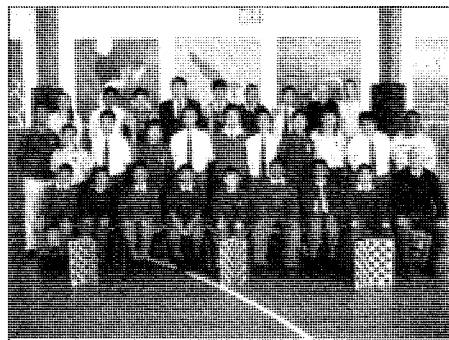
The Intermediate C team consisted of: Joe Lu, Jeff Wong, Gordon Tan, Jimmy Yuen & Li Yuan Chen. The team finished second on 23.5 points. The team had five wins & one loss.

Intermediate C defeated Homebush A (2-2), lost to Trinity A (0-4), defeated Trinity C (3-1), then had a bye, then defeated Meriden (4-0), Concord (2.5-1.5) & Fort St. B (4-0).

The team finished in second place and qualified for the Regional Finals. The team defeated Cranbrook 2.5 to 1.5 in the Regional Quarter Final and then drew 2-2 with the Scotts College in the Semi-Final. Scotts were successful by 3-1 in a hard fought re-match lasting 2.5 hours.

Junior A:

The Junior A team of: Aidan Kirvan, Shivyan Saravanapavanathan, Shawneil Kumar & Douglas Melocco finished a sixth on 10 points with one draw & four losses. The boys found the competition difficult but never gave up and clearly enjoyed their matches.



The School Chess Team

Junior A drew with Meriden (2-2) then lost to Trinity C (0-4) & Newington B (0-4), then had a bye and lost to Trinity A (0-4) & Sydney Grammar B (0-4).

Junior B:

The Junior B team of B team: Mohammed Holali, Sriamurthan Sriharan, Roshan Vasaiwalla, Rohan Verma & Ashvin Vikram Ashok. Junior B finished sixth with two draws & four losses on 11.5 points.

Junior B drew with Homebush C (2-2) and with Sydney Grammar C (2-2), then lost to St.Andrews Cathedral B (1.5-2.5), lost to Fort St. A (0-4), then had a bye and lost to Trinity B (1-3) & Trinity C (1-3).

Junior C:

The Junior C team of B team: David Li, Kabilan Bascaran, Peter Liang, Alexei Bernard & Stephens Thomas, finished fifth with one win, one draw & four losses on 12 points.

Junior C drew with Homebush B (2-2), lost to Trinity B (0.5-3.5) & Trinity C (1-3), then had a bye and lost to Sydney Grammar C (1-3), defeated St.Andrews Cathedral (4-0) & lost to Fort St.A (0-4).

Summer Holiday Tournament

The One Day Tournament was held on Wednesday, 13th January with 186 competitors. Wilson Petrushenko was placed 33rd. Wilson's entry fee was subsidised by the School Excellence Fund

Autumn Holiday Tournament

The One Day Tournament was held at Auburn-Lidcombe RSL Youth Centre Wednesday, 13th April with 277 competitors.. Wilson Petrushenko was placed 54th.

Winter Holiday Tournaments

The One Day Tournament was held on Wednesday, 6th July with 262 competitors. Wilson Petrushenko was placed 122nd.

Secondary Schools One Day Tournament

Two Senior Teams and one Junior (Years 7-9) team entered the Secondary Schools One Day Tournament, held at Lidcombe RSL Youth Centre on Sunday, 26th June.

Our team of Senior A team of Wilson Petrushenko, Peter Chen & Kit Lai was placed fifteenth out of the twenty teams in this tournament. The Senior B team of Matthew Ng, Sharangan Maheswaran & Richard Lu were placed nineteenth in this strong competition.

The Junior team of Joe Lu, Jeff Wong & Gordon Tan finished an excellent seventh out of the thirty-seven teams.

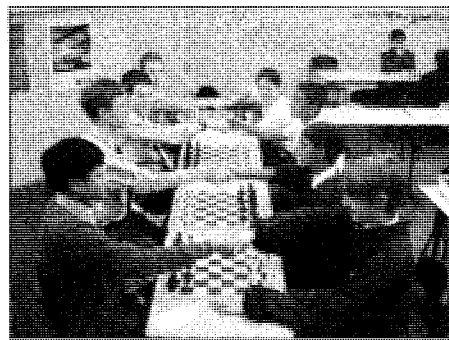
Knox Tournament

The Schools Chess Challenge 2005, held again at Knox Grammar School, was contested by 111 teams from 69 schools.

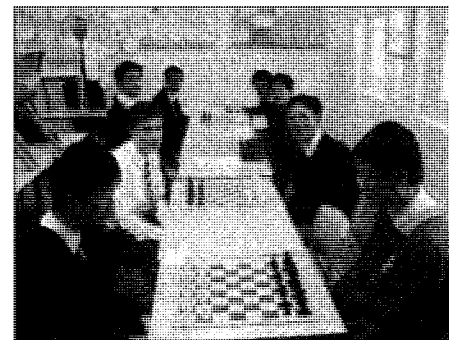
Our team of Joe, Lu, Gordon Tan and Li Yuan Chen was placed 14th out of the 40 teams from 26 Secondary Schools.

Spring - One & Two Day Tournaments & Normanhurst Invitation Tournament These tournaments will be held later this year.

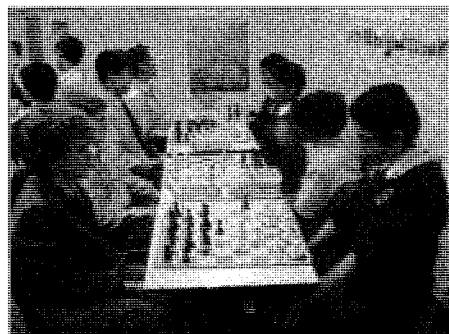
Miss Chan, Mr. Hilliard, Mr.Martin, Mr.Sivasothy, Mr.Doolan, Mr.Reso & Mr.Evans enjoyed the time that they spent with the Chess teams and are looking forward to the 2006 competition.



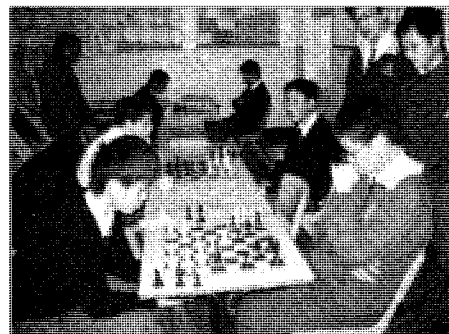
Good sports!



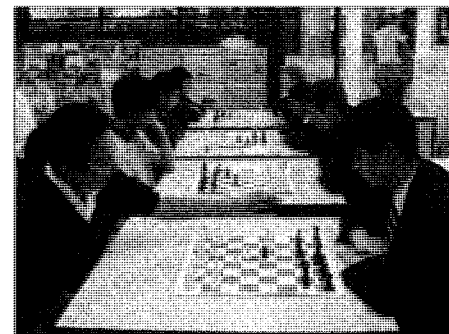
An important game



Junior B versus Grammar



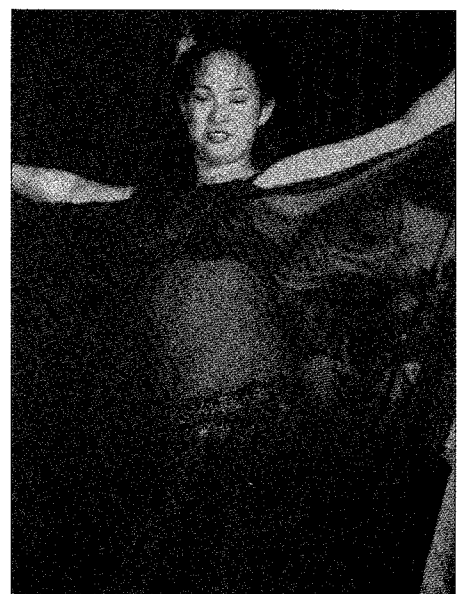
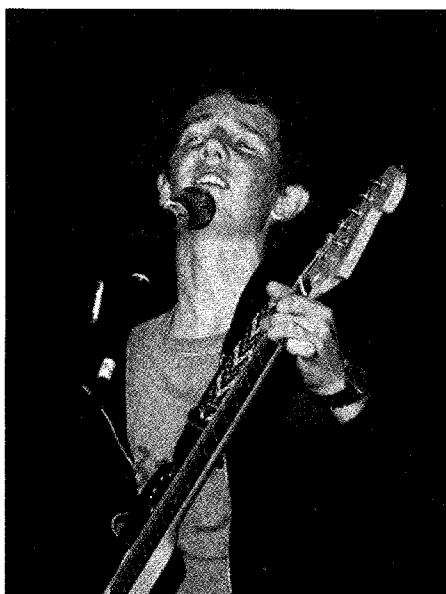
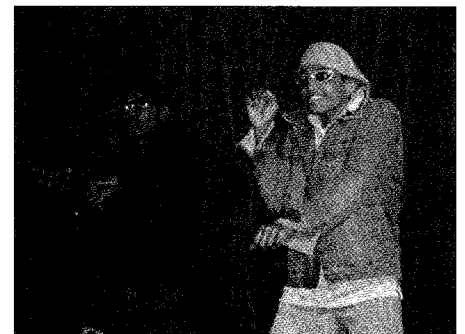
Deep in concentration



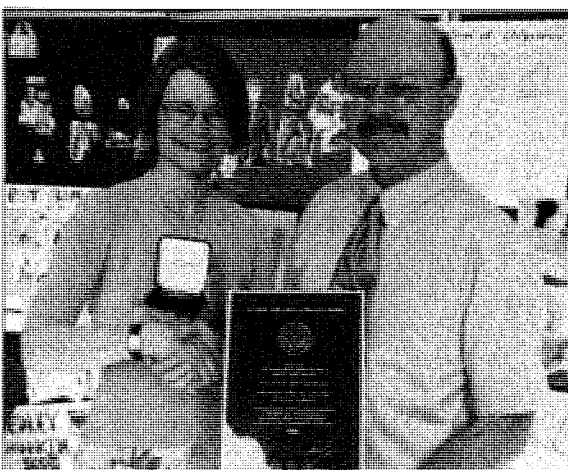
Intermediate B

Variety Night 2005.....

Mr Andrew Smith and his team organised yet another exciting evening for students, parents, community and staff.



National Excellence in Teaching Award



Ian Paterson congratulates Mrs Judith Edwards.

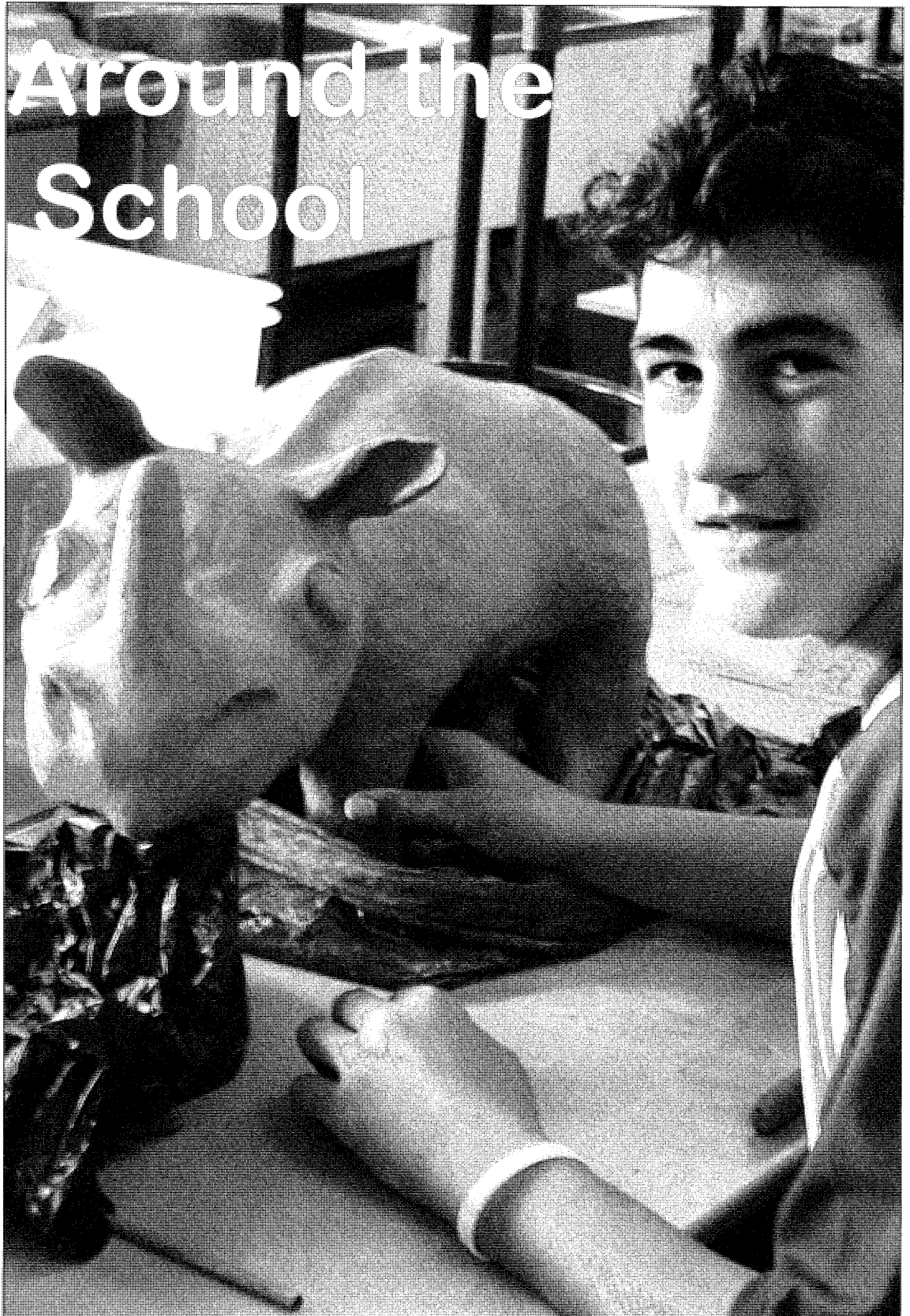
Homebush Boys High teacher, Judith Edwards, has been named as a recipient of the prestigious 'National Excellence in Teaching Award'. The Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) coordinates activities designed to assist students who require Individual Learning Programs.

Judith is a key member of the school Learning Support Team, that oversees all the learning programs in the school. She works with the team to target students who need some extra assistance in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The team investigates all possible ways of helping boys to keep on track with their learning, and liaises with other key personnel within the school as well as members of wider community.

Judith's specialised tutoring programs utilise the assistance of teachers aides, parent readers, and peer tutors from the older students, who assist students to develop their reading and writing skills.

Ms Edwards and the School received the Award for "Outstanding initiative and participation in strengthening relations between the school and its local community, for purposes that go beyond the curricular".

Around the School



Prefect and Student Representative Council Induction Ceremony.....



Max Mason



Abrah Ahmad



Ron Chan



Mina Wannis



Halil Mehmet



Matthew Small



Thomas Kopf-Vulaca



David Gonzales



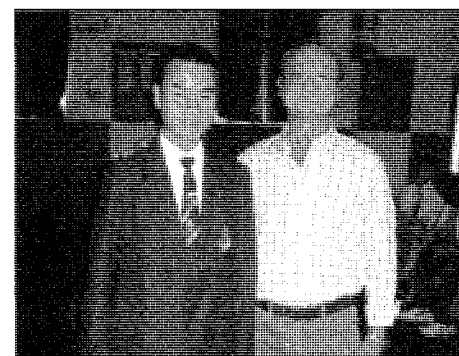
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Simon Watson



Amlan Sharma



Peter Hong



Rabieh Garibeh



Jimmy Yook



Mohammed Zaoud

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Douglas Han



Cameron West



John Tran



Andrew Romaro



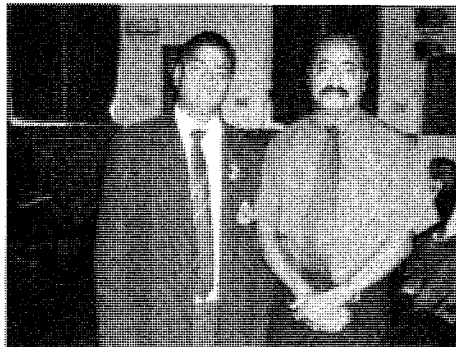
Stephen Li



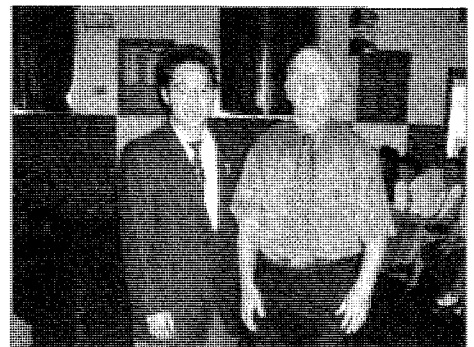
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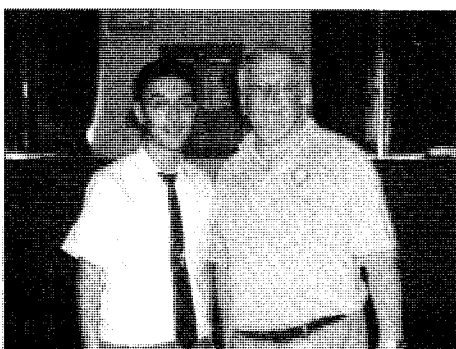
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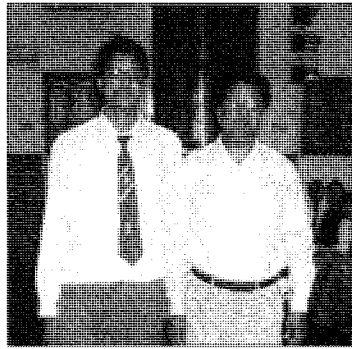


Adrian Alim

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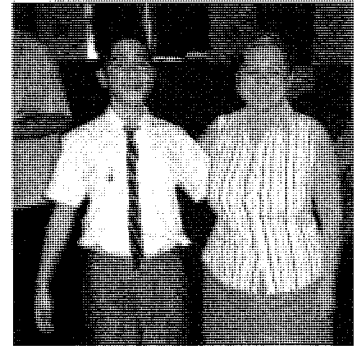
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Joseph Song



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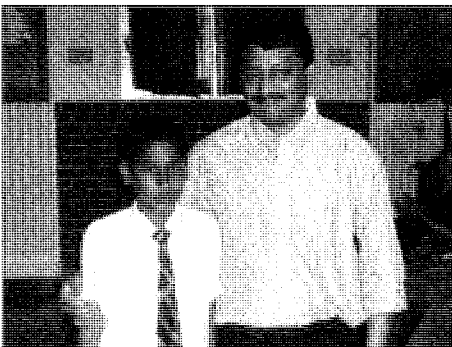
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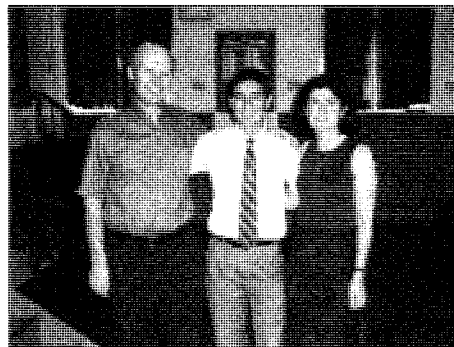
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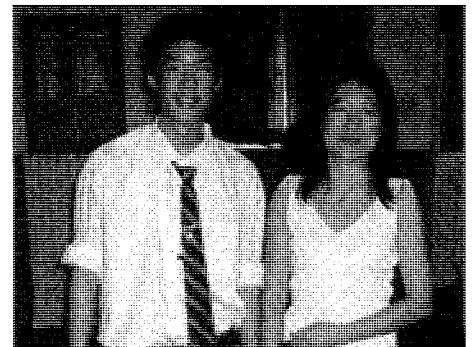
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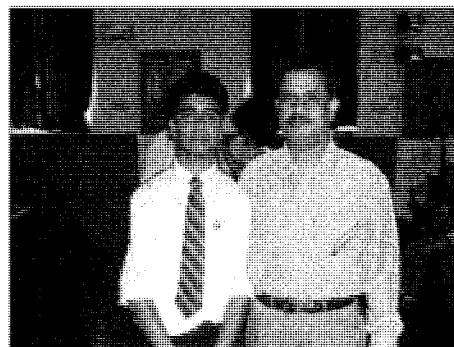
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Darren Virakorn



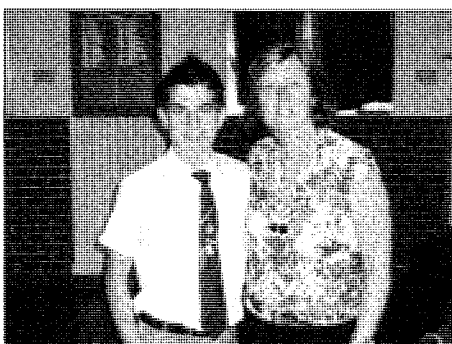
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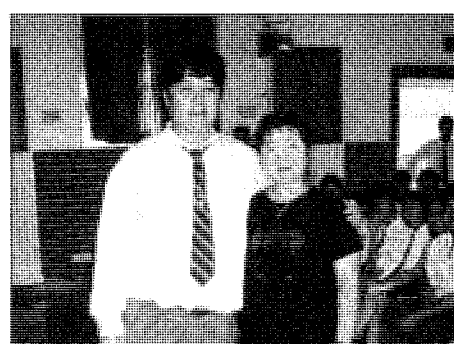
Arbab Ahmad



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Chris Mustafa



Wilson Petrushko



Adam Morgan

Year 7 and Year 10 tread the boards for charity.....

Ms Eleni Conomos, Ms Muruvet Altundag and Year 10 students have worked hard together to prepare Year 7G and 7H for the world premiere of 'The Funeral' - a play promoting tolerance and harmony. In the tradition of the early Shakespeare plays, the boys have to play female roles as well. Congratulations boys for having the self-confidence to do such a great job! Congratulations also to Ms Conomos - playwright, director, and teacher!

From the start, the students and teachers set out to complete this project in order to raise funds for charity. The cast, crew and teachers made numerous phone calls and visits to local businesses to seek support for their project. Businesses were very generous in their contributions of money and goods. Thanks to ACTION SOUND who lent their equipment at no cost.

Thanks also to the many people who purchased raffle tickets. The school raised over \$1,900. This money is for CanTeen, a charity to help young people living with cancer.

PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR

Ms Conomos
Mrs Altundag (2nd in charge)

CAST AND CREW

Garth Andrews	Ashvin Ashok	Kishor Sirikrishnabala
Ethan Rizos	Umair Awan	Tony Lai
Mrs Altundag	David Son	Stephens Thomas
Joshua Vega	Alan Lee	Farhan Khan
Oliver Pase	Tommy Tsui	Abiran Thiyagalingam
Shivayan Saravanapavarantian		Clifford Luu
Luke Pun	River Cheung	Mrs Fernando

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

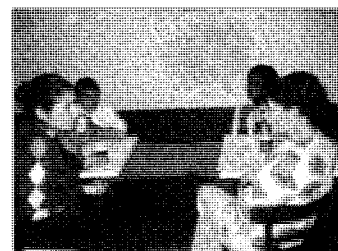
Oliver Pase Abiran Thiyagalingam

HELPERS

Mrs Altundag's Year 10 Studies in Society class

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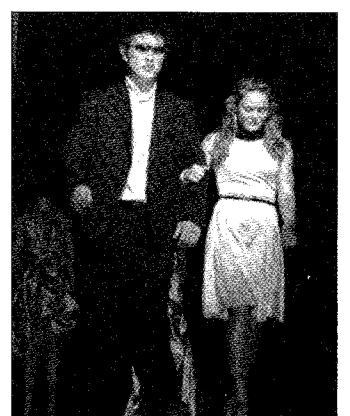
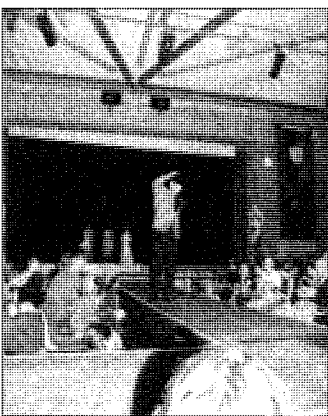
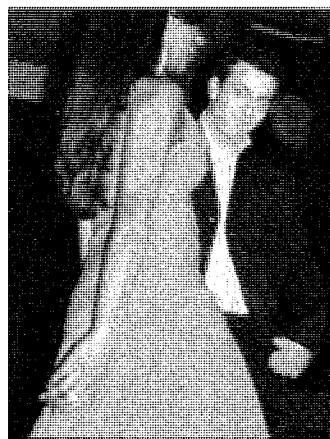
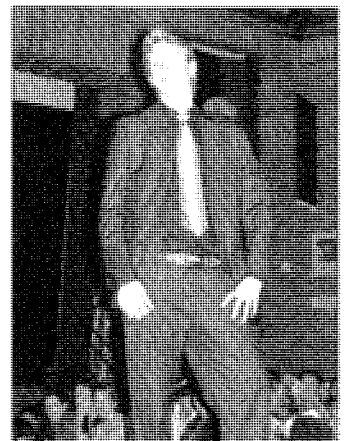
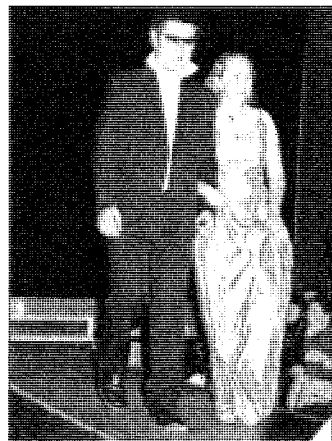
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Boys on Parade.....

They 'strut their stuff on the catwalk' at Burwood Girls High School 12th October

Year 11 and Year 12 students escorted Year 10 Design and Technology students at their annual fashion parade. The students strode the catwalk with great confidence and the girls looked very glamorous in their own creations. The boys looked fabulous and everyone enjoyed the evening.



Homebush Champions win the Nationals.....

Coach, Ms Caitlin Dwyer chaperoned our table tennis team to the National Finals in Melbourne where they were victorious.

Homebush Boys High School achieved the pinnacle of school Table Tennis. They are the Australian champions after winning the Schools National Championships in Melbourne. Xiao Wang and Matthew Robson brought the top honour home after an intense three day competition.

It was Homebush's first tilt at the Nationals. The opportunity came after winning the NSW Combined High School Butterfly Shield in August. The competition was fierce, with nationally ranked players in five of the top school teams. The tournament was open to all schools in all states, with over 40 schools venturing to the Victorian capital to test their mettle.

The standard of play was exceptionally

high. Wang, currently ranked ninth in the Under 16 division, and Robson responded with determination and skill. In addition to their impressive individual prowess, their doubles result was a key factor in the team's success.

Results in the individual competition were strong. Wang was a semi-finalist in the Boys' Opens, while Michael Vuong reached the quarter finals in the same division – no mean feat, given that he is only 12 years old and in Year 7. Homebush Boys' second team, comprising the very promising Vuong, Protik Banerjee and Jas Singh, were ultimately ranked seventh in the Opens competition.

Buoyed by their win, Xiao Wang and Matthew Robson stayed on in

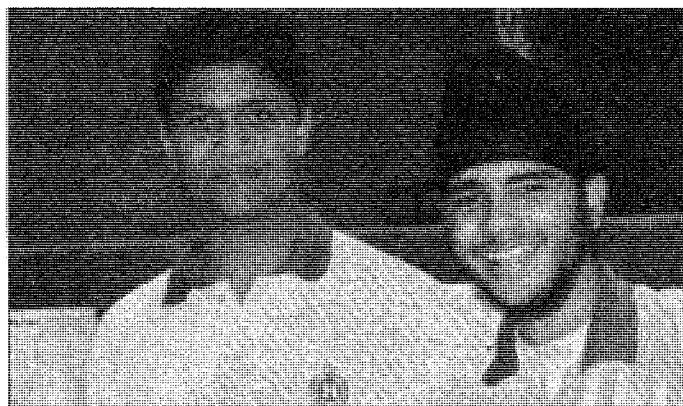
Melbourne for the Under 18s Junior National Championships, where Xiao earned Bronze Medals in the Under 16 and Under 18 Boys Doubles, and in the Under 18 Mixed Doubles. Xiao also achieved outstanding success in the New Zealand Open Championships achieving a Silver Medal in the Under 17 Boys Singles. This was enhanced by his success in the Boys Doubles, achieving the Gold Medal in both the Under 17 and Under 19 Boys Doubles. Xiao also made it to the semi-finals of the singles and doubles in the Under 21 competition.

The team is coached by Social Science teacher, Caitlin Dwyer, who chaperoned the boys on their Melbourne adventure.

Below: The team members enjoy their victory in Melbourne.



Matthew Robson, Michael Vuong and Jas Singh



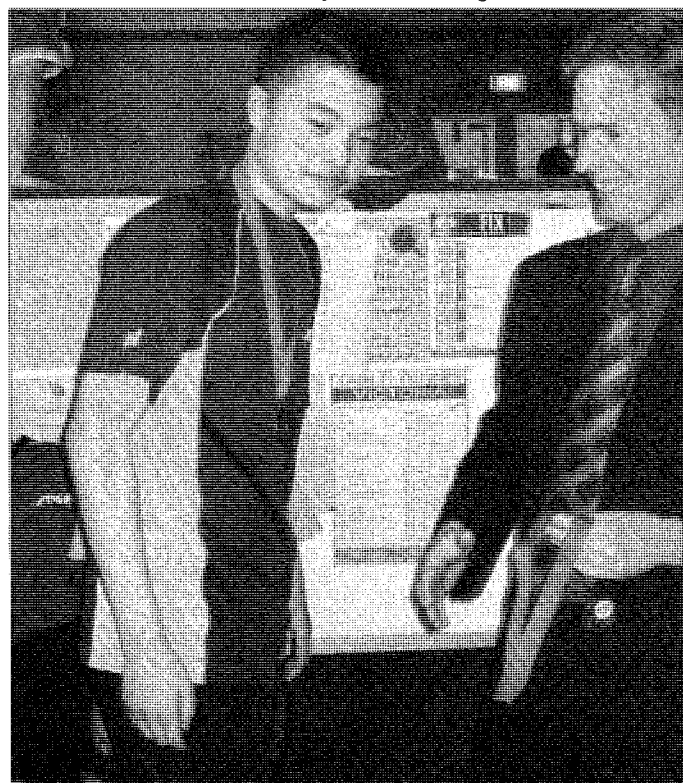
Protik Banerjee and Jas Singh



Xiao and Matthew proudly display their medals.



The whole team show their certificates.



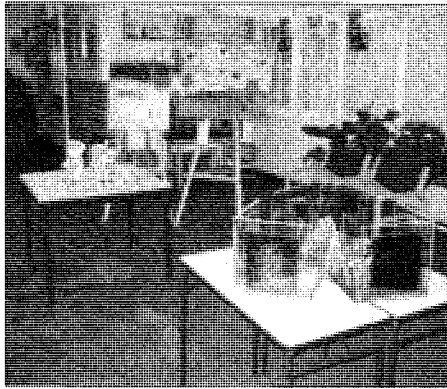
Xiao Wang is congratulated on his win.

Recital Night Concert, 2004.....

The photos below did not make it into last year's magazine, so they have been included this year as they were too good to leave out.



Love the banners!



Artwork on Display



The band played really well.



Rasak and the Brass section.



Mr Smith is in deep concentration.



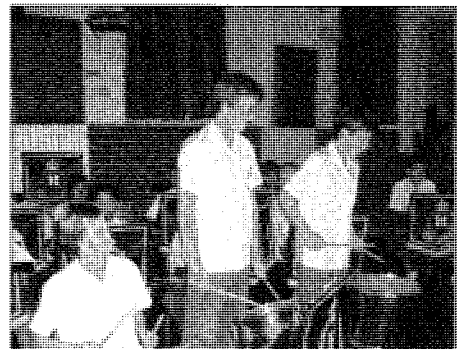
These musicians are focused!



Just love those drums.



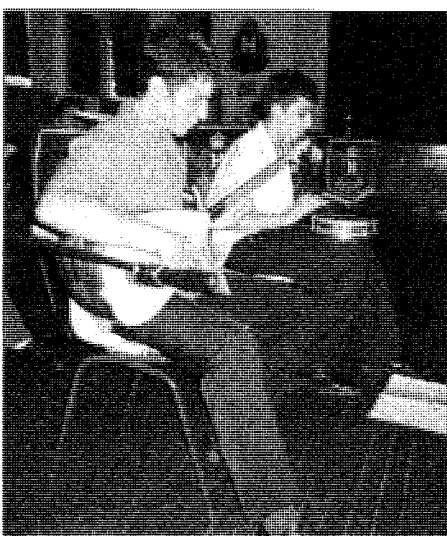
Ms Gobel - a talented musician too.



Nathan, Lindsay and Ellison.



Mr Albertson monitors proceedings.



Emre Mehmet and friend.



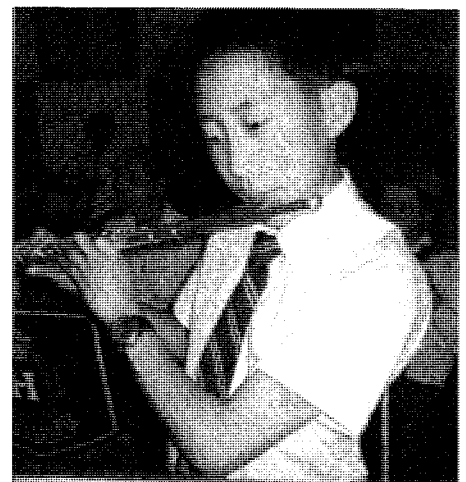
Ms Dahl and Ms Juska.



Douglas Han



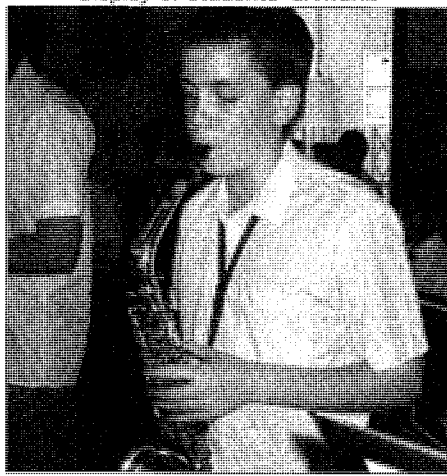
Display of students' artwork.



Jun Choi



Lucy Voronov



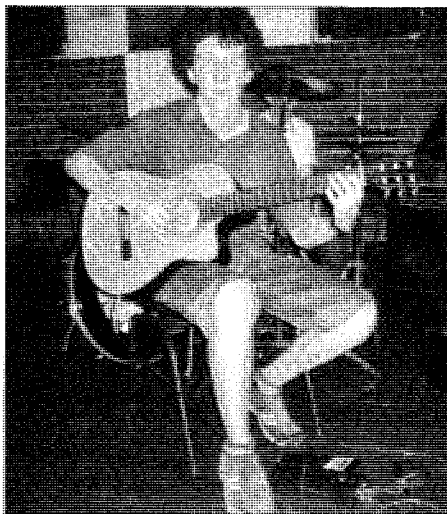
Theo Jack



Garth Andrews



Oliver Pase



Matthew Small



Adrian Clement



Emre Mehmet



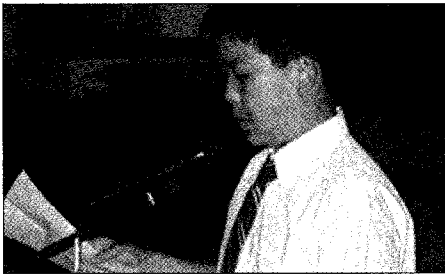
Strike up the band!



Instrumentalists reading music.

Open Day May 2005.....

Open Day is a good opportunity for prospective students and their parents to visit the school.



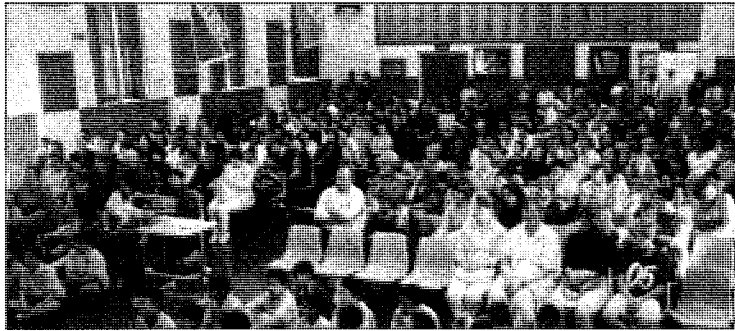
Jackson Hua



Jibraan El-Ahmad with Mr Hilliard



Garth Andrews and the violinists



Guests



The Drum Corps

Air Watch..... Science Faculty

“Airwatch” is a program implemented in the school in about 2001 on behalf of NSW Environment and Protection Authority (EPA) by the Science Faculty staff, Head teacher(s) (Mr. A. Everett & Mr. J. Richardson) and Environment Co-coordinator (Mr. L. Pathan) and Science teacher trialing the program. (Mr. J. Baggaley)

It consists of a programmable datalogging device located in a storeroom area in room 47 which is attached to remote sensors located on the roof above room 46 and 47 and connected by flat cable interface of approx. 20metres length.

Sensors measure wind speed and direction, rainfall, % humidity, barometric pressure both inside and out, dew point and temperature

(inside and outside). Different international units of measurement can be selected and time/date parameters can be set for automatic recording over the selected period.

All equipment and appropriate software called “Weatherlink” was supplied free of charge from the EPA representative Sophie Andreadis. Any upgrades and additional new edition publications are forwarded by mail or posted on the NSW Airwatch website.

The aim of the program is to survey, record and monitor the quality of the air we breathe and the changing weather patterns in Australia.

Airwatch is a nationwide weather data collection initiative with most states in co-operation. NSW was the first state to trial and Homebush

Boys High was the first school to implement the program in 2002 with year 8 science classes.

Our involvement was acknowledged by the press in both the community local papers as well as in the broader dailies. Year 8 students involved at the time, along with their teachers, had their photographs taken to appear both in the regular press and to appear exclusively on the cover of the national EPA magazine.

In the broader surveys, the EPA nominates a certain day when all participating schools and sites take weather data readings from all over the state. This data is then sent to EPA head office site for the NSW co-coordinator who then collates and displays the data for the weather and air status snapshot for state wide NSW.

Still further, specific ‘snapshot’ days are nominated by the EPA for a nationwide weather survey synopsis. Sites in all states send all data to be consolidated by head office EPA in Perth WA. A detailed weather map and air pollution data schematic can then be displayed for Australia nationwide and weather patterns and air pollution trends can be extrapolated from this data.

Although, we did not participate this year due to lapses in equipment maintenance, ‘Airwatch’ will be up and running and on-track to assist in this valuable and essential air and weather data collection, next year. We will do our part in the quest to research and gather data which will help in formulating and implementing long term solutions in order to fix the problems of air pollution.

Student winners.....

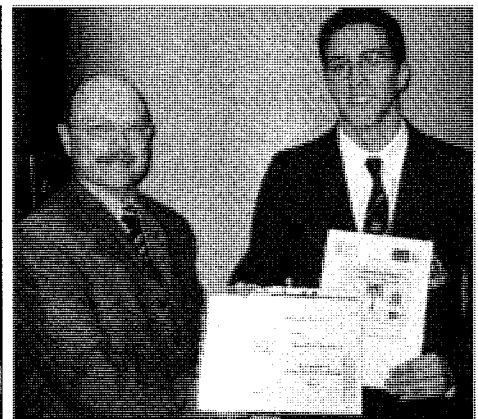
Matthew Petrucci won \$2000 as a recipient of the inaugural Australian Vocational Student Prize 2005.



Economics Competition Distinction winners



Italian Competition winners



Dr Paterson congratulates Matthew Petrucci.



At the Zoo



NAIDOC Week



Lions at the Zoo



Red Cross awards Amlan Sharma



Talented Athletes Program



Year 7 at the Zoo



Fundraising for the Band



The Bendigo Bank relaunch



The Italian Trip



Pascal Wallace - Pierre de Coubertin award



Aboriginal Studies artwork



Duke of Edinburgh award recipients



History Comp. HD winners



Thumbs up!



Zone Golf champions

Year 12 Creative Arts 2005 - Major Works.....



Happy Days - Daniel Frasca



Nik Kovak - Indeed



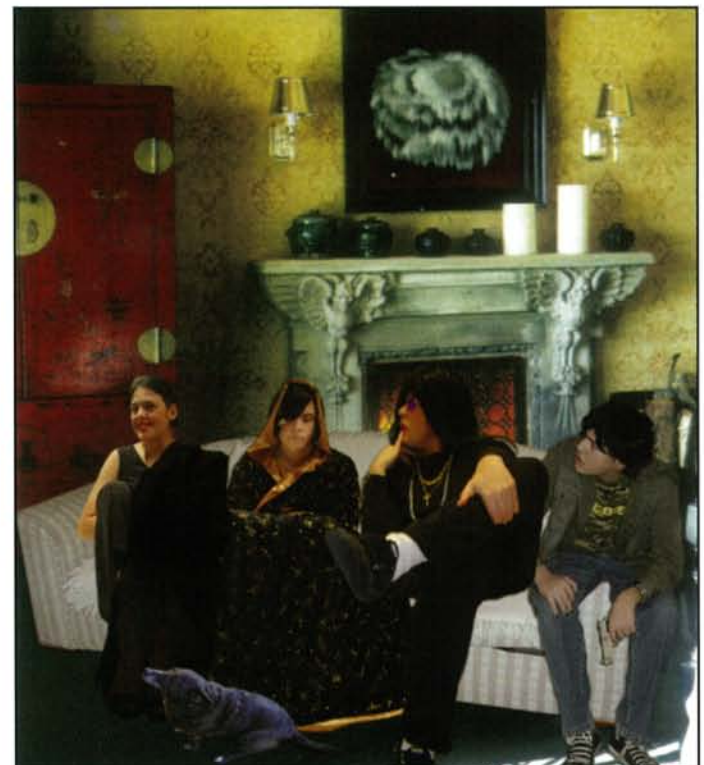
Nikola Kovak - Bonnie Fossil Ad Copy



Nik Kovak - CD Cover



Matt Small - The Triumph of Death

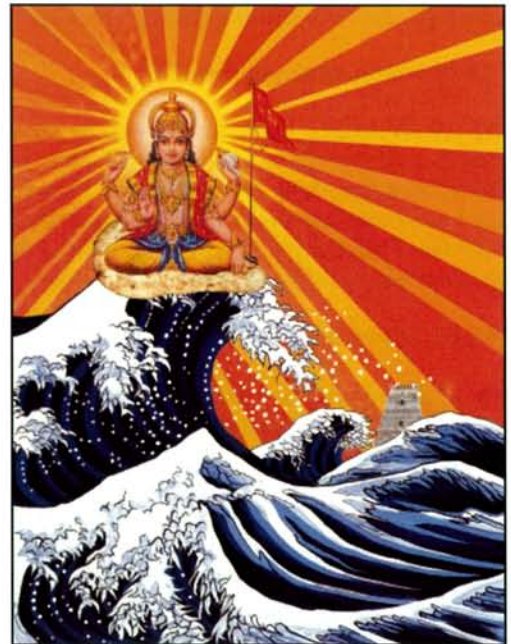


The Osbournes - Daniel Frasca

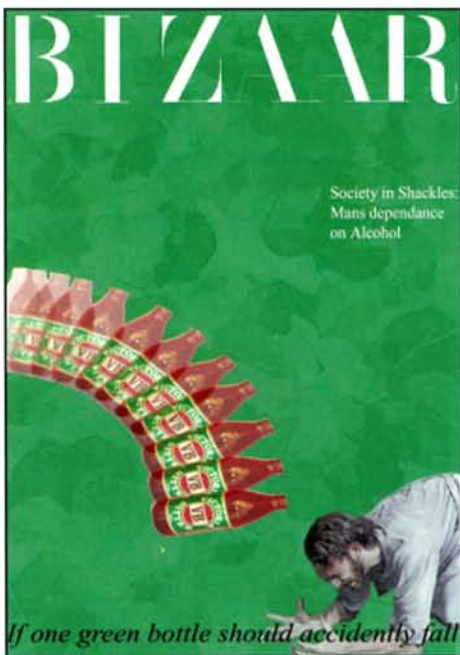
Year 12 Creative Arts 2005 - Major Works.....



The Scream - Matt Small



Homage to Lin Onus - Vishnu Sarpeshkar



Bazaar - Todd Ballard



Hun Kim



Matt Small - Capture



Udeshan Santhikumar - Dancer

This is a type of Bharatanatyam but this is sculptural

evidence from all parts of India that underlines the rich tradition of dance that has flourished over a thousand years ago. Though this evidence, we see that in each part of India dance and music were not only seen as ways to celebrate, but also as offerings of -hip and thanksgoi to the deity. Over the course of time, the dan forms practiced in differ -ent parts of the country were codified and devel -oped distinct identities according to the geog -raphic, socioeconomic and political conditio -ns of each region. All dance forms we -re structured arou -nd the nine Rasas or emotions.

Scared of the Water.....

James Sun's short story evokes the atmosphere of an Australian summer's day.

"There honey, there's the beach!"

We got off the bus. I was blown away by the vast blueness that stretches all the way to the curved horizon. As the water meets the horizon, they both blend in to one. I ran onto the beach, the sand felt warm and smooth. They ran between my toes and slid off when I lifted my foot for the next step. I dug my foot into the sand and I felt the coolness underneath.

"Hurry, lets go for a swim."

My heart suddenly beat faster. I didn't want to expose my flesh to the public. I'm too embarrassed by my body to do such a thing. I wished I had a lean body instead of a fatty, wobbly and 'stuffed up' body. I looked around me, there were women in swimmers that barely held, men lying in the sand sunbaking, mothers chasing their little ones and young couples on top of each other kissing passionately. And they all had good bodies.

"C'mon, what's taking you so long?"

Reluctantly, I took off my shoes, my socks, then my shirt and lastly my shorts. I stood there feeling stark and exposed. I looked up at my mother. She was looking out into the horizon with her hand shielding her eyes from the sun. I admired my mother – she doesn't have a supermodel's body nor does she have Hollywood features. I admired her because I feel she is strong inside. Like a lone wall among a wreckage, still standing. It may not be much of a wall, but, it's standing while others have fallen. My mother is like that, since dad left her, she's been supporting herself while my dad on the other hand,

is hopeless and unemployed.

Off we went to the waters. It was a strange feeling – both physically and emotionally. I was glad to go into the water because the water would hide my body. But I wasn't worried about my appearance anymore. I was rather enjoying the feeling of cool warmth and the energy of the waves which the oceans bring about. The waves rushed at me and folded on top of me, pushing me under. I suppose they're like brick walls too. Nothing will stop them. I opened my mouth accidentally got a bucketful of the salty water. It was exciting and exhilarating. The salt was the catalyst – it adds more than just excitement.

I was having one of the best times in my entire life. Like many times before, good times don't last. They end unexpectedly and are always follow by a bad time. I was coming up for a breath of air, I was horror struck when I looked around me. The beach was just a thin line in my vision. I must have drifted out on a rip. My body instantly panicked. I was trying to swim to shore but I never seemed to go anywhere. It was then I started calling out for help. At that moment a huge wave came up from behind me and pushed me down in to the water.

I opened my eyes and begun to cough. I saw a life guard over me, my mother behind him and loads of people crowding around them. I felt even more naked then. I was the centre of attention and I was practically naked. Unexpectedly, my mother rushed at me and hugged me. At that moment everything thing left me, even the sting in my eyes were forgotten in a moment, and it seemed that it was only my mum and I on the beach. Everyone else was silhouette.

Students from Year 10 display their fabulous art works.....



Adrian Clement



Mitchell Starc



Jas Singh



Suda



Mohymin



Mark Di Val

Prize-winning Essay.....

Joshua Tarrandt-Windt from Year 10 won a place in the National Competition

Essay Question: In the next decade how can more businesses and other organizations in Australia be positively encouraged to implement corporate social responsibility practices?

The idea of corporate social responsibility (CSR) is a relatively recent one. Originally proposed in the 1950's¹ and then later implemented in the 1980's² the term has been used both as a means of improving the attitude of corporations towards society as well as cynical publicity stunts. There must be a universal definition, a method of determining a company's competence in regards to CSR management, as well as incentives for companies to take up CSR principles and practices. All of these will help to stop the publicity stunts and encourage businesses to show a more positive attitude when dealing with society.

The lack of a universal definition in regards to CSR means that CSR practices can appear inconsistent and each company puts these principles into practice in different ways. The most commonly agreed upon definition is that stated by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) which is, "business' commitment to contribute to sustainable economic development, working with employees, their families, the local community, and society at large to improve their quality of life."³ Although this definition is widely agreed upon, other definitions can range from "the voluntary role of business in contributing to a better society and a cleaner environment beyond its financial and capital commitments"⁴ to "a company should be accountable to its stakeholders. For this reason the subjects of CSR focus on how companies should identify and 'engage' stakeholders and how they should determine, measure and report the impact of their activities on others."⁵ The former definition is very broad and seems to encourage taking part in activities which may help the environment or the community outside of the function of the business,

whereas the latter definition is more rigid and seems to suggest that CSR practices should focus on those that are affected by the business, rather than help something that is completely apart from the function of the business such as contributing to a charity. Were a set definition agreed upon, the idea of CSR would appear more concrete and viable within the business community. This would also help prevent many inconsistencies between different businesses, when each business is implementing CSR principles differently.

A method of determining how well a business abides by CSR principles would be a big step forward in stopping businesses from espousing CSR values while in actuality refusing to implement CSR policies. Businesses that decide to take on CSR policies and principles should be monitored so as to determine whether that business could and should be labelled as a socially responsible business. This would stop those companies that use the term CSR in relation to their practices merely as a form of publicity, whether to boost sales or as a form of diversion. This form of regulation would mean that companies would be forced to comply with the nature of CSR otherwise risk being publicly denounced for hypocrisy due to their preaching of CSR ideals. Although the ways that CSR is put into practice will always vary from business to business, this idea of monitoring stops businesses from simply espousing CSR principles and then not put them into practice. This idea also means that there is a very tangible advantage to taking up CSR in the form of certification that a business is socially responsible and with it the knowledge that only recognised businesses following CSR principles have that certification.

The best way to attract businesses to the idea of CSR would be to give them an incentive to take up the idea. Although having CSR principles helps with improvements in revenue, growth, access to wider markets, as well as improved reputation,¹ many businesses are reluctant to commit themselves if incorporating these principles requires reform of company policy and values. This means that even though it may be profitable for the business in the long run, the business is more worried about the immediate future. The most obvious and apparent incentive would be the use of cash incentives, such as payouts to help businesses become socially responsible. An idea being touted in the USA is the idea of tax credits for expenses relating to implementing and promoting CSR.² This would be able to prevent the problem of businesses simply espousing CSR principles and not implementing policies, while also proving to be a valuable incentive to new businesses wishing to become socially responsible.

The idea of CSR has been around for a long time and has only been taken seriously relatively recently. The idea of a business being responsible not only for its profits but also for its employees and the community is an idea that is entirely positive and beneficial. It is through the creation of a universal definition, checks and regulations to determine how well CSR policies are being implemented, and incentives to encourage more businesses to take up socially responsible practices, that CSR remains a positive and encouraging idea. These ideas will make sure that businesses positively embrace CSR and more businesses continue to embrace it over the next decade.

Joshua supplied a detailed bibliography with this essay.

A Rare Jewel.....

Peter Bijjani writes a moving tribute to his grandfather

I was standing among strangers in a foreign land. Despite the ruins of old buildings and the pollution caused by the civil wars, and despite how distant I felt from my home in Australia, there was something special in the air.

There I was, breathing the air my ancestors were once breathing a long time ago. This foreign land that I was standing on was once called my family's home, a land that I had never seen before in my life. A land that had closed its doors behind a fleeing family at the beginning of a twenty-four year civil war, a war that not only destroyed the life of my family but that of many others.

Then I met an elderly man. A precious person that I have learnt to cherish forever. That elderly man was my grandfather. A man I had never seen before in my life.

My grandfather was a tiny, skeletal man whose face reflected much sadness and a very hard life. Tears of joy ran down from his blue eyes over wrinkled skin, as he saw his daughter for the first time in 22 years and the grandchildren he never knew by sight, he

only knew them in his heart.

Suddenly the photos I'd seen of my grandfather were vividly true and I realised these three months were going to be very important. I promised myself to make this a memorable time that could be treasured forever.

My grandfather lived in a small village situated two hours from Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. I was to learn that Kahili is a tiny Catholic village in the 'Holy Land' of Lebanon.

The weeks that I passed with my grandfather were filled with long and exciting journeys to north Lebanon and spectacular trips to historical and holy buildings that dated back to the times of the Romans. The marvellous sights of the country side and Greek ruins left me fascinated. However, the most cherished and memorable times were those evenings spent with my grandfather. They were filled with exciting talks about his journey of life during the civil war.

The most astonishing thing he talked about was how he tricked the soldiers who trauma-

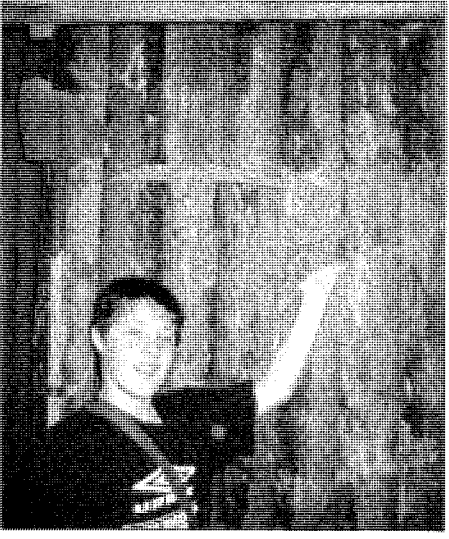
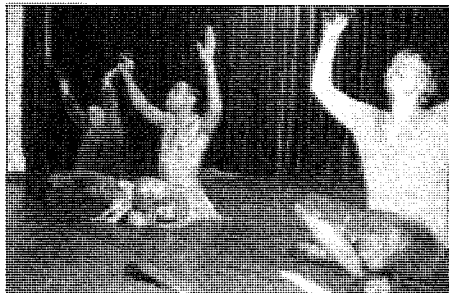
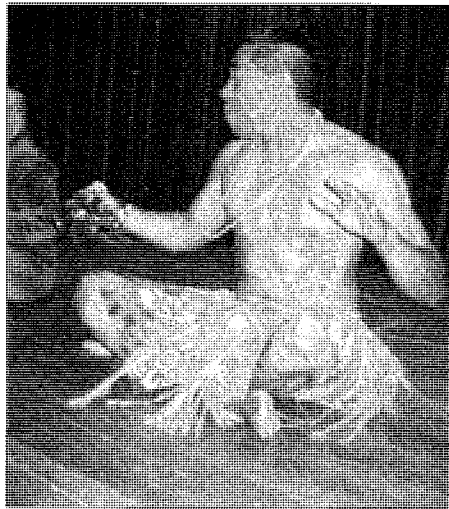
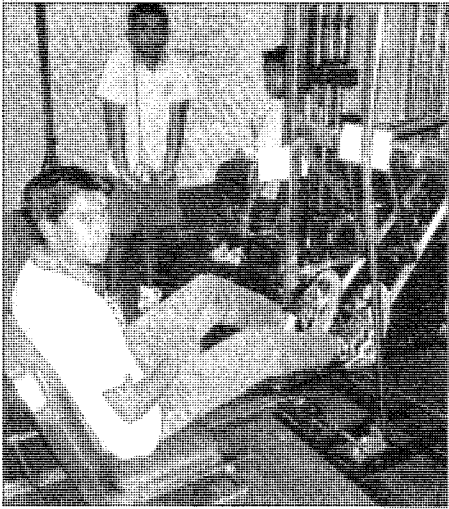
tised many families and killed many people in the village. He had hidden behind a door, centimetres from the gun that was searching and ready to kill. Thanks to God my grandfather is still alive. I realised then how lucky I was to have a grandfather who survived tough and heartaching circumstances. Being a devoted Catholic, it was faith that pulled him through.

When I returned to Australia, I found myself disappointed that I had left my grandfather in the home country. Today, my hero is fighting another battle- terminal lung cancer. I have to hold back the tears when I think about how he is suffering alone.

The experience with my grandfather has taught me some valuable lessons about the importance of human life, how so many of us take the simple things in life for granted.

My grandfather, remembered for his courage and strength, gave me many treasured moments.

He will always be the brightest, rarest jewel in my memory.



Childhood Friends.....

In this short story Oliver Pase writes about separation from the perspective of the young.

Maths was dull and laborious. Mrs. Finklestein was rambling on about the value of Pi, and the class in general was thinking about anything but what was on the whiteboard. "That bird looks funny," I thought, "twittering madly at the arrival of a white Mercedes below." I could vaguely see the features of the three people exiting the car: a tall woman, a balding, short man with a beer gut and toothbrush moustache, and a girl no older than fourteen with long, shiny black hair extending down her back. "Hang on!" I thought. "Could it be? She should be about that height. If only I could see her face. Could it really be her, after so long?"

It had been two years: two long years of heartbreak. I never imagined it would be so hard. My mind took me back to that day.

"Beat you!" a twelve year old girl with shiny black hair and deep-set brown eyes, yelled, laughing at me as she jumped high into the air.

"Not fair! You cheated." I said, whining. "I'm sick of this. Let's do something else." I hated losing, especially to this girl. Lisa and I had been friends in pre-school, and we had been inseparable ever since. We'd play, do homework and go to the movies together. We simply loved each other's company. The years had passed in the blink of an eye and Lisa's and my relationship was an integral part of my life - until that call...

"Mark, I'm moving"

"What!" I said, shocked. "What are you talking about?"

"Dad got a promotion", Lisa sobbed into the handset, "We're moving to Melbourne. I don't want to go!"

"It's OK," I said, trying to calm her down. "When did this happen?"

"Mark, you don't understand, we're flying out TOMORROW!" she wailed, cutting me off. "I won't have a chance to say goodbye to you...I'm sorry." Tears began to well up in my eyes - I was lost for words.

Although her moving meant we couldn't spend time together, we both made the most of the time we had spare to talk on the phone. Routinely we'd speak about our days' events and talk about visiting each other. I hated to hear the sobbing and vulnerability she expressed in the weeks after she moved - she had no friends, hated her school and her new life. It was heartbreaking to hear her uncontrollable weeping. I tried to console her, but it was to no avail.

As the months passed, she seemed to have come to terms with her new situation as the calls became more infrequent and eventually stopped, I couldn't help but feel hollow and depressed. Although I knew she was happier

now - she had met some friends and began to enjoy her new school - I hadn't moved on. I had cherished our friendship and valued it above everything else. For the best part of ten years we were inseparable, yet now she was busy with her new life and had seemingly forgotten about our me.

"Mr. Porter! Will you pay ATTENTION!" an angry Mrs. Finklestein said, shrieking at the top of her voice.

"Ha - Oh yeah. Sorry Ms" I said quietly, with Finklestein's voice still ringing in my ears. I looked back at the Mercedes, it car was still there. But the girl and the two adults, where were they? Suddenly, there was a sharp tapping at the door. Everyone awoke with a start, as if a gun had gone off, and hurriedly pretended to be writing down notes intently. The teacher moved swiftly to the door and opened it with a big creak.

"Boys and girls," she said, clearing her throat, "I'd like you to meet our new student, Kristy Moltah!" I felt my jaw drop as I raised my head and saw the new student. She had that same long, shiny black hair, the deep set brown eyes and had a similar build. "Yes", the maths teacher continued, "Kristy has just moved from Melbourne because her father was offered a promotion up here..."

I couldn't stop smiling at the irony of it all.



The artworks above were done by Hao Wu Year 12, as part of his major work for the HSC.

A Day in the Life.....

Garth Andrews Year 10



James Man Year 12 - Major Work

BZZZZZZZZZ. The phone tickled my leg. I picked it up. One message received. It was from Olly. It said, 'U r scum. Lizzy is my girlfriend.' This was outrageous. I started typing madly, 'As if. I've been w her 4 months.' Satisfied that that was the end of that, I put my phone back in my pocket. But the familiar hum came again, 'U r da mole on da ass of society.' He wasn't going to get away with this. My fingers moved quickly, deftly striking the keys. 'U r a sourfaced mole -a wiper of otha peeps bottoms.' Send. O, God no! Did I just send that to Lizzy?

I moved to sent items. There it was, last item sent to Lizzy. I rang her to apologise. A familiar voice. 'You have zero dollars and zero cents credit, please rechar'.... I hung up before the animatronic voice of death had finished. I am totally stuffed. What do I do? I have to get home so I can ring Lizzy, but I'm supposed to be meeting her at Westfield's in five minutes. She probably won't show up. Not after that message. But I'd better go anyway.

Eventually I made it. I searched for Lizzy. There she was, standing outside HMV, arms folded, looking impatient. I went over to her. 'Hey Lizzy, I need to...' WHAM, an intense wall of pain cut me short. My face was on fire. I could almost see it. Lizzy's hand would have made a huge, clearly defined red mark on my face. I have been slapped by a girl and now I must live in the

sewers, shamed for eternity.

I stood there with my mouth and my eyes wide open, probably looking like a complete dunce. Lizzy stormed off. I started after her, but backed off, thinking it would better to give her a couple of days to calm down. So I went home.

Beep beep beep beep BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP WHACK! My hand slammed down on the snooze button of my alarm clock. I moaned, tossed over and lay still for a minute or two. Mum came in. "Stanley, come on, wakey wakey."

"Mum, for the last time, it's Stan." All of a sudden the sugar coated wake up voice was gone.

"All right whatever just get up or you'll be late." After about 10 minutes of rubbing my eyes and staggering around the house. I was properly awake. I skipped breakfast, stuffed my school crap into my bag, grabbed ten bucks from Mum's purse. I wanted to get to the bus stop quickly. Lizzy would be there, and I wanted to explain everything. I ran to the bus stop.

She was there, but so was Olly, and they were, well, together. Goddamn this was awkward. I couldn't tell Lizzy that the message was supposed to be sent to Olly, cause he'd sock me one, and after year's of arm wrestles when we were younger, I was sure I didn't want to get into a physical battle with him as well as the whole texting argument. But Lizzy'd be expecting an explanation, and rightfully so.

"Um, hey Lizzy" I sounded like a nervous nerd asking out my first chick. "You know that text message".

Lizzy scowled, she took a deep breath and calmly said, "Yes Stan I do."

"Well, it was a, um, joke" I was a nervous wreck. I could hear the inner, more confident part of my brain talking to me. "Well freakin' done" it said bluntly. "A garden gnome could have come up with a more believable excuse than that." I knew it was pathetic, but I needed to talk to her in private if I wanted to explain the situation properly. Lizzy looked like she was about to

explode. Then, it happened.

"A JOKE!" she bellowed, "A JOKE, I'VE CRIED OVER YOUR 'JOKE'. DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH PAIN YOU PUT ME THROUGH?" She was leaning over me, breathing heavily through clenched teeth.

"Aah, maybe if I could just talk to you in private, we could kind of, sort this out. Maybe." I mumbled. Lizzy looked a little calmer now, and was pushing her hair back behind her ears.

"I'm sorry Stan, she breathed, but I don't think I can go out with a person who thinks it's funny to call me a sourfaced mole."

"Well You see Lizzy" I murmured. "It wasn't really a joke, it was..." but she cut me off.

"So you're lying to me now are you? I fail to see how that's any better. I want you, here and now, to tell me the truth."

I thought about it for a moment, trying to consider whether it was really worth risking getting the crap kicked out of me by Olly. Maybe I could catch up with her later and explain, but then again she might avoid me at all costs, so this could be my last chance. Right, I'm going to tell her. "Lizzy, that message was supposed to go to Olly."

Out of the corner of my eye I saw him striding over towards me. "He and I were having a fight about whether you were my girlfriend or his." Olly was getting closer and I really wasn't looking forward to what he had in store for me. I bolted, but as I was leaving I completed my confession to Lizzy. "I really like you a lot and I really don't want us to fight. I'll talk to you at school." as I got out of Olly's sight, all I could think about was how I was going to get to school.

I flipped out my phone and started writing a message. "Mum, pick me up from Boundary St." There, done and done, I went to put my phone in my pocket, but decided to send a greeting to my dear friend Olly.

"U have the intelligence of an ANZAC biscuit" Send to Olly.

Year 7 at the Zoo.....

Michael Talarico Year 7

On Friday the 13th May, year seven set off on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. Everyone was excited and couldn't wait to get there. At about ten past nine the buses arrived and we left.

We arrived at the zoo at about a quarter past ten and we began looking around, which was interesting because I hadn't been to the zoo since 1999.

At a quarter to twelve my class went into the education centre where we answered questions about Australian native animals. We then were allowed to touch a kangaroo, a koala and an echidna. Soon after, we entered a classroom where we saw snakes, lizards, frogs and insects. Our instructor allowed us to touch a carpet python, which to me felt like leather but had more grip.

We then were sent out to the zoo again. I viewed many animals such as giraffes, rhinos and lions. It was very interesting to see the animals in an artificial habitat.

My favourite animals overall were the chimpanzees because of their ability to climb

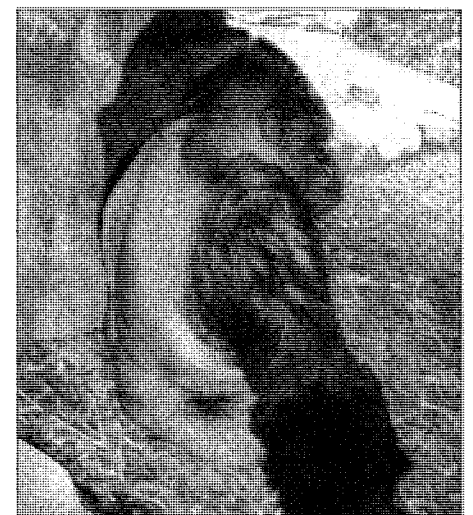
ropes and just hang on to them while they were fighting, which I thought was very impressive. I also viewed the leopard seal, which was HUGE! It is one of the biggest animals there.

About half an hour after viewing the seals, my friends and I went inside an environmentally friendly house where we looked around and found an ant farm, televisions, computers and many other every day appliances found in homes and outside the house was a farm and a fire shed. We explored the farm where we saw pigs, chickens, a goat and sheep.

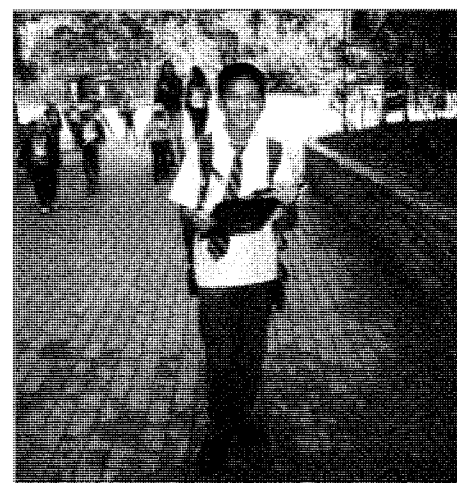
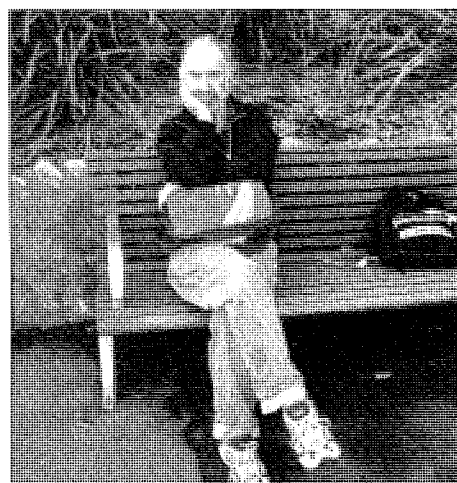
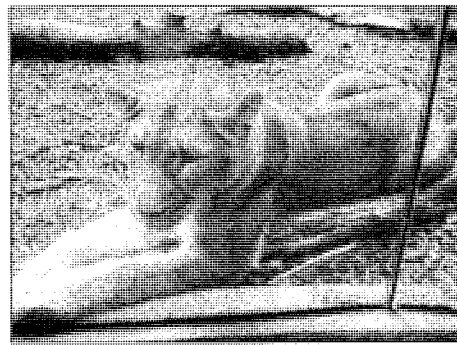
My peers and I then made our way back to the main entrance where we looked around for a while before we left.

At about twenty past two, we got back on the bus and headed home. We were all tired but we enjoyed our day.

We arrived back at school at about ten past three exhausted but content with having such a great day.



Year 7 visits the Zoo, Friday 13th May



Recital Night Concert, 2005.....

Held on 23rd June 2005 in the school hall.

Initiated in 2000 and designed to create an opportunity for students to play individually or in small groups, in front of parents, friends and teachers, the concert was once again, a real success.

It started with the School Band, conducted by Mr. I. Albertson, after which the boys of years 7 to 12 displayed a full range of talents, skills, instruments and styles of music. The boys presented well,

being nicely dressed and having very good concert manners.

The parents were very warm and supportive, attending in great numbers, sometimes with the entire family of younger or older brothers and sisters, grand parents and friends.

During the performance the art teachers took photos

and other teachers were part of the audience.

The great number of students who participated in the concert this year and the high level of their performance, were very much appreciated by the audience and made us all happy and very proud of our talented young musicians. Congratulations to them all!

Ms D. Ilea



Kai Lin



Tim Zhang



David Wang



Elijah Holland; Daniel Rosen; Joel Samways



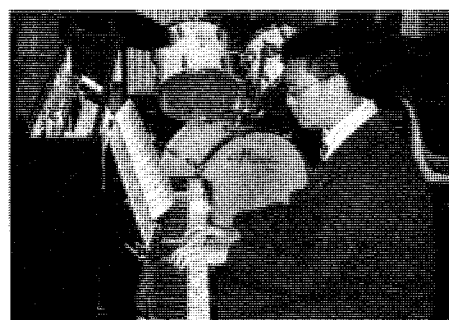
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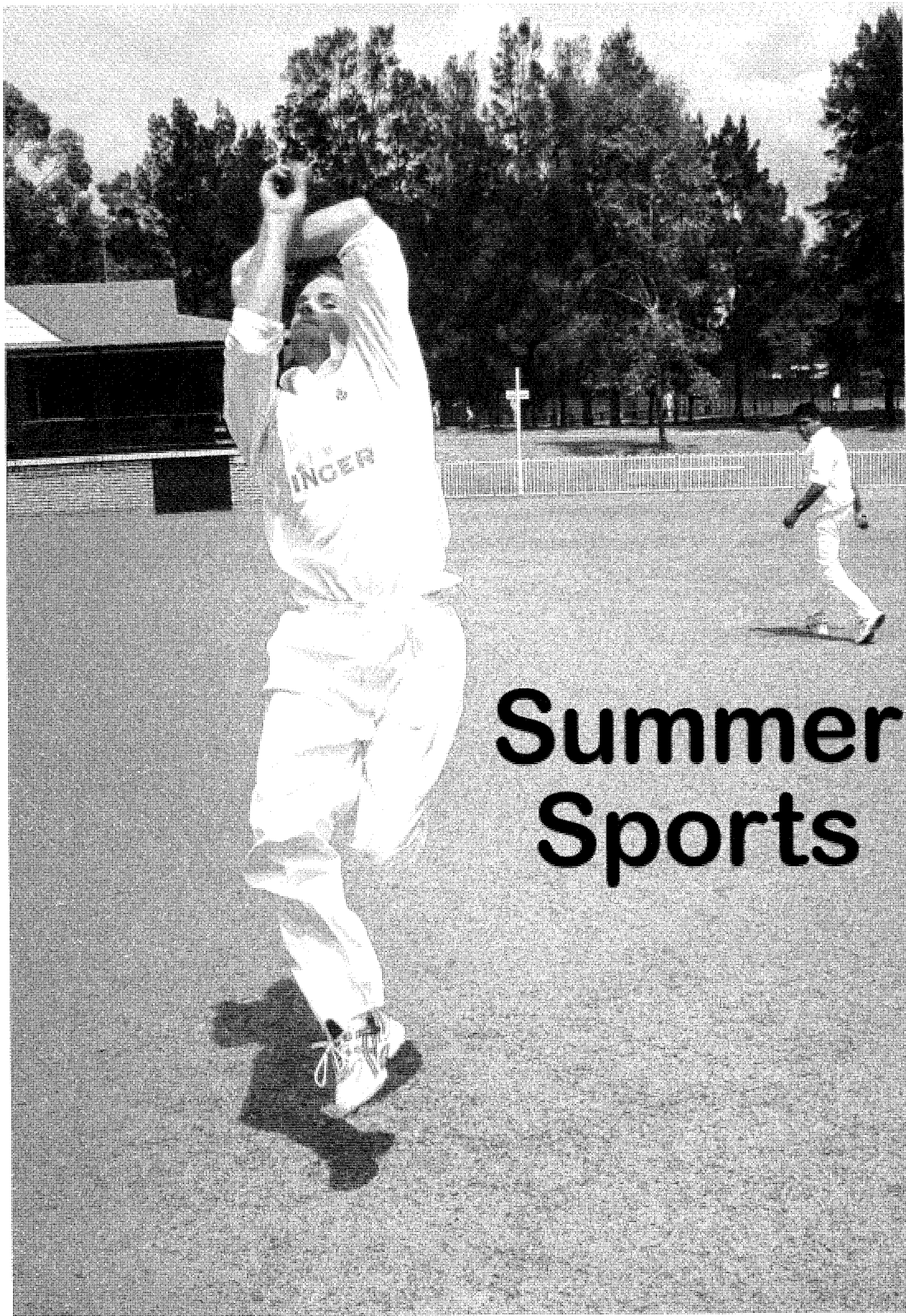
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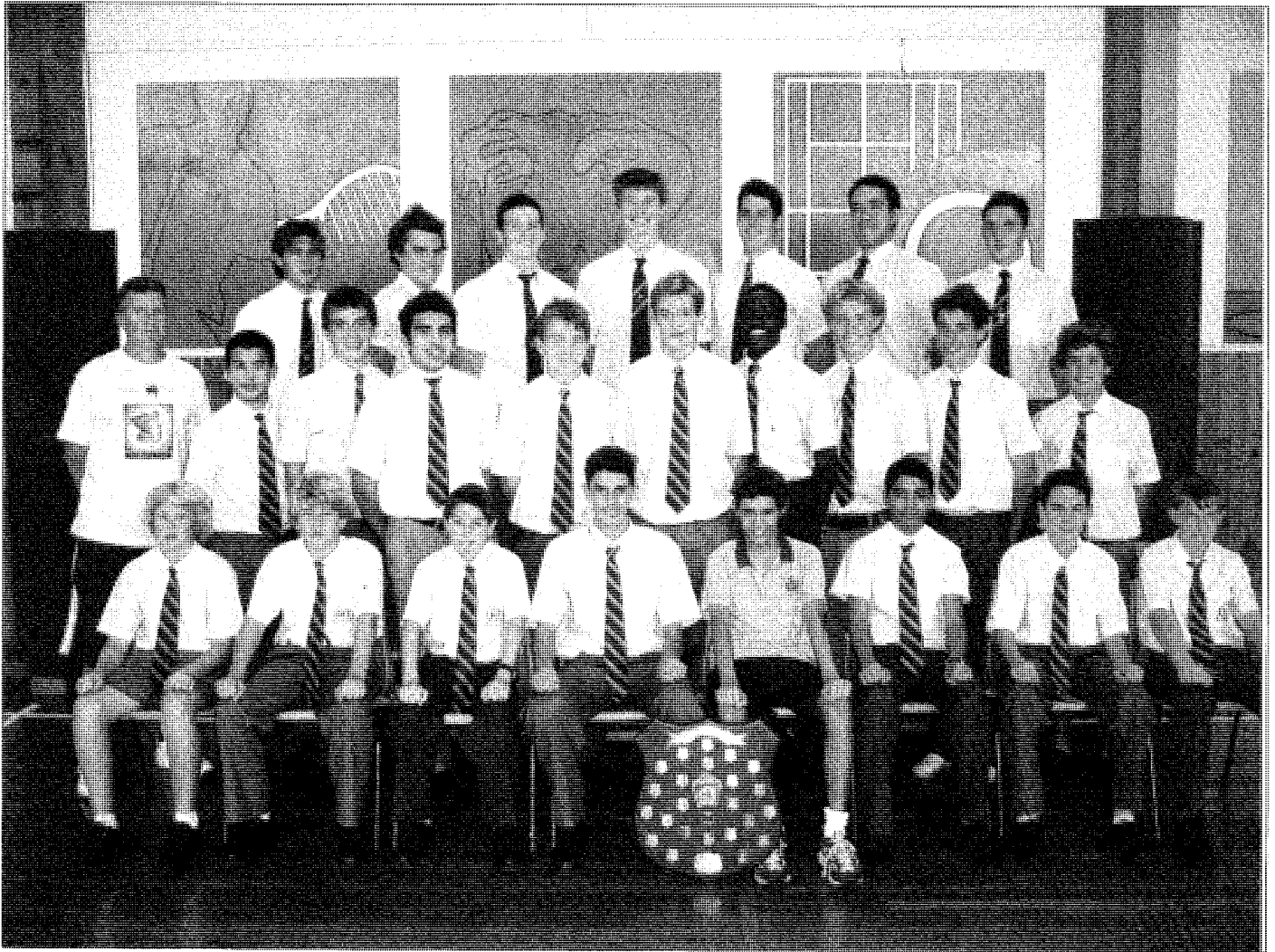


Adrian Clement



Summer Sports

School Swimming Teams.....



Homebush winning team at the Metropolitan North-West Zone Carnival



CHS and NSW All Schools
6X50 All-Age Relay team



Regional Carnival Team

Swimming Carnival 2005.....

The 60th Annual Homebush Boys High School Swimming Carnival saw finerecords tumble as the boys took advantage of the world class facilities at the Homebush Olympic site.

Vaughan house narrowly stole the carnival from Hayes, who were the early leaders. Vaughan stormed home in the relays to record 726 points to defeat Hays by 12 points. Howe recorded 427 points with Greening scoring 412.

Twelve year old Rafael set three records, previously held by Australian Age Champion Henry Lee. His 200m freestyle time of 2.18.19 took 9 seconds of the old mark. David Wang also clocked the same record in finishing second in the event. Wong finished second to Rafael in the age championship.

The thirteen's division saw a clear win to Andrew Sorrenti over new student, David Rosen. The fourteens championship was a tussle between the eventual winner Alex Patyrulerai and Nick Ivassi. Ben Green also had a close contest on his hands to outlast Jake Mansfield in the fifteens championship. In the closest battle of all the age divisions Michael Clarke carried his good form from the Australian Swimming Pool Life Swimming Championships to snatch the 16 years title from Joshua Hilliard.

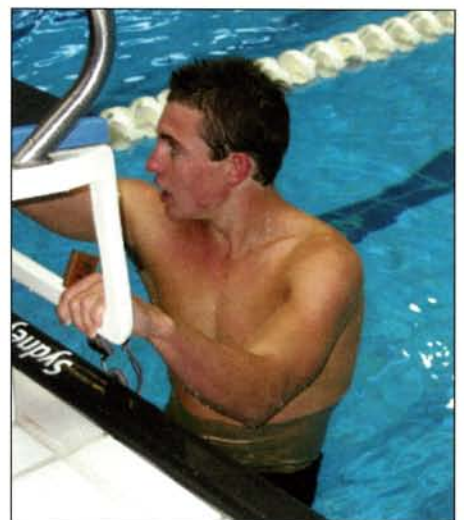
The senior division was a battle between water-polo teammates Pascal Wallace and Sean Little with Wallace in all the freestyle events.

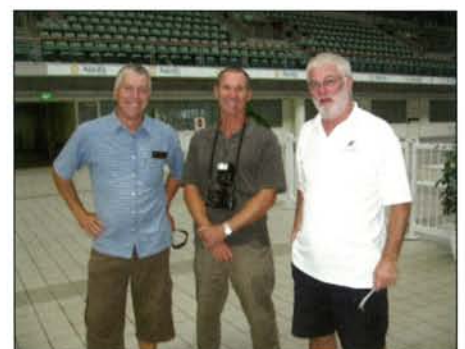
The boys will now be members of the Homebush Swimming Team which will contest the Metropolitan North West Zone Championships. The boys plan to defend the championship title they won in 2003 and 2004.



Swimming Carnival 2005.....







Swimming Carnival Results

The 60th Annual Swimming Carnival was held

On Friday, 4th February at Sydney International Aquatic Centre. Vaughan was the victorious house with 726 points; followed by Hayes: 714; Howe: 427 and Greening: 412 points.

Robert Rafael broke three of Henry Lee's school records set in 1997. Robert's time of 29.65 seconds in the 50 m Freestyle broke Henry's record of 30.67 s. The 100 m Freestyle time of 1:04.27 broke the record of 1:07.68 by over 3 seconds. The 200 m Freestyle of 2:18.19 was an incredible 9 seconds faster than the record of 2:27.14.

The Hayes 14 Years Relay team of Jack Avery, T DiVal, U.Awan set a time of 2:18.41 breaking the long standing record of 2:20.90 set by Howe in 1971. The Vaughan Open Relay team swam 1:54.62 to reduce the time by nearly six seconds of 2:00.90 set by Vaughan in 1988.

Age Champions - Open: Pascal Wallace; 16 Years: Michael Clark; 15 Years: Ben Green; 14 Years: Alex Patrulescu; 13 Years: Andrew Sorrenti and 12 Years: Robert Rafael.

House Champions

Greening: Alex Patrulescu (83 pts); Hayes: Robert Rafael (128 pts); Howe: Andrew Sorrenti (127 pts); Vaughan: D.Wang (91 pts).

Senior

Age Championship: 1 P.Wallace (72); 2 D.Davoren (53); 3 S.Little (34); 4 D.Silva (32); 5 L.Taulalai (30)

50 m Freestyle: 1 P.Wallace [V], 26.43; 2 S.Little [V]; 3 D.Silva [Ha]; 4 D.Davoren [Ha]; 5 K.Malek [G].
100 m Freestyle: 1 P.Wallace [V], 1:00.94; 2 D.Silva [Ha]; 3 S.Little [V]; 4 D.Davoren [Ha]; 5 M.Lot [V].
200 m Freestyle: 1 D.Davoren [Ha], 2:19.91; 2 P.Wallace [V]; 3 S.Little [V]; 4 L.Taulalai [Ho]; 5 M.DiVal [Ha].
100 m Backstroke: 1 L.Taulalai [Ho], 1:19.40; 2 P.Wallace [V]; 3 D.Davoren [Ha]; 4 K.Malek [G]; 5 S.Little [V].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 P.Wallace [V], 1:27.68; 2 D.Davoren [Ha]; 3 S.Little [V]; 4 G.Luong [Ho]; 5 L.Taulalai [Ho].
100 m Butterfly: 1 D.Silva, 1:09.29; 2 D.Davoren [Ha]; 3 L.Taulalai [Ho]; 4 P.Wallace [V]; 5 S.Little [V].
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Vaughan, 1:54.62 (School Record); 2 Hayes; 3 Greening; 4 Howe.

16 Years

Age Championship: 1 M.Clark (84); 2 J.Hilliard (72); 3 P.Bijjani (39); 4 M.DiVal (14); 5 B.Costa (10)

50 m Freestyle: 1 J.Hilliard [V], 27.49; 2 M.Clark [Ha]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 B.Costa [Ha]; 5 C.Pooley [G].
100 m Freestyle: 1 M.Clark [Ha], 1:00.58; 2 J.Hilliard [V]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 M.Kazzen [V]; 5 M.DiVal [Ho].
200 m Freestyle: 1 M.Clark [Ha], 2:13.87; 2 J.Hilliard [V]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 M.DiVal [Ho].
100 m Backstroke: 1 M.Clark [Ha], 1:09.28; 2 J.Hilliard [V]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 D.Schimke [G]; 5 M.DiVal [Ha].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 M.Clark [Ha], 1:19.65; 2 J.Hilliard [V]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 J.Watson [Ho]; 5 L.Owen-Taylor [V].
100 m Butterfly: 1 J.Hilliard [V], 1:15.87; 2 M.Clark [Ha]; 3 P.Bijjani [V]; 4 M.DiVal [Ho].
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 2:05.35; 2 Vaughan.

15 Years

Age Championship: 1 B.Green (67); 2 J.Mansfield (59), O.Danylak (51); 4 W.Parker (44); 5 C.Parkee (37)

50 m Freestyle: 1 B.Green [V], 31.44; 2 O.Danylak [Ha]; 3 R.Akunyare [Ho]; 4 J.Mansfield [V]; 5 E.Mehmet [Ha].
100 m Freestyle: 1 M.Starc [Ho], 1:05.90; 2 D.Bardouh [Ho]; 3 J.Mansfield [V]; 4 W.Parker [G]; 5 B.Green [V].
200 m Freestyle: 1 C.Watkinson [Ha], 2:47.98; 2 W.Parker [G]; 3 C.Parkee [G]; 4 O.Danylak [Ha]; 5 B.Green [V].
100 m Backstroke: 1 O.Danylak [Ha], 1:43.76; 2 B.Green [V].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 C.Parkee [G], 1:42.49; 2 A.Brimfield [V]; 3 E.Mehmet [Ha]; 4 A.Nugent [G]; 5 A.Awan [Ha].
100 m Butterfly: 1 W.Parker [G], 1:51.08; 2 A.Awan [Ha]; 3 O.Danylak [Ha].
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Vaughan, 2:17.58; 2 Hayes; 3 Howe; 4 Greening.

14 Years

Age Championship: 1 A.Patrulescu (88); 2 N.Ivassi (74); 3 K.Sozen (22); 4 C.Watkinson (19); 5 T.DiVal (17)

50 m Freestyle: 1 J.Avery [Ha], 29.41; 2 A.Patrulescu [G]; 3 N.Ivassi [Ho]; 4 T.DiVal [Ha]; 5 C.Watkinson [Ho].
100 m Freestyle: 1 A.Patrulescu [G], 1:05.90; 2 N.Ivassi [Ho]; 3 T.DiVal [Ha]; 4 N.Siomos [G]; 5 R.Polec [G].
200 m Freestyle: 1 A.Patrulescu [G], 2:18.93; 2 N.Ivassi [Ho]; 3 J.Avery [Ha]; 4 N.Andronikashvili; 5 R.Polec [G].
50 m Backstroke: 1 A.Patrulescu [G], 37.51; 2 S.Mansfield [V]; 3 T.DiVal [Ha]; 4 T.Lavdaras [G]; 5 N.Nieser [G].
100 m Backstroke: 1 A.Patrulescu [G], 1:23.43; 2 C.Watkinson [Ho]; 3 S.Mansfield [V].
50 m Breaststroke: 1 N.Ivassi [Ho], 40.87; 2 A.Patrulescu [G]; 3 T.DiVal [Ha]; 4 N.Siomos [G]; 5 K.Sozen [Ho].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 N.Ivassi [Ho], 1:30.64; 2 A.Patrulescu [G]; 3 C.Watkinson [Ho]; 4 K.Sozen [Ho]; 5 N.Siomos [G].
50 m Butterfly: 1 N.Ivassi [Ho], 32.95; 2 A.Patrulescu [G]; 3 S.Mansfield [V]; 4 R.Polec [G]; 5 C.Watkinson [Ha].
100 m Butterfly: 1 N.Ivassi [Ho], 1:19.65; 2 A.Patrulescu [G]; 3 R.Polec [G].
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 2:18.40 (School Record); 2 Greening; 3 Howe; 4 Vaughan.

13 Years

Age Championship: 1 A.Sorrenti (111); 2 D.Rosen (74); 3 B.Parker (64); 4 A.Mahajan (52); 5 U.Anwu (21)

50 m Freestyle: 1 A.Sorrenti [Ho], 31.38; 2 D.Rosen [Ha]; 3 A.Mahajan [G]; 4 B.Parker [V]; 5 C.Martin [G].
100 m Freestyle: 1 A.Sorrenti [Ho], 1:13.07; 2 D.Rosen [Ha]; 3

A.Mahajan [G]; 4 C.Lindsay [G]; 5 B.Parker [V].
200 m Freestyle: 1 A.Sorrenti [Ho], 2:45.51; 2 B.Parker [V]; 3 C.Martin [G]; 4 U.Anwu [Ha]; 5 T.Arnaud [Ha].
50 m Backstroke: 1 A.Mahajan [G], 39.46; 2 A.Sorrenti [Ho]; 3 C.Martin [G]; 4 B.Parker [V]; 5 D.Rosen [Ha].
100 m Backstroke: 1 A.Sorrenti [Ho], 1:34.28; 2 B.Parker [V]; 3 U.Awan [Ha]; 4 C.Martin [G].
50 m Breaststroke: 1 A.Mahajan [G], 43.38; 2 A.Sorrenti [Ho]; 3 J.Imer [G]; 4 D.Rosen [Ha]; 5 D.Gabrielli [Ha].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 A.Sorrenti [Ho], 1:45.80; 2 B.Parker [V]; 3 U.Awan [Ha].
50 m Butterfly: 1 D.Rosen [Ha], 33.63; 2 B.Parker [V]; 3 A.Mahajan [G]; 4 C.Martin [G]; 5 A.Sorrenti [Ho].
100 m Butterfly: 1 D.Rosen [Ha], 1:21.85; 2 B.Parker [V]; 3 A.Sorrenti [Ho].
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 2:19.43; 2 Vaughan; 3 Greening.

12 Years

Age Championship: 1 R.Rafael (128); 2 D.Wang (81); 3 R.Rafael (21); 4 J.Pooley (13); 5 J.Samways (11)

50 m Freestyle: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 29.65 (school record); 2 D.Wang [V]; 3 P.Dixon [G]; 4 J.Samways [Ha]; 5 G.Burch [Ho].
100 m Freestyle: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 1:04.27 (school record); 2 D.Wang [V]; 3 J.Pooley [G]; 4 V.Mai [G].
200 m Freestyle: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 2:18.19 (school record); 2 D.Wang [V].
50 m Backstroke: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 34.63; 2 D.Wang [V]; 3 S.Nagesh [V]; 4 V.Tharmarajah [Ho].
100 m Backstroke: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 1:15.85; 2 V.Tharmarajah [Ho].
50 m Breaststroke: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 42.37; 2 D.Wang [V]; 3 J.Samways [Ha]; 4 G.Burch [Ho]; 5 J.Pooley [G].
100 m Breaststroke: 1 D.Wang [V], 1:35.91; 2 A.Thiyagaligam [G]; 3 V.Tharmarajah [Ho].
50 m Butterfly: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 32.47; 2 D.Wang [V]; 3 P.Dixon [G]; 4 V.Tharmarajah [Ho].
100 m Butterfly: 1 R.Rafael [Ha], 1:09.87.
4 X 50 m Relay: 1 Howe, 3:48.64.

Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on Thursday, 3rd March. Homebush finished first out of seven schools in the competition with 1,034 points followed by Normanhurst: 983, Epping: 951, North Sydney: 758, Asquith: 713, Randwick: 435, Ashfield: 235 & Macquarie: 93.

Robert Rafael broke five Zone Records - 50 m Freestyle, 29.45; 100 m Freestyle, 1:05.23; 200 m Freestyle, 2:17.72; 50 m Backstroke, 33.64 and 50 m Butterfly, 31.30. Robert was 12 Years Age Champion.

The Open Relay team of Pascal Wallace, Edward Parry, Sean Little & Daniel Silva broke the Zone Record with a time of 1:50.24.

Outstanding performances achieved were:

12-19: 300 m F/S Relay: 1st in 3:00.13 just outside the Zone Record of 3:00.00 set by Epping in 1984.

Open:

Edward Parry: 2nd, 400 m F/S, D1, 5:45.24; 4th, 800 m F/S, 13:11.67; 3rd, 100 m Bk/S, D2, 1:24.31; 4th, 200 m, medley, D1, 2:52.92

Daniel Silva: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D3, 28.41; 2nd, 100 m B/F, D1, 1:08.60; 1st, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:01.13
Pascal Wallace: 2nd, 50 m, F/S, D1, 27.01; 4th, 100 m F/S, D1, 1:01.28; 4th, 100 m Br/S, D1, 1:37.04;
Daniel Davoren: 3rd, 200 m F/S, D1, 2:23.80; 1st, 100 m B/F, D2, 1:15.35; 3rd, 100 m Br/S, D2, 1:29.41;
Lyle Taulalai: 4th, 100 m Bk/S, D1, 1:20.81
Sean Little: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D2, 27.22
Karl Malek: 2nd, 50 m, F/S, D4, 28.99;
Relay, 4 X 50 m medley: 4th, 2:09.45
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 1st, 1:50.24 (zone record)

16 Years:

Michael Clark: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D2, 28.70; 2nd, 100 m F/S, D1, 1:02.69; 2nd, 200 m F/S, D1, 2:23.37; 2nd, 400 m F/S, D1, 4:51.19; 2nd, 100 m Bk/S, D1, 1:11.16; 2nd, 100 m Br/S, D1, 1:19.68;
Josh Hilliard: 3rd, 50 m, F/S, D1, 28.05; 1st, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:02.76; 2nd, 100 m B/F, D1, 1:10.29; 1st, 100 m Br/S, D2, 1:26.47;
Peter Bijjani: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D3, 29.82; 4th, 200 m, medley, D1, 2:52.90; 2nd, 100 m B/F, D2, 1:20.31; 5th, 100 m Bk/S, D2, 1:27.08
Brandon Costa: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D4, 29.98
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 1st, 1:56.39

15 Years

Will Parker: 7th, 50 m, F/S, D3, 37.87; 6th, 100 m F/S, D1, 1:25.52; 4th, 200 m F/S, D1, 3:00.04; 4th, 100 m B/F, D1, 1:51.10
Orest Danylak, 6th, 50 m, F/S, D1, 32.22; 5th, 100 m Bk/S, D1, 1:38.15; 4th, 100 m B/F, D2, 2:05.93;
Daniel Bardouh: 5th, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:45.34
Andrew Brimfield: 5th, 100 m Bk/S, D2, 1:42.55; 5th, 100 m Br/S, D2, 1:44.20;
Razak Akunyare: 6th, 50 m, F/S, D2, 32.63;
Chris Parkee: 3rd, 50 m, F/S, D4, 32.95; 5th, 100 m Br/S, D1, 1:46.23
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 6th, 2:20.36

14 Years

Alex Patrulescu: 2nd, 50 m, F/S, D2, 29.44; 3rd, 100 m F/S, D1, 1:06.38; 2nd, 200 m F/S, D1, 2:17.05; 2nd, 400 m F/S, D1, 4:43.12; 3rd, 50 m Bk/S, D1, 37.02; 3rd, 50 m B/F, D2, 35.33
Jack Avery: 3rd, 50 m, F/S, D1, 29.40; 5th, 50 m Br/S, D2, 44.15;
Nick Ivassi: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D3, 30.67; 3rd, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:11.63; 3rd, 50 m B/F, D1, 32.21; 3rd, 50 m Bk/S, D2, 34.95; 4th, 50 m Br/S, D1, 39.94
Taylor Di Val: 2nd, 50 m, F/S, D4, 32.01;
Robert Rafael: 3rd, 200 m, medley, D1, 2:39.97
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 1st, 2:02.34

13 Years

Andrew Sorrenti: 2nd, 50 m, F/S, D1, 31.22; 3rd, 100 m F/S, D1,

1:12.87; 3rd, 50 m Bk/S, D1, 39.05; 4th, 200 m F/S, D1, 3:00.66; 1st, 50 m B/F, D2, 39.09; 2nd, 50 m Br/S, D2, 45.13;
Daniel Rosen: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D2, 31.50; 1st, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:11.50; 1st, 50 m B/F, D1, 33.28; 2nd, 50 m Bk/S, D2, 38.41
Aakas Mahajan: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D3, 32.38; 3rd, 50 m Br/S, D1, 42.60;
Bradley Parker: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D4, 32.92;
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 1st, 2:11.62

12 Years

Robert Rafael: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D1, 29.45 (zone & school record); 1st, 100 m F/S, D1, 1:05.23 (zone record); 1st, 200 m F/S, D1, 2:17.22 (zone record); 1st, 50 m Bk/S, D1, 33.64 (zone record); 1st, 50 m B/F, D2, 31.30 (zone record); 1st, 50 m Br/S, D1, 42.78;
David Wang: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D2, 33.41; 1st, 100 m F/S, D2, 1:15.17; 1st, 50 m Bk/S, D2, 40.44; 1st, 50 m B/F, D2, 39.76; 1st, 50 m Br/S, D2, 43.45;
Patrick Dixon: 1st, 50 m, F/S, D3, 36.78;
Joel Samways: 3rd, 50 m, F/S, D4, 45.27;
Relay, 4 X 50 m: 1st, 2:23.14

Regional Swimming Carnival

The Sydney North Area Secondary Swimming Championships were held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, 22nd March.

The following were selected to represent the Zone:

17+ Years: P.Wallace, S.Little, E.Parry, D.Silva, D.Davoren.
16 Years: M.Clark, P.Bijjani, B.Costa, J.Hilliard.
15 Years: A.Brimfield, C.Parkee, O.Danylak, R.Akunyare, W.Parker.
14 Years: J.Avery, A.Patrulescu, N.Ivassi, T.Dival.
13 Years: A.Sorenti, D.Rosen, A.Mahajan, B.Parker.
12 Years: R.Rafael, D.Wang, P.Dixon, G.Burch.

Outstanding performances included:

12-19: 6 X 50 m Relay: 1st, 2:55.16 (Robert Rafael, Andrew Sorrenti, Jack Avery, Orest Danylak, Josh Hilliard, Pascal Wallace).

17-19: 4 X 50 m Relay: 2nd, 1:48.41 (Pascal Wallace, Sean Little, Edward Parry, Daniel Silva).

16 Years:

Michael Clark: 3rd, 100 m Breaststroke in 1:19.47

14 Years:

Alex Patrulescu: 2nd, 400 m Freestyle, 4:46.17.

4 X 50 m Relay: 2nd, 1:59.43 (Jack Avery, Alex Patrulescu, Nick Ivassi, Taylor Di Val).

13 Years:

4 X 50 m Relay: 1st, 2:06.39 (Andrew Sorrenti, David Rosen, Akash Mahajan, Bradley Parker).

12 Years:

Robert Rafael: 1st, 50 m Freestyle, 29.51; 1st, 100 m Freestyle, 1:03.83 (Region & School Record); 1st, 200 m Freestyle, 2:18.60; 1st, 100 m Backstroke, 1:14.29 (school record); 1st, 100 m Breaststroke, 1:30.04; 1st, 100 Butterfly, 1:10.03.

David Wang: 100 m Breaststroke, 1:33.45
4 X 50 m Relay: 1st, 2:27.36 (Robert Rafael, David Wang, Patrick Dixon, Joel Samways).

Combined High Schools Swimming Championships

The CHS Secondary Swimming Championships were held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre from Sunday, 3rd April to Tuesday, 5th April.

Robert Rafael achieved six 1st places, was 12 Years Age Champion and named 'Swimmer of the Meet'.

Outstanding performances included:

12-19: 6 X 50 m Relay: 2nd (Robert Rafael, Andrew Sorrenti, Jack Avery, Orest Danylak, Josh Hilliard, Pascal Wallace).

17-19: 4 X 50 m Relay: 6th (Pascal Wallace, Sean Little, Edward Parry, Daniel Silva).

16 Years:

Michael Clark: Finalist, 100 m Breaststroke.

14 Years:

Alex Patrulescu: Finalist, 400 m Freestyle.
4 X 50 m Relay: 8th (Jack Avery, Alex Patrulescu, Nick Ivassi, Taylor Di Val).

13 Years:

4 X 50 m Relay: 9th (Andrew Sorrenti, David Rosen, Akash Mahajan, Bradley Parker).

12 Years:

Robert Rafael: 1st, 50 m Freestyle, 28.69 (school record); 1st, 100 m Freestyle, 1:03.72 (school record); 1st, 200 m Freestyle, 2:17.75 (school record); 1st, 100 m Backstroke, 1:12.69 (school record); 1st, 100 m Breaststroke, 1:27.19; 1st, 100 m Butterfly, 1:08.25 (school record).

David Wang: Finalist, 100 m Breaststroke
4 X 50 m Relay: 2nd (Robert Rafael, David Wang, Patrick Dixon, Joel Samways).

All Schools Swimming Championships

The All Schools Swimming Championships were held at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on Saturday, 7th & Sunday, 8th May. Robert Rafael won five gold medals and established three new records. At the end of the carnival Robert was named 12 Years Age Champion and declared 'Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet'.

Robert's results are listed below:

100 m Freestyle: 1:02.14 (school record), GOLD.
200 m Freestyle: 2:15.58, GOLD (All Schools & School Record).
200 m Individual Medley: 2:33.52, GOLD (All Schools & School Record).
50 m Butterfly: 31.46, GOLD.
100 m Butterfly: 1:08.39, GOLD (All Schools & School Record).
He also came 4th in 50 m and 100 m Backstroke.

Robert is looking forward to the Pacific Schools Games in November.

Our 12-19: 6 X 50 m Relay team of Robert Rafael, Andrew Sorrenti, Jack Avery, Orest Danylak, Josh Hilliard, Pascal Wallace was placed sixth.

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FIRST GRADE BASEBALL Semi-Finalist

The 2004-2005 baseball season was marked by the dedication and enthusiasm of a young team of players, in their desire to achieve results that will lay the foundation for future success on the baseball field.

Although making the First Grade Baseball Semi Finals, they were convincingly beaten by the Epping Team, 0-19, who were duly congratulated by the Homebush Team at the end of the game.

The team included: S. Allison, G. Andrews (VC), S. Azmi, D. Edgton (C), P. Kalra, S. Khan, A. Khanna, S. Musumeci, C. McCullum, J. McIntyre, D. Nassif, W. Poliopoulos, J. Saravanapava, S. Sharma, J. Stanley, S. Vivekananda.

Mr. J. Coskerie
Coach

JUNIOR BASEBALL Minor Premiers & Zone Premiers

All the boys started the season off on a very positive note with 3 very convincing wins. Outstanding performances were by William McCartney behind the plate and Aaron Costa and Nick Siomos pitching. Nick led from the front and rallied the boys. Adrian Mardaga developed into an outstanding first baseman. Our toughest game was against Epping which ended in a draw 2-2. In this match Chris Yoon batted well and Aaron and Nick pitched us to a winning position. Unfortunately, a draw resulted. The boys were not disappointed though as they felt they had played well enough to win (and they had), and they now knew that they could beat Epping later in the season.

Each week our captain Nick Siomos did the play sheet and tried all the boys in different batting order and fielding positions. Chris Yoon and Adrian Mardaga were found to be quite good pitchers and both were needed to pitch later in the season, enabling us to keep our winning streak.

A narrow loss to Ashfield was followed by a narrow loss to Epping two weeks later and saw us fall from equal first to 2nd place. However, Aaron Costa was brilliant behind the plate and Adrian and Nick pitched very well.

Throughout the season big hits were recorded by Chris, Adrian, Aaron Costa and Aaron Russell and Lawrence Pene hit a number of home runs. William McCartney was our 1st batter and invariably made it to base and then home. By the middle of the season Tai Kwan, Sam Luke and Vasili were making good contact with the ball and getting to base and then home.

We did not lose another match and had to play Epping in the final game before the play offs (semis) This was probably our toughest match of the year. We were 1 point behind Epping and needed to win to finish 1st and take the minor premiership. We batted first and ran in 7 runs. Epping were held to 0 runs

at the bottom of the 1st innings, unfortunately so were we for the next 2 innings, despite some memorable hitting by the whole team. The score at the bottom of the 3rd was 7-3 our way.

Aaron Costa pitched brilliantly, William McCartney behind the plate was outstanding as was Adrian at first and Nick at shortstop. In the fourth innings, hits by Vasili and Luke saw Vasili get home before we were all out. We changed our pitcher and Nick stepped up for a captain's performance. However they were able to get one in, the score then 8-4 and only 1 out and a runner on 3rd.

What happened next was outstanding play by Lawrence Pene and Luke Churchill. A huge hit way out to left field saw Lawrence running flat out and able to take the catch, then throw to 3rd for Luke to finish the 'double play' and win the match and take 1st place on the ladder before the start of the play offs. We won our semi against Normanhurst Boys 8-0, with hits by all the boys - Aaron Costa pitching superbly and William catching well.

Our Final match for the season against Ashfield was a great game to watch with the result not being decided until the 3rd innings. Ashfield batted first, Aaron and William had a brilliant innings and restricted them to no runs. We were able to get 5 runs in with all players stepping up to the plate. In the second innings the tables were reversed with Ashfield getting 3 home and no runs for us and the score being then 5-3 our way. In the 3rd innings Aaron pitched 7 strikes 1 ball for 3 outs, we had 3 runs scored with a Lawrence Pene big hit again and a great run by Luke. The score was 8-3 at the bottom of the 3rd. For the 4th innings we did not need to bat as they only had one in. Homebush won the game 8-3, making us Premiers. Throughout the match both Nick at shortstop and Adrian at 1st base fielded and caught brilliantly. It was a great team victory.

Throughout the season the whole team showed excellent sportsmanship and were a credit not only to themselves but to the school. As coach I would like to thank the many parents who turned up to support and watch. (We often had up to five parents at a game, with eight at the grand final.) A special thank-you to Mr Costa who umpired for me, to Mr Siomos who went 3rd base coach and finally thank-you to all the junior baseballers for an outstanding season.

Mr.G.Sheath
Coach.

FIRST GRADE BASKETBALL

Team:David Gonzalez, Jason Li, Roy Hui, Yang Cui, Henry Liang, Rajat Sethi, Adam Morgan, Nidal Alameddine, Aiman Alameddine, Wilson Huynh.

The team had a good season, unfortunately missed out on the semifinals by one point. After a slow start to the season, we found our groove and started our moves. As the season progressed we became a bit more comfortable

and relaxed in our game, and with the valuable aid and guidance of Mr. Martin, we were a well, oiled machine.

Unfortunately, our machine came to a halt, as our loss to Asquith BHS turned out to be the crucial turning point in the season which led to our demise.

Despite the loss, all of us, and our coach Mr. Martin had great fun, as we enjoyed practising, travelling and most of all - playing together. Needless to say, none of this would have been possible without the person who organised our score sheets, collected our money and provided some extreme motivation techniques - our manager Stephen.

Thanks and farewell, to all those Year 12 students who gave up their time, and made the effort to support and represent their school. A fun time was had by all. Thank-you.

Mr. S Martin
Coach

2ND GRADE BASKETBALL

Team: M.Alameddine, O.Alameddine, J.Chong, P.Curray, J.Jeyaratnam, T.Jiang, A.Liu, M.H.Stone, E.Tanner, G.Teo, H.Vu, I.Yassine.

The season could be divided into two halves for this talented yet erratic team. The first half of the season saw the players take a while to gel and as a result, a few games were lost or drawn that should have been won.

The second half was far more productive with substantial team effort producing some memorable wins. A semi final spot was achieved, but unfortunately we came up against Ashfield, the first placed side that boasted an all star line up.

What pleased me most about these boys was their willingness to learn. Basketball is a thinking person's sport and these boys came to realise that the game is as much a mental challenge as it is a physical one.

Mr.J.Kozlowski
Coach

15 YEARS BASKETBALL

Andrew Brimfield, Alex Burjan, Sunny Cheng, Joey Fraser, Ken Huang, Eray Kedicioglu, Lawrence Ly, Abdifatah Osman, Dhruv Sud, James Sun.

The team had an enjoyable season but unfortunately did not reach the semi-finals.

14 YEARS BASKETBALL

Zone Minor Premiers Zone Runners Up

Players	Games Played	T.P. scored	P.P.G. Av.
Samy Alameddine #6	14	46	3.5
Kasim Ayikol #14	15	24	1.5
Tim Delai-Vulaca #7	12	14	1.5
Alex Hazelbrook(c) #13	10	181	18
Henare Hereora #8	15	90	6
Sam Higgins #4	11	159	14.5
Dinesh Karunanithy #15	13	138	10.5

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Kerim Kedicioglu #12	14	36	2.5
Bob Lin #11	15	42	3
Adrian Nugent #9	14	53	3.5
Homebush	15	783	52
Opponents	15	336	22

The 14 Years basketball team went through many trials and tribulations before finally becoming Minor Premiers with a record of 14 wins and one loss.

Only three of the ten players played in all fifteen matches. The others missed games through injury, sickness, being overseas and transferring to another school.

We finished the regular season with just one narrow loss to North Sydney and we were looking forward to avenging that defeat in the Grand Final. Unfortunately for us, the captain and leading scorer/rebounder, Alex Hazelbrook, decided to leave us for Cranbrook and our second leading scorer and replacement captain, Sam Higgins broke his arm and was unable to contest the final. The other boys tried hard to make up for the loss of those two players, but they were not good enough on the day and we were defeated 29-21 by North Sydney. Congratulations on a fine season!

Mr.R. Tedford
Coach.

FIRST GRADE CRICKET Zone Premiers

Davidson Shield Quarter Finalist

S. Watson (c), S. Islam, V. Sarpeshkar, J. Shankar, R. Beattie, R. Amir-Khan, N. Lennings, S. Sivapalan, J. Jegatheesan, M. Gunaratnam, A. Sivagnanam, A. Selventhiran, N. Jegatheswaran, P. Wallace.

To describe this year's First Grade Premiership winning side in one word is very difficult. But the one that springs to mind is 'SUCCESS', success generated from our ability to function as a collective unit, as an actual 'team'. Although in the past our First Grade Cricket sides have seen some outstanding individual players, they never really combined to produce the total team-effort that this year's side displayed in both the First Grade competition and the Davidson Shield. Our season did indeed exceed all expectations and the 'ups' largely outnumbered the 'downs'.

In such a successful season there were a number of memorable moments but one that stands out in most players' minds was our regular match against Randwick. In a shortened 25 over match we were able to put on a massive 230 runs and restrict the other team to a mere 15 runs when even our most erratic bowler claimed a hat-trick. Believe me, the team will never hear the end of that one!

So, we finally achieved success in the First Grade competition, something that we should have done in the two seasons prior to this one.

We also took part in the Davidson Shield, a

competition that proved to be the greatest test for this team. We reached the last eight in the state. Unfortunate circumstances saw us exit the competition in Tamworth but not even that could put a dampener on the boys who had already enjoyed an outstanding season.

The final thing that I should note here is that behind every great team is an equally great coach/manager. This year we were fortunate to have Dr. Balan take the First Grade side and a great deal of thanks is owed to him for the time and effort that he put into the team, for the things that he organised and most of all for his support. He helped us achieve our goals this season and was the key to the development of this fine team. So I would like to say congratulations to Dr. Balan and the boys and thank-you for a fine season – it was indeed an experience. S. Watson
Captain.

SECOND GRADE CRICKET 2004-2005 Zone Premiers

Although we lost one game throughout the season our Homebush Second Grade team won the North West Metropolitan Zone premiership. Mr Philip, after three seasons of being robbed of a premiership finally overcame his hoodoo this season. We had star performances in the batting, bowling and fielding departments.

Mubasha Satti: was one of the unluckiest players in our 2nd grade team as he was plagued with a reconstruction to his knee. This set the team backwards morally but not on the cricket field. As a result of his injury Mubasha seldom did bowling and batting.

Pawalpreet Sran: Although Pawalpreet's batting technique could be questionable with an unorthodox style, his big hitting ability scored quick runs for the team when it was required.

Vishal Verma: was the only player in the team to get out for the most consecutive ducks. Despite this he played his greatest innings in the first game. He scored 25 not out off just 16 balls hitting four 4's. Now that was a knock!

Mohammed Bardoux: Mohammed's scoring ability was just one of perfectionism. His ability to score neatly and concisely made reading the scorebook a lot easier and created less confusion for Mr Philip.

Samater Ali: was the most collective batter in the team. Whenever he used to bat he stayed out on the crease for a very long time and only scored a cameo of an innings. His superb catch diving to his left fully stretched in the gully against Ashfield's best batter won us the premiership.

Wilson Petrushenko: our opening keeper batsmen did not play the semi finals and grand final due to ligament damage to his knee. However his performances previously were remarkable. He always got the team off to a quick start hitting cameos of 20 or 30 runs off just a dozen or so balls.

Sanji Kulasingham: was one of our most consistent bowlers during the start of the season. Although his line and length varied he was up there with the leading wicket takers.

Jarnan Satkunanathan: was noticed for his

slow running between the wickets and his occasional sloppiness in the field. However, his presence with the bat got the team to a reasonable total.

Jashan Sekhon: was the youngest player in the team and his ability to score runs down the bottom of the order was very impressive.

Wajid Khan: Although Wajid rarely batted and seldom bowled he had the safest pair of hands in the slip cordon. His catch off North Sydney's best batter diving to his right secured a comfortable victory in the semi final. His presence in the slips won us a few games.

Nour Shamsin: came down from first grade after 3 games. It was really a frustrating time to adjust him in the team. However he proved to be one of the most amazing out-swing bowlers in the team. He is one of the top 4 bowling machines in the team.

Naveed Khan: by far was the best opening bowler throughout the season. His ability to take early wickets at crucial times proved an asset to the team.

Soshi Barkat: Although Soshi was inconsistent with his bowling run up he proved to be a decisive wicket taker along with Naveed and Nour. When he came onto bowl he would always take 3 or 4 wickets.

Waqas Quadrat: was one of the good all-rounders in team. His opening bowling and opening batting contributions were very significant to the team in the semis and final. His ability to save runs and catch were another trademark of his game.

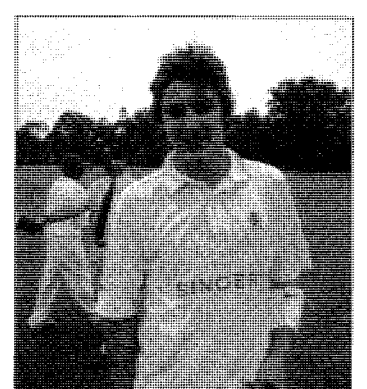
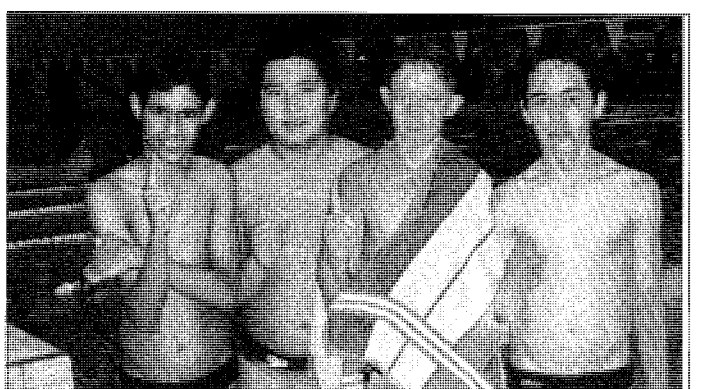
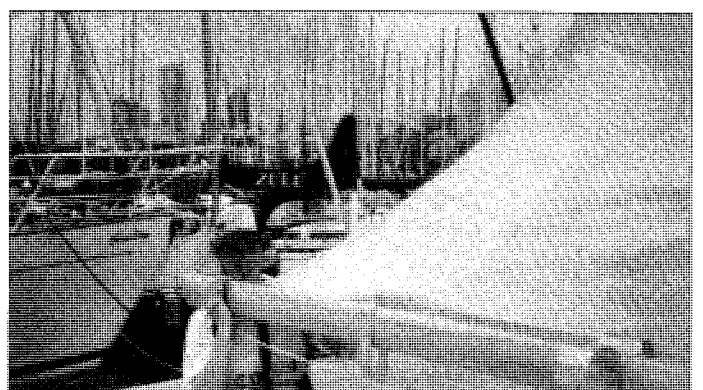
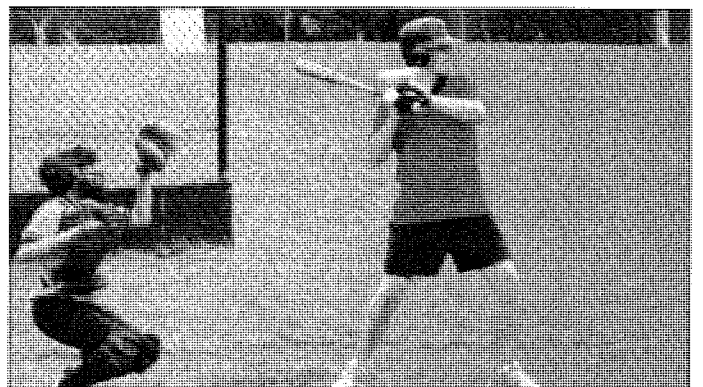
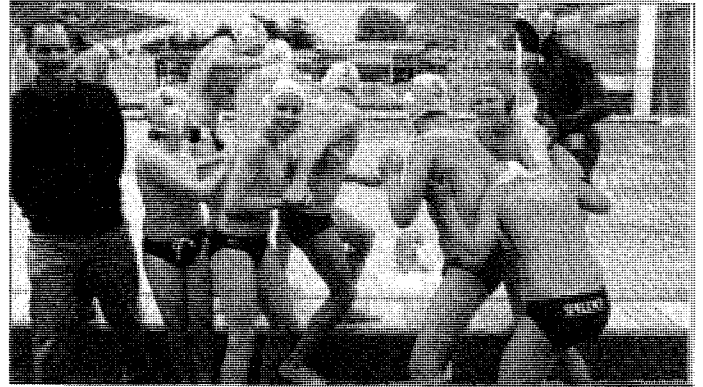
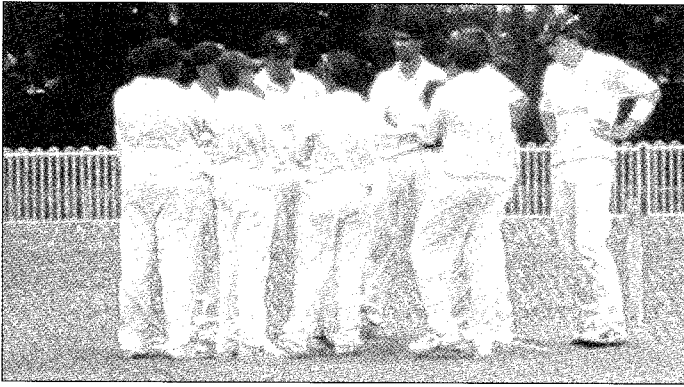
Amlan Sharma: Who could forget our captain, our leader, one of the team's greatest assets Amlan Sharma! His batting average of 39.95 decimated opposing bowling attacks. His ability to catch and save runs was another trademark of his game. Lastly with Wilson the keeper out with an injury someone was needed to keep. Amlan's remarkable keeping skills won the team the semis and finals. He took a combined total of 7 catches without ever having kept before. His presence and cool, calm and collected nature on the field set an aura on the cricketing field.

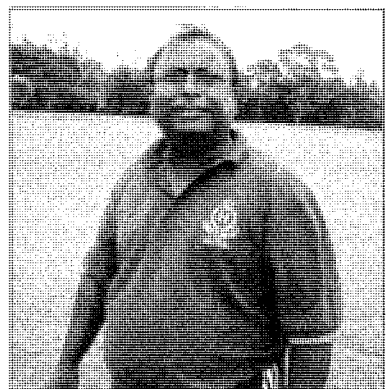
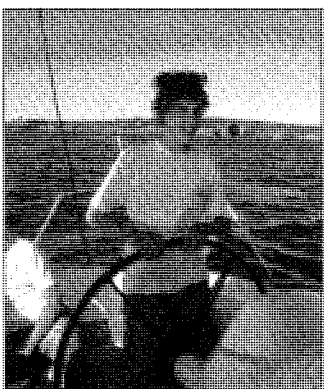
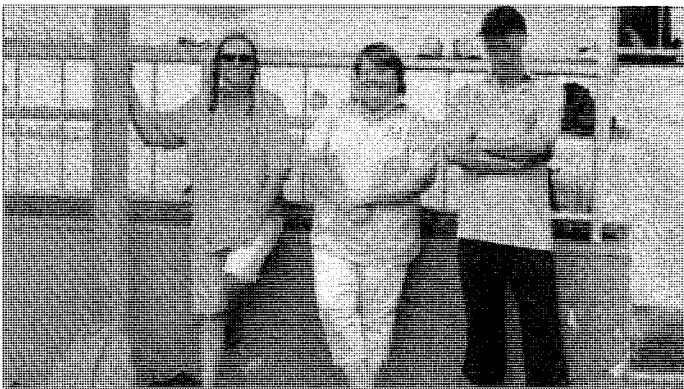
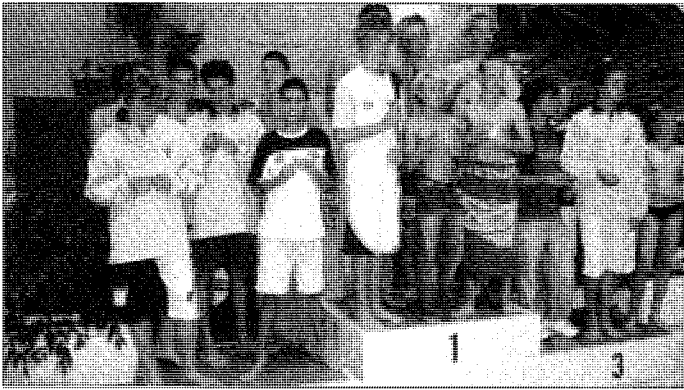
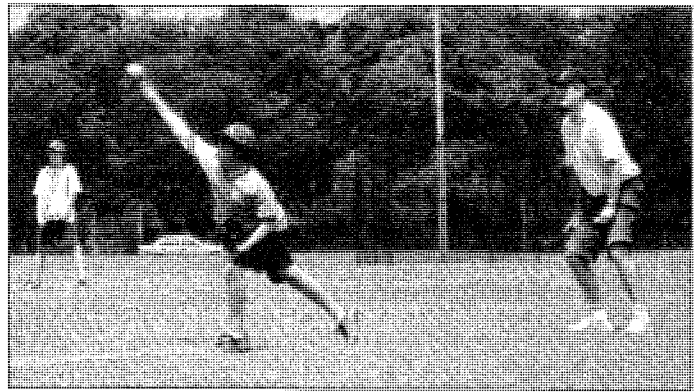
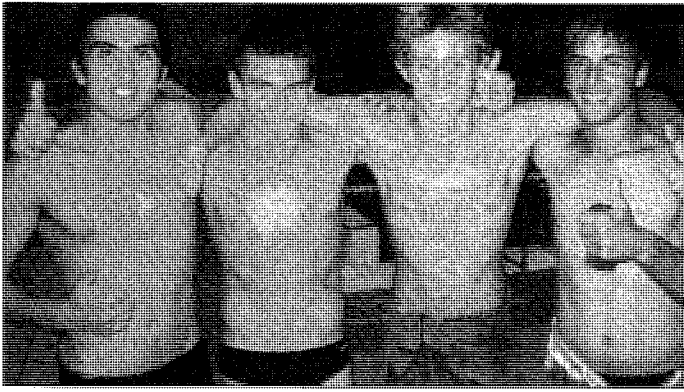
For the 2nd grade cricket team their semi finals and grand final were their highlights. In the semi's North Sydney needed a measly total of 105 to win. However with bowlers like Naveed Khan, Soshi Barakat, Nour Shamsin and Waqas Quadrat North Sydney reached a total of 72.

In the final Homebush were defending another total of 114. With the same bowling attack Ashfield only managed 58. Soshi and Nour were the pick of the bowlers with 4 wickets each.

On behalf of the 2nd grade team we would like to thank Mr Philip for taking the time and effort to train, coach and give positive advice throughout the season. It was a real team effort.

Amlan Sharma
Captain





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THIRD GRADE CRICKET Thirsty Thirds Undefeated Zone Premiers

The team contained of 24 players and as usual our coach, Mr Sivasothy. The dazzling choice of players was: T.Vasanth (c), T.Deneshen, S.Udeshan, J.Sherson (our king of spin), S.Niruthan (V.C), A.Senthuran, A.Mayouran, G.Prakash, G.Shajan, P.Samuel (W.K), S.Simran, S.Nishanth, J.Viyasan (master blaster), K.Rizwan, N.Dhillip, K.Prashanth, S.Ahilan, J.Tarrant-Windt, G.Rajaratnam, J.Kanagalingam (kuringa specialist), P.Shanmugalingam (manager), K.Thevapalan, V.Velampati.

Statistics of the players

Viyasan. J: HS – 85 Vs. North Sydney Boys
Vasanth .T: HS – 82 Vs. Macquarie Boys
BB – 4/17 Vs. North Sydney Boys
Jaime.S: BB – HS – 48 Vs. Macquarie boys
3/15 Vs. Epping Boys High School
Prakash. G: HS – 53 Vs. North Sydney Boys (semi-final)
Keeth.T: HS – 61 VS. North Sydney Boys (semi-final)
Denesh.T: BB – 3/20 Vs. North Sydney Boys (semi-final)
Nituthan.S: BB – 4/15 Vs. Macquarie Boys (final)
Mayouran.A: BB – 4/18 Vs. Macquarie Boys (final)

Teams	Played	Won	Lost	Tie
HB	8	8	0	0
MB	8	3	5	0
NSB	8	2	6	0
EPB	8	1	7	0

‘The Thirsty Thirds’ once again proved that they are the undefeated premiers in the inter-school competition for 2004-2005. As captain I was very privileged to work under a great coach, Mr.Sivasothy, as well as a very talented and enthusiastic team. Mr Sivasothy with his yellow funky cap made us win all the games.

With the dedication and hard work from all the players, each member of the team contributed significantly to the team score using their individual talents – that is, bowling, batting and fielding. This enabled the players to work together as part of a team and build great team spirit.

The second game we played against Epping was one of the most memorable of our matches. Epping went into bat first. When it was our turn to chase, our openers and the middle order batsman collapsed with few runs on the board. It was at this point that our master blaster Viyasan (ex-baseball player) came to crease. Viyasan hammered all the fast and medium pace bowlers for fours and sixes.

In the semifinal Prakash and Keeth got a partnership of 103. Their tremendous partnership and the excellent bowling of

Denesh enabled the thirsty thirds to play in the final against Macquarie. Will we ever forget Niruthan and Mayouran who saved our team from losing the final as they minimised the run rate and took the wickets of danger batsmen?

T.Vasanth
Captain

15A CRICKET Zone Premiers

Team: Martin Gabor, Niru Nimalkumar, David Paterson, Sheshan Saravanamuth, Shahrooz Sarwar, Ramesh Shan, Aayush Sharma, Taran Singh, Mahen Sinnarasa, Mitchell Starc, Saad Ur-Rahman and Mahesh Vuppalapati.

The season started off strongly with many new faces vying for positions in the Homebush 15A cricket team with only 12 players to be selected.

There were high hopes for the team as we were coming from an undefeated 14A premiership and wanted to continue with our winning streak. The side consisted of many representative players who were keen to enhance their cricket.

Our first match was against Normanhurst whom many of us knew and were able to defeat comfortably. Homebush: 9/136 to Normanhurst: 38.

Our second match was against Epping and we knew that we were in for a tight tussle. The match was reduced to twenty overs which seemed to work in our favour with our fast scoring rate and brilliant fielding. Homebush: 4/103 to Epping: 65.

Our third opponent was Homebush B whom we were able to defeat in heavy rain. It was a match played in the right spirit even though both sides were desperate to win. Homebush A: 4/82 off 14 overs to Homebush B: 45.

North Sydney was probably our most emphatic victory during the season although the ground was in the middle of nowhere.

Our unstoppable batting and bowling line-up proved too much for our inexperienced opponents. Homebush: 8/178 to North Sydney: 52.

Our final match before the New Year was rain affected against Randwick. Although they proved to be a formidable opponent it was a good chance to rest some of our key players. Homebush: 4/85 off 13 overs to Randwick: 7/65 off 20 overs.

In our major semi-final, we played Randwick and once again the weather played havoc causing us to lose concentration and play poorly and maybe with a different opponent it may have been a different result. Homebush: 6/149 off 20 overs to Randwick: 62.

In our Preliminary final against the B’s we had a tighter than expected tussle and we

should pay credit to Mr.Puran and his team who proved a difficult opponent. Homebush A: 2/97 of 12 overs to Homebush B: 7/65 of 25 overs.

So, we were one game away from achieving our goal that Mr.Richardson had set us many months ago. The final was played at Strathfield Park against Epping who were ready and prepared to play cricket.

The match started off with Taran and Aayush adding 45 for the first wicket in 7 overs. By the drinks break David and Aayush had taken the score to 1/99 in 15 overs. We gradually lost wickets while building our run rate with contributions from Mitchell, Ramesh, Niruthan and Saad. We managed to amass our highest total for the season of 5/233 off 30 overs.

We were confident of defending our large total but soon had our hearts in our mouths with a sizeable knock from their #3 who put them in sight of victory. That was when our never say die attitude came in with tight bowling from Martin Gabor, 4/30 and Mitchell Starc and some fantastic catches which really proved the difference. Epping were restricted to 7/200 off 30 overs.

In summary, we would like to thank our coach, Mr.Richardson, for his time, effort, guidance and wisdom through the season and for his never say die attitude.

David Paterson
Captain.

15B CRICKET Zone Premiers

The 15B Cricket team included the following keen sportsmen:

Jafran Anzar, Vasanth Buvanenthara, Michael Edginton (vc), Sid Dixit, Asef Islam, Srini Janakiraman, Nishanth Kulendranathan, Kenny Lloyd, Nava Navaretnarajah, Wilfred Paul, Pravesh Purusothaman, Krishna Rupadas, Suthan Sriharan, Joel Thevarajah.

This was the only 15B team in the competition so we had to play the 15A teams. In most of our matches our team thrashed the 15A teams. However there was one team that gave us a hard time – the 15A from Homebush.

Our team impressed by the sportsmanship of the boys who enjoyed every match and gave of their best at all times.

We were particularly pleased that our team reached the semi-final only to be narrowly beaten by our 15A.

Good luck to everyone in the team and special thanks to our coach, Mr.Puran.

Michael Edginton
Captain.

14A CRICKET Zone Premiers

The cricket season of 2004/2005 was an excellent season for the 14A cricket team.

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They became Zone Premiers by defeating Randwick Boys' High in the grand final.

Their coach, Mr. Klein was an excellent coach even though he had a lot of sympathy. Captain Harichandra Rajaji (Hari) was a good captain and an above average wicket keeper and an average batsman with a batting number of fourth drop.

Kailin Moodley was vice captain even though he had his occasional argument with the captain (the captain ended up winning most of the time) he was an excellent top order batsman and a good opening bowler. **Suthangan Thanabalasingam** the sneaky one in the team is an excellent top order batsman who can always be relied upon and the only full time spinner in the team.

Daniel Ingrati a very gullible person would believe nearly everything we said including that he is similar to Micheal Bevan, he is the saviour of the team when he is needed, he is there to save us and is also an excellent medium pace bowler.

Abiram Shanmugalingam the defensive person in the team always waiting for the right time to hit the ball even though he did this he always stayed in and got the runs.

Sachinpal Singh the name says it all - a very good opening batsmen with a seasonal score of 150 runs and excellent slow and accurate bowling.

Lachy Irvine-Brown the smashing opening batsmen in our team with an average of 25 per game and the same with the ball - intimidating and fast.

Aiden McCluskey a very accurate opening pace bowler who can get a lot of swing on the ball.

Branavan Arumugaiyer - the Nathan Bracken of our team - the only left hand pace bowler who can home the ball into middle stump.

Hareeshan Elankovan the opening batsmen near the end of the season who can manipulate the ball as well as smash it.

Himashan Kulasingam a quiet but lethal person. Even though he did not have a go at batting until the end of the season he still was a good team player.

Vimal Sivakumar an excellent medium pace bowler always accurate and always got a wicket when he bowled.

William Shanthikumar did a really good job of bowling.

So that's all for the 14A's - Congratulations boys!

Hari Rajaji
Captain

14B CRICKET REPORT Zone Premiers

This was a very successful season for a balanced team of enthusiastic young cricketers.

From the point of view of the coach this was the *happy* team. It was a pleasure to see smiling faces as each team member was obviously enjoying their sport. All of the team supported each other and were very friendly towards each other and to their opponents. The results for the season were:

Normanhurst	First Innings Win	Homebush All out-49	Normanhurst 10-20 then 9-37
Epping	FIW	Epping 7-64	Homebush 5-66
North Sydney	FIW	Homebush 4-149	North Sydney 10-9 6-37
Ashfield	FIW	Homebush 7-88	Ashfield All out 44
North Sydney	FIW	North Sydney All out 49	Homebush 0-55
Macquarie	FIW	Homebush 7-130	Macquarie All Out 31
Final V Normanhurst	WIN	Homebush 4-161	Normanhurst All Out 80

The team was Richard Amarasingam, Rushil Chhibber, Afnan Fazli, Rashogan Govender, Sheharyar Hamayun, Faheem Khan, Aakash Mahajan, Kavi Nakkeeran, Abdar Noor-Mohamed (captain), Thajee Raveendran, James Shehadie, Avinash Singh, Piraseth Sivapatham, and Guy Smith.

Homebush played very well in the final. Batting first - an excellent effort with Abdar scoring 62 and James hitting up a quick 38 runs. After 15 overs the score was under 50. Over 100 runs were scored in the second 15 overs. Then excellent and inspirational team fielding put the pressure on the Normanhurst run chase. The wickets began to fall as the pressure mounted. Six players shared in the wicket taking.

Overall it was a successful and very enjoyable season. I thank the boys for their commitment, their excellent behaviour and their good sportsmanship.

Mr A Doolan
Coach

SENIOR INDOOR SOCCER

The new season was to see the senior team start with a new attitude and that was to make the top four.

The forwards were captain Joseph Vermiglio and Stephen Speirs (the best and fairest award winner) with Michael Dagiantis playing off the bench as an impact player. The backs were Aydin Bektas and Halil Mehmet with Moussa Saeed as the goal keeper. Chris Mustafa played the role of a utility player being able to play both as a goal scorer and a defender. Vinod Jacob played off the bench and was mainly a forward replacement. Zhou Wang was also a reserve but hardly played due to injury.

This season was one of near misses. We missed out in making the finals by one point. We had 5 draws 3 wins and 4 losses. Unfortunately the 5 draws were our downfall.

Our best game was in the second round against the best team, Macquarie who had defeated us in the first round 8 - 1. We were leading 4-1 with 5 minutes to go and Macquarie was finishing strongly scoring 4 goals in one and a half minutes, all of a sudden we were faced with a 4-5 score line and more goals to come, but we managed to hang on and salvage a draw 5 - 5.

Thank you to all the boys for an enjoyable season.

Mr.C.Halkidis
Coach

JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER Semi-Finalist

Team: Kerolos Beshara, Piers Elliott, Paul Kim, Jamie Kritharas, Ali Mustafa, Rueben Rajkumar, Scott Tonkin, David Von Dinklage, Jazz Walia.

The team played well during summer season reaching the semi-final stage of the competition but were beaten by the North Sydney team.

SENIOR OZ-TAG Undeclared Zone Premiers

In its second season as a grade sport, the Oztag competition was more competitive and widely accepted in the zone. The Senior Oztag team of 2004/5 were crowned undefeated premiers by the end of the season.

Despite a scare in the grand final the Homebush Senior Oztag team remained relatively out of reach for the rest of the North Western Metropolitan Zone.

The statistics tell the story. The team scored over 150 tries in 13 games; and only conceded 39 tries in the process. The speedster Karl Malek was the leading try scorer for the season.

The season started as it finished with Homebush often embarrassing their opposition winning by more than 8 tries per game. But defence was the stand out feature of the team and it was defence that won us the premiership in the end.

Cameron West was outstanding as captain. His calmness and experience were crucial in moulding the boys into a highly effective team.

The grand final win was the result of on an outstanding defence and lots of luck as Asquith played out of their skin and Homebush encountered one of those days where nothing went right. Team work and perseverance also helped.

The experience and athleticism of Robert Kang had him impersonating superman to score the winning try with 40 seconds to play, it ended up 4-3. Robert was the deserving best and fairest player for the season.

The team was made up of Daniel Evans (head tuck), Robert Kang, Ryan King, Tomas Kopf-Vulaca, Paul Latu, Karl Malek, Max Mason, Lindsay Moore, Beau Payne, Chris Pooley, Mitchell Reid, John Vaitaki, Cameron West (C) and Omar Youssef ("TAG"). David Craig also needs to warrant a mention for his outstanding performances in Term 4 of 2004. The future of the senior team is assured with so many Year 9, 10 and 11 students in the team.

Every player contributed in their own way

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throughout the season. Congratulations to every player for his contributions on the field and the exemplary way every player conducted himself off the field. Well done, men!

Mr.C.Elaro
Coach

JUNIOR OZ-TAG Undeclared Zone Premiers

In the Zones second season of Oz Tag, Homebush claimed its second title without a loss.

The squad was very strong with a superb 'starting 8'. The boys played with great flair, plus football brains and deservedly took the championship defeating Normanhurst 4-2, after a 6-3 victory in the semi-finals over Asquith. An undefeated stretch of 14 games was highlighted by continual brilliance in attack.

There was a different collection of match winners week to week. Shaun would streak away; Simon would sneak an intercept and Teddy would slice through. Next time it would be Nathan and James who would dominate with James Shute and Sean crossing for tries. Our interchange players stepped up and we played without weaknesses. A coach's dream!

Squad and player rap

1. S Trewick, All class, match winner
2. E Bates, Ultra competitive, game breaker
3. N Massey, True Footballer, skilful
4. J Smedley, Elusive and creative
5. J Shute, Great gap runner, try scorer
6. S Craig, Spin move specialist, evasive
7. S Dinopolous, Intercept King, ball player
8. S Jackson, excelled out wide
9. G Moussa, Neat step and dummy
10. L Jenson, Speedster and dependable
11. L Frigo, Solid skills, error free
12. S Ede, Nice play out wide at pace
13. K Lees, Quiet achiever with game sense
14. N Essagher, Nice tagger with effective step
15. I Hati, Good interchange player
16. J Ellis, Dependable out wide

Manager Kos Mapapalangi
Coach Mr B Wilson

FIRST GRADE SUMMER TENNIS Semi-Finalist

Team: Jean-Paul Watson, Gow Manoharan, Noel Atputharajah (c), Eddie Wu, Alvin Rajakumar, Wasim Khan.

This year's First Grade team for the Summer season was a consistently achieving team. We performed well all season with our only losses to Normanhurst and Epping.

We made it to the semi-final but our efforts were not enough against the title holders, the awesome Epping team.

During the season our singles game was very strong but our doubles form was one aspect that should have improved.
Jean Paul was our #1 player, a magnificent

player on his day – which was most days. His singles game was strong and there was improvement in his doubles strategy. Gow was #2, our most consistent player - strong singles player who made few errors. I was #3 and pleased with my quiet improvement. As captain, I did my best to lead from the front and experimented with a few strategies which worked in the semi-final. #4 was Eddie Wu – consistently good player who still has great potential.

Our reserves – Alvin Rajakumar and Wasim Khan helped out in a couple of matches and played well. Later in the season a new role was found for Alvin and that was team manager.

Special mention must be made for our two coaches – Ms. Derley, who provided us with jerseys and our current coach, Ms. Baz, who rewards us with food.

This season has been successful for 1st Grade Tennis and I am looking forward to the next season.

Noel Atputharajah
Captain

SECOND GRADE SUMMER TENNIS Semi-Finalist

Team List: Peter Biji, Chetan Chopra, Jamie Harrison, Aaqib Khan, Danny Truong, Abhi Widge, Alfred Wong.

The team played well during summer season reaching the semi-final stage of the competition but were beaten by the strong Epping team.

15 YEARS SUMMER TENNIS Semi-Finalist

Team: Daniel Chau, Ashley Harris, Mitchell Koh, Prakash Nagaratharajah, Sudhagar Sivabalan.

The team had a successful summer season reaching the semi-final stage of the competition. Our opponents Epping proved to be too strong on the day.

All of the boys displayed a fine show of character, enjoying their tennis while playing the game in the most sporting manner.

14 YEARS SUMMER TENNIS Semi-Finalist

Team: Matthew Iwanczuk, Sujan Sathiseelan, Michael Tran, Eric Truong, Taren Tu..

The team played well during summer season reaching the semi-final stage of the competition. Our opponents North Sydney proved to be too strong on the day. It was a joy to be associated with these boys who are an asset to Homebush Boys High School.

Mr.M.Reso
Coach

FIRST GRADE VOLLEYBALL Finalist

Volleyball has always been a strong sport at Homebush and the 2004-05 season was not different. Both First and Second Grade had ups and downs during the season.

Many boys had played the game before but we had some new-comers such as Jimmy Yook and Hasansul Kabir who soon became great players. Blair Hardaker, Sinjae Kwak, Brandon Costa, Sam Roche, Yohan Kim and Jimmy Yook executed great spikes. They were provided with good sets by Jack Atkins, Andrew A-K Nguyen and Raymond Tran.

The team defeated Epping in the semi-final. First Grade captain, Blair Hardaker missed half of the season due to an injury but made a good recovery to lead First Grade in the Final against North Sydney. However, North Sydney had a narrow 2-1 win.

Focus then turned to the Knock-out Competition which began strongly with a win over Ryde Senior College and a forfeit by Chatswood.

Marvin Lim

SECOND GRADE VOLLEYBALL Semi-Finalist

Second grade were also unlucky in their campaign with four narrow losses and a semi-final loss to North Sydney.

Many outstanding players were in the team with big hitters Jack Castrique, Sam Everett, John Hua, Hasanul Kabir, Abrar Ahmad and Sae-Hwan Kim. Setters for Second Grade included Marvin Lim and Arbab Ahmad.

Marvin Lim

15 YEARS VOLLEYBALL Undeclared Zone Premiers

The 15 Years Volleyball team had a very successful year. Most of the players had played volleyball before and the new players learnt quickly. This year the team played well together and everyone pitched in as we defeated school after school.

We were undefeated during the whole season and did not even lose one set in any of the matches. We breezed through the first couple of schools and then we competed against Asquith who we thought would be an easy team to beat but they proved us wrong. They had improved greatly since last season and were our toughest opponents. Epping also had a strong team but we beat them in straight sets in every match.

In the semi-final we played Asquith. It was a close match but we managed to defeat them in two sets.

The following week was our final and in this match we played Epping. This match was very close in the first set but we managed to overcome and again won in straight sets. It was a great match to watch as we had several

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long rallies and it made the viewers on the sideline jump around and scream out in amazement and entertainment. It was great fun.

Everyone in the team pitched in and helped in winning the competition, but members of the team who I thought were consistent in playing their best at all times were Emre Mehmet, Songman Babb, Amar Anwar, Abdul Sanjari and Abdullah Akgul.

14 YEARS VOLLEYBALL Zone Premiers

The 14's volleyball team consisted of a great group of enthusiastic and talented players: Zafrol Ahmed, Dean Atchan, Daniel Gabrielli, Michael Hua, Ibrahim Kerem (c), Hasan Mesleman, Mehmet Ozcan, Damien Popovic, Vitale Roqica and Giorgio Speranza.

With the exception of narrowly losing one game we convincingly won every other game and were crowned the Minor Premiers of 2004-2005.

We finished first on the ladder, automatically advancing us into the semi-finals, which we won in three sets, overpowering our opponents – Epping.

Our Grand Final was played at the Thornleigh Brick Pitt against Ashfield. Our side turned up eager, confident and prepared to win which gave us the advantage. The first set was played magnificently wiping Ashfield off the court in under 10 minutes with an amazing score of 25-14.

The second set saw our worthy opponents rise to the occasion catching us by surprise. This only encouraged us to lift our game. We were down 21-24 after 15 minutes, but with our determination and teamwork we regained composure and won the set 26-24 winning us the Grand Final.

Finally on behalf of the team, I would like to thank and acknowledge our coaches Ms Dwyer and Mr Pearson for all of their time, effort and support they have shown us throughout the season. Thankyou! We could not have done it without you.

Ibrahim Kerem
Captain

FIRST GRADE WATER POLO Undeafated Zone Premiers

Team: Brendan Churton, Michael Clark, Daniel Davoren, Ben Fifield, Rabieh Gharibeh, Josh Hilliard, Abdul Jamal, Sean Little (Captain), Edward Parry, Daniel Silva, Kareem Sourour, Lyle Taulai, Pascal Wallace (Best and Fairest)

The season started well with Sean Little, Pascal Wallace, Lyle Taulai, Daniel Davoren and Brandon Churton being selected to play for the Sydney North Team in the CHS carnival, this year at Picton.

We finished in the top four in the tournament; Pascal was named in the CHS 2nds squad.

The grade season was looking promising as we fielded two teams in the opens competition, Homebush 1sts and 2nds. This proved to be an undefeated premiership winning season with the closest game being by 5 goals for the 1sts and an unlucky finish just outside the semis for the 2nds. A special mention to Kareem Sourour, who displayed outstanding talent in his debut season of Water Polo.

After the dominant performance in the North West Area, the team moved on to the CHS state knockout competition.

Despite losing a few players including our representative keeper, the team strived to still be competitive despite only having eight players. We had tough encounters with Concord, Randwick and Asquith, to come through as victors on the day. This led to us facing Kincumber in the Regional Final. We won 13-2, to play at the State Finals for the first time in three years.

We had a disappointing ending to the knockout season with a narrow loss to Tamworth High, putting us in 5th position.

Thanks to Miss Chapman for taking us all the way to Raymond Terrace and back, but mainly for putting up with us for one whole day.

Congratulations to all the Water Polo boys on a great season of 2005! Well done to everyone in the team.

Sean Little
Captain

SECOND GRADE WATER POLO

Team: Adrian Alim, Orest Danylak, Morgan Di Val, Alex Dunn, Adam Imer, Stuart Jackson, Cain Keating, Matt Lott, Daniel Paynter, Chad Watkinson.

Congratulations to our Hammerheads for such a strong effort in the First Grade Competition! Our boys narrowly missed out on the semi-finals after losing a crucial team member.

Daniel Paynter had made an impact through his goal scoring before leaving school. Our youngest team member, Chad Watkinson, was indispensable in the goal scoring department – a 14 year dynamo in the pool, we will be hearing more about his performance as the years go by.

Morgan Di Val took on the heavy responsibility of goal keeping at the beginning of the season and made it his own, directing the team like a veteran.

Many of the boys lifted to play above their age and did so with real skill, Matt Lott, Orest Danylak and Adam Imer were very strong in offence and defence, often against more experienced players. Stuart Jackson and Adrian Alim were the veterans who enabled the team to succeed in the First Grade Competition.

Once again Congratulations to this team who will be a force to reckon with when they become our First Grade.

Ms.J.Bowe
Coach

15 YEARS WATERPOLO

Razak Akunyare, Jack Avery, Taylor Di Val, Ben Green, Nick Ivassi, Jake Mansfield, Sam McCartney, William Parker, Justin Paynter, Robert Polec, Kaan Sozen,

This season promised to be a very successful one with a good team of students who were spirited and motivated. The team did not have any strong water polo players at the beginning but there were plenty of strong swimmers.

Due to this strong team spirit and motivation the early Friday morning training sessions were very successful and resulted in a cohesive team that played well together. Unfortunately, near the end of the season, the coach received some incorrect information which resulted in the team being disqualified after their semi final win. I am confident that if not for this unfortunate incident the team would have gone on to win the final and deservedly so.

I wish to commend Kaan Sozen, Jack Avery, Sam McCartney, Ben Green, William Parker, Taylor Di Val and Robert Polec for their enthusiasm in coming to training and their improvement through the season.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Joshua Hilliard for his advice and help during the Friday morning coaching sessions.

Mr.A.Smith.
Coach

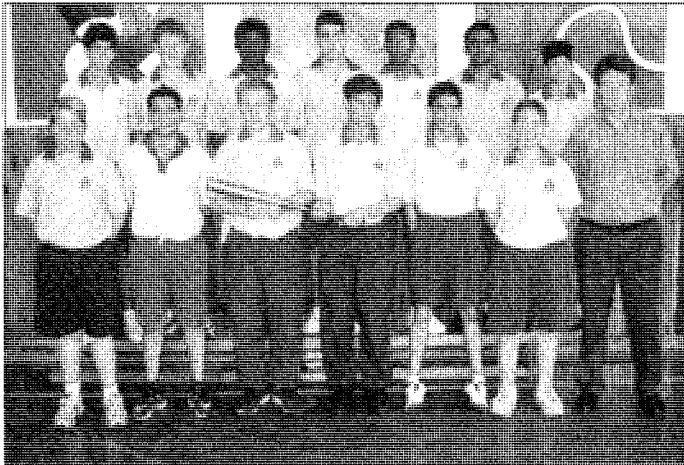
14 YEARS WATERPOLO Undeafated Zone Premiers

The 2004/05 under 14's waterpolo team must be close to being the best team Homebush Boys' has ever seen, if not the best. The boys sailed through the entire season undefeated and came out easy victors in the grand final.

Connor Martin and Andrew Sorrenti made the whole game look so easy. With Andrew's fast swimming and Connor's great skills the other teams had little hope. Backing these two up was a string of talent; Jackson Armour, Troy Arnold, Mason Clark, Jake Imer, Peter Jackson (goalie), Tyson King, Max Little, Stuart Mansfield, Andrew Maxwell (big brownie points for attending training) and Jack Sadler all played their part in ensuring a season of red-hot success.

Well done guys - it was an absolute pleasure being there with you.

Ms.B. Gobel
Coach



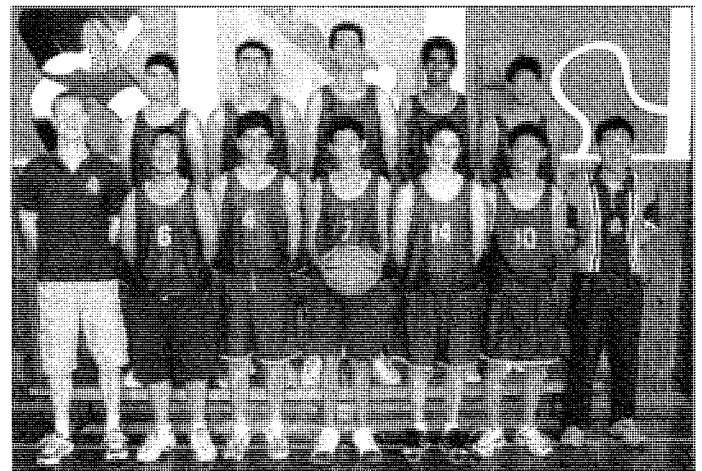
First Grade Baseball/Semi Finalists



Junior Baseball/Minor & Zone Premiers



First Grade Basketball



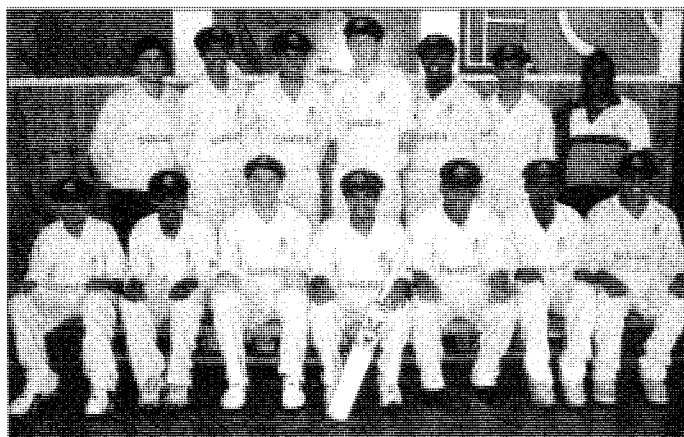
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15 Years Basketball



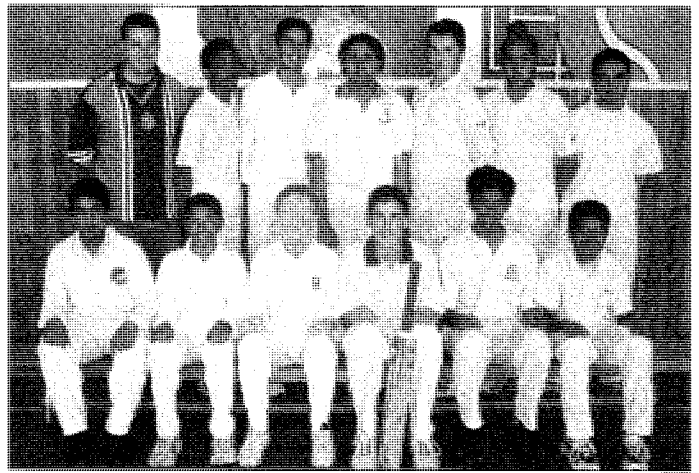
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2nd Grade Cricket/Zone Premiers



3rd Grade Cricket/Undeafeted Zone Premiers



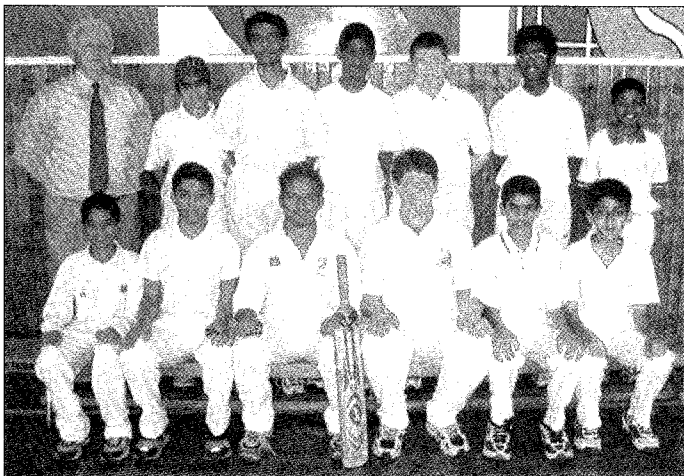
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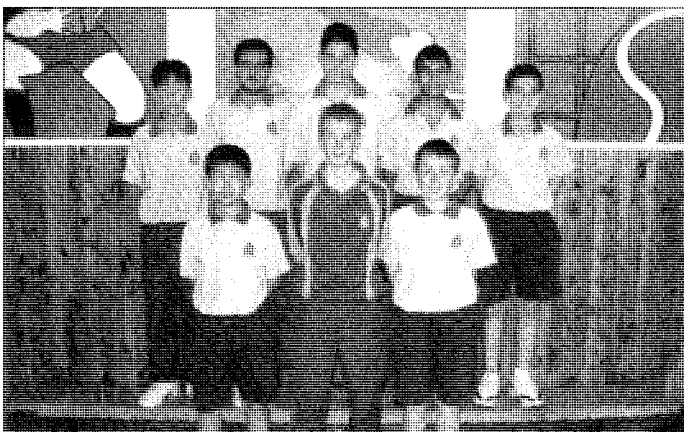
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Senior Indoor Soccer



Junior Indoor Soccer/Semi Finalist



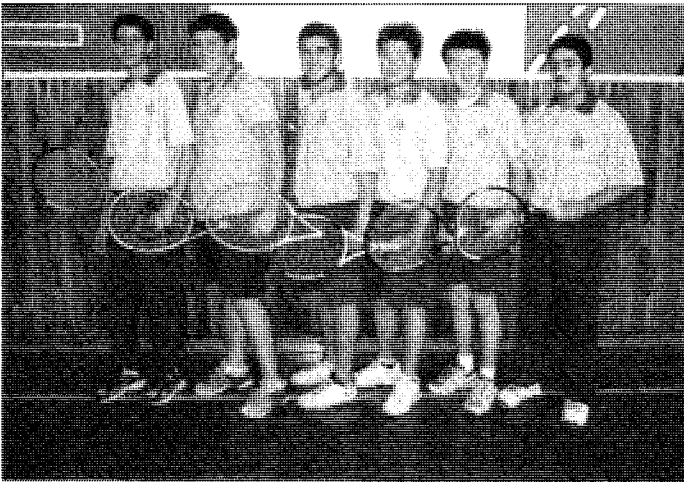
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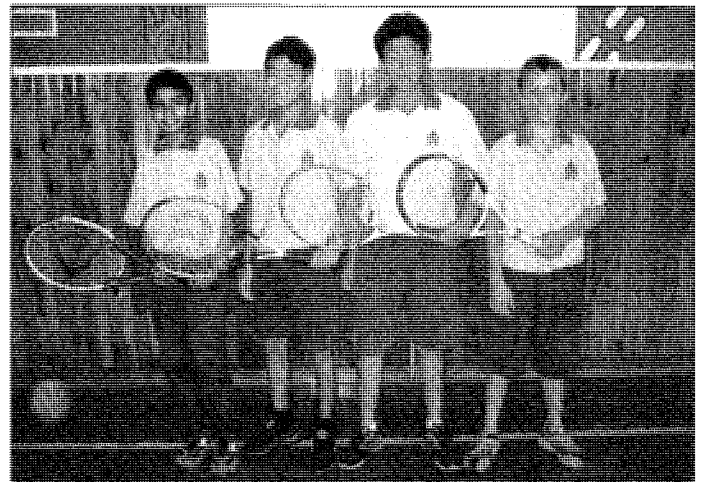
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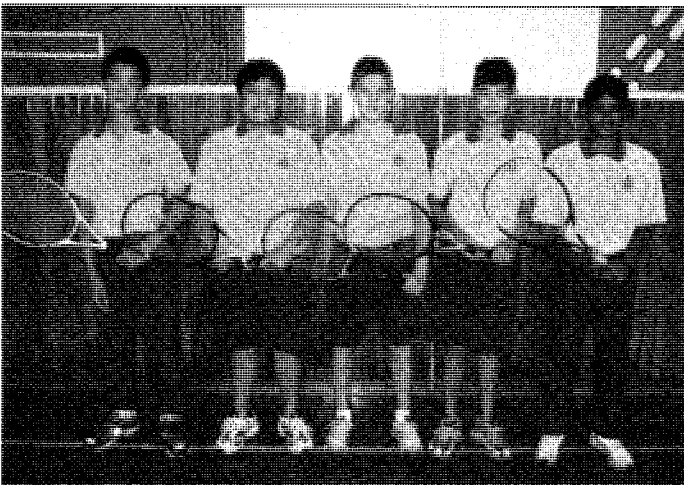
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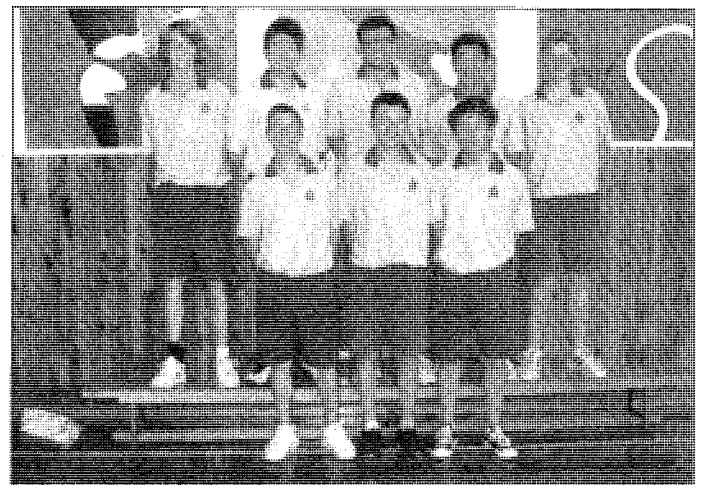
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15 Years Summer Tennis/Semi Finalist



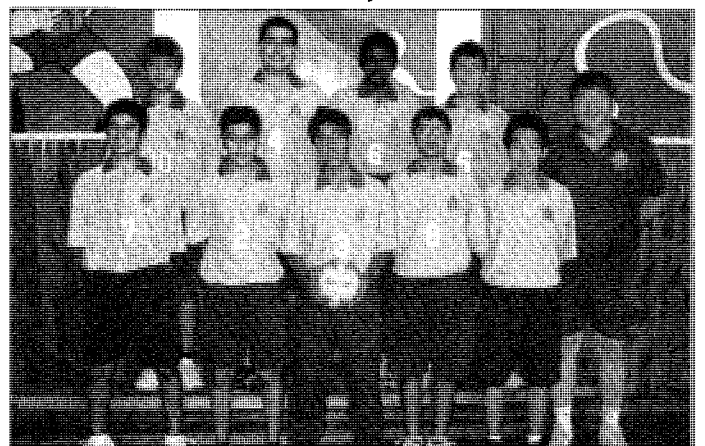
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15 Years Volleyball/Undeafated Zone Premiers



14 Years Volleyball



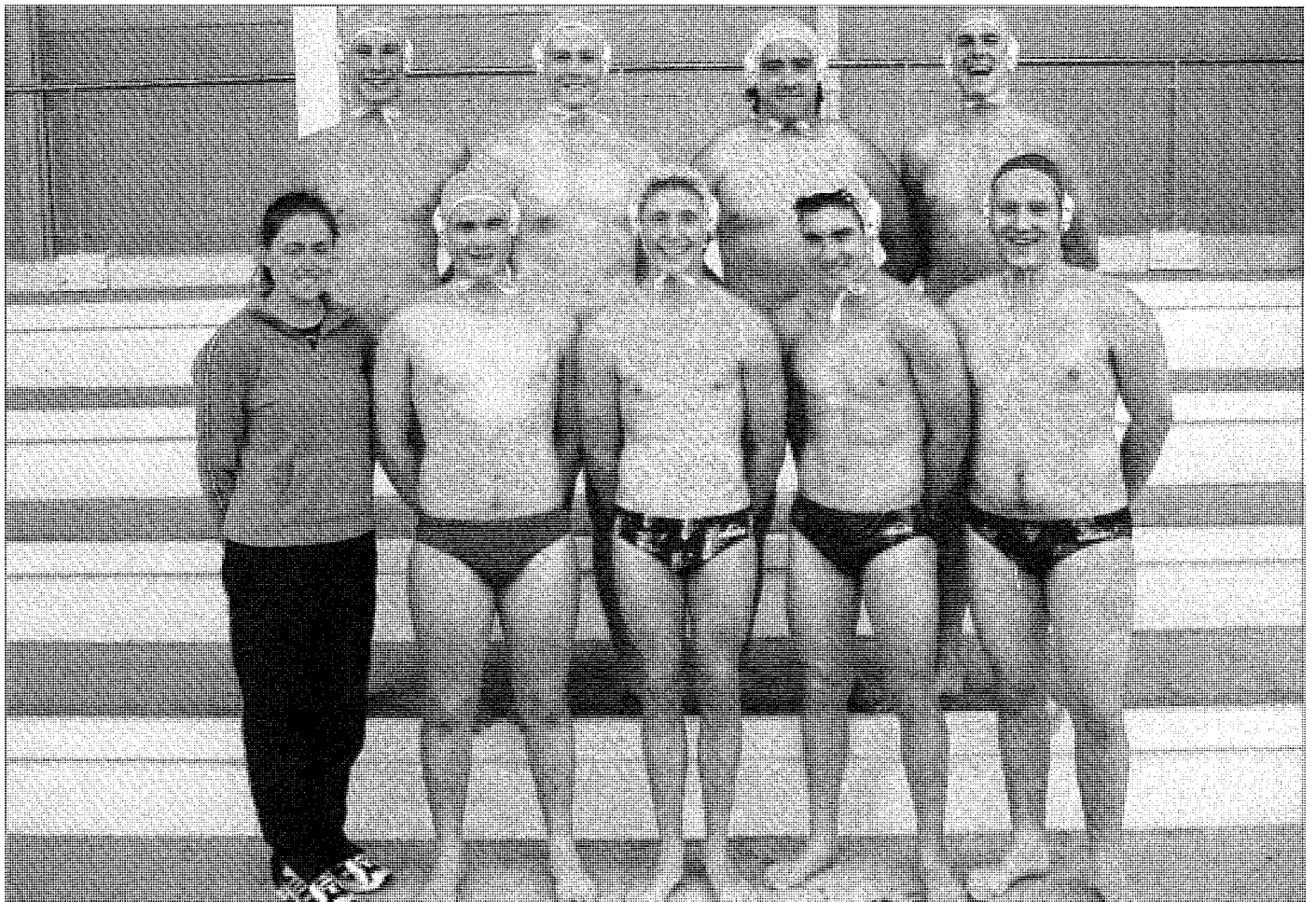
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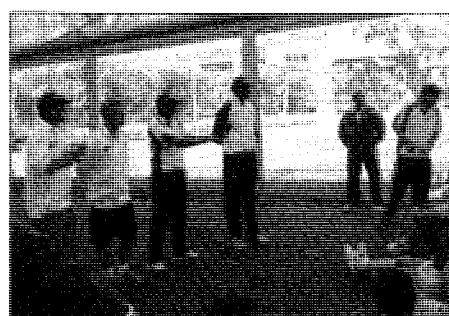
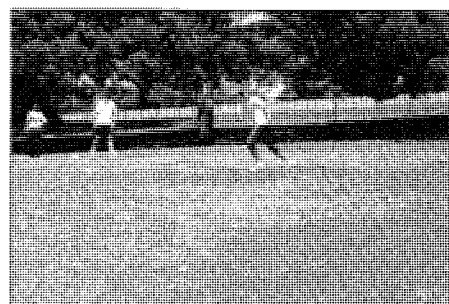
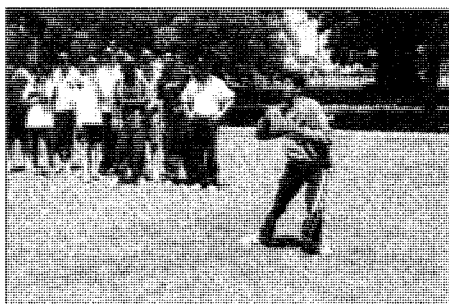
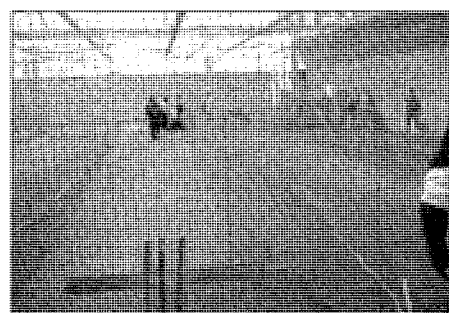


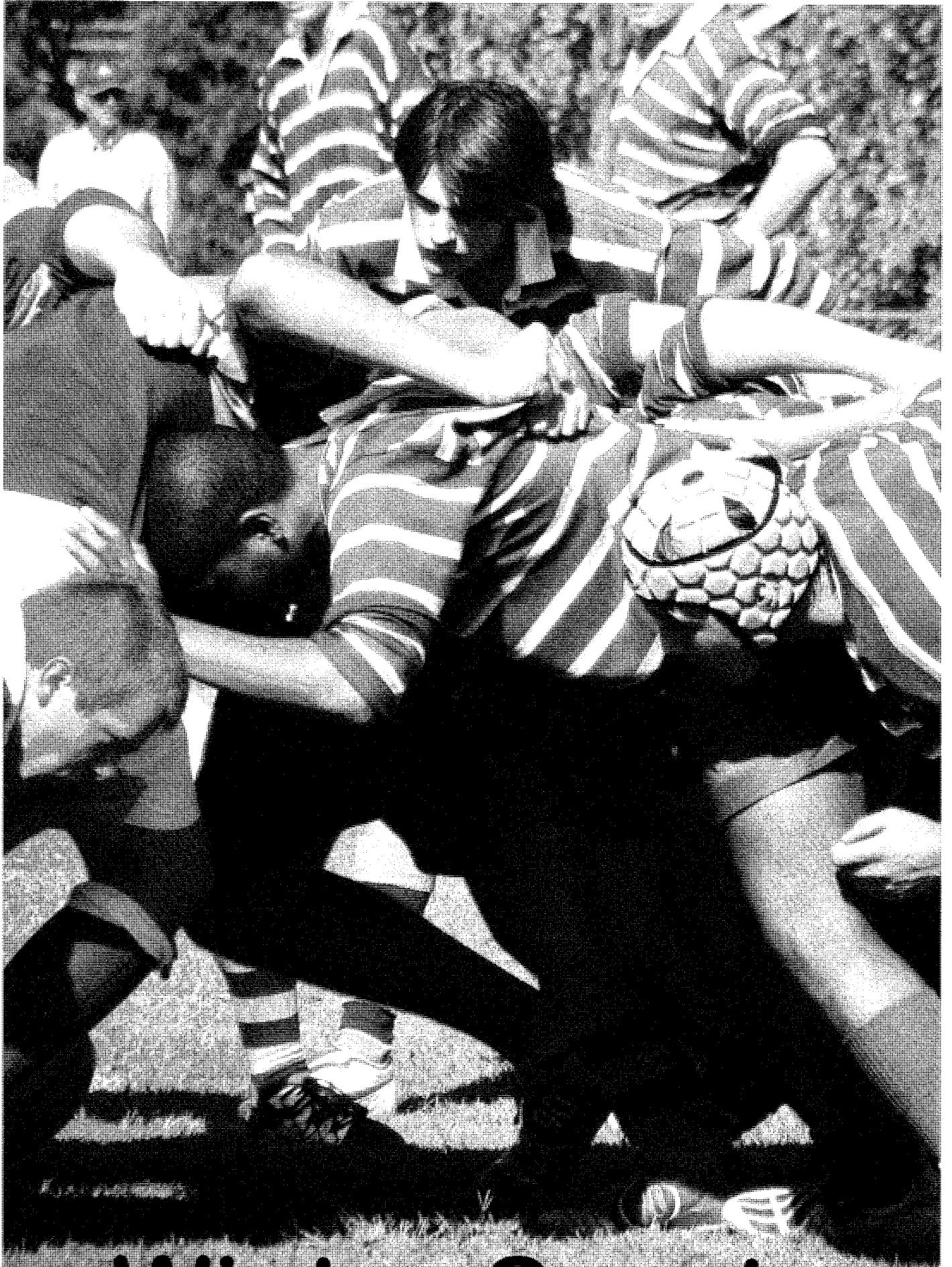
1st Grade Water Polo/Undefeated Zone Premiers

Cricket Clinic at the S.C.G.....

Following the success of the schools' cricketing teams, Homebush Boys was one of two schools to be invited to send 12 cricketers to a coaching clinic run by Cricket NSW and Macquarie Bank Sports. This was a unique and rare opportunity for our players to be coached and trained by a number of Test legends including former Test Captains Waqar Younis (Pakistan) and Courtney Walsh (West Indies) and former Australian Test Players Dean Jones, Greg Matthews and former Australian fielding coach Mike Young

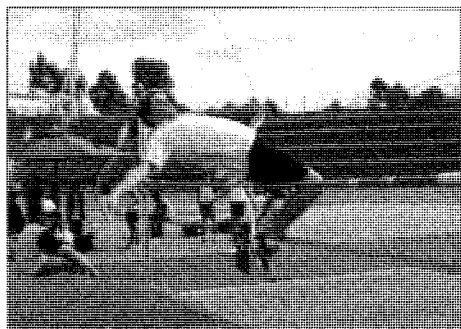
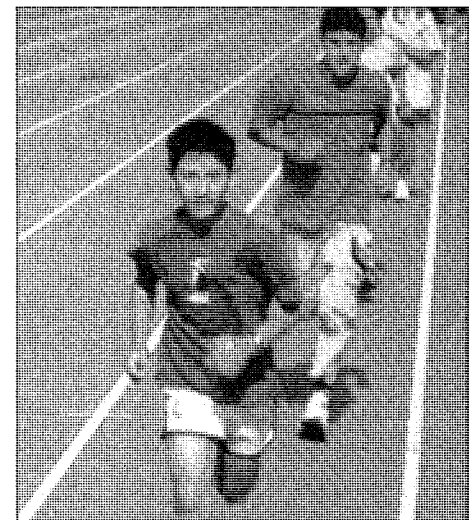
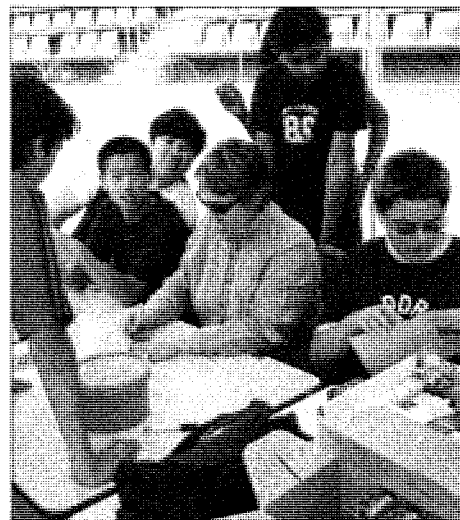
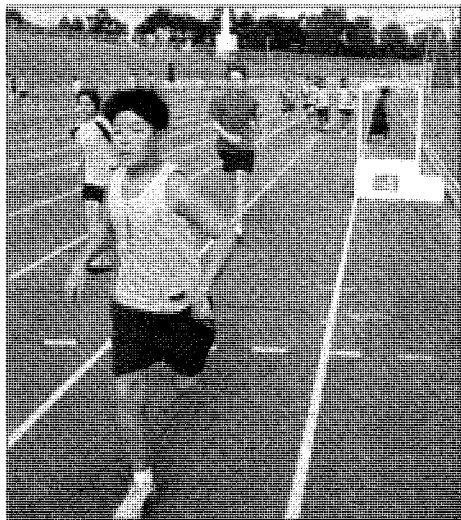
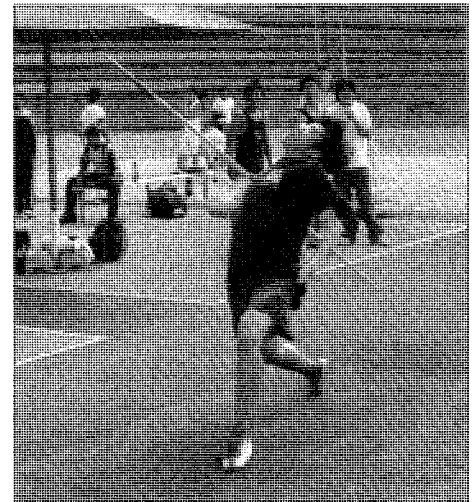
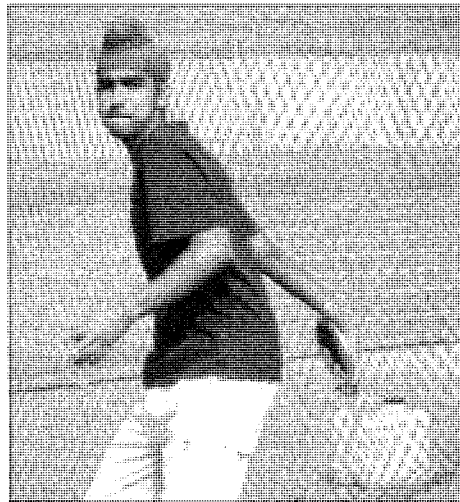
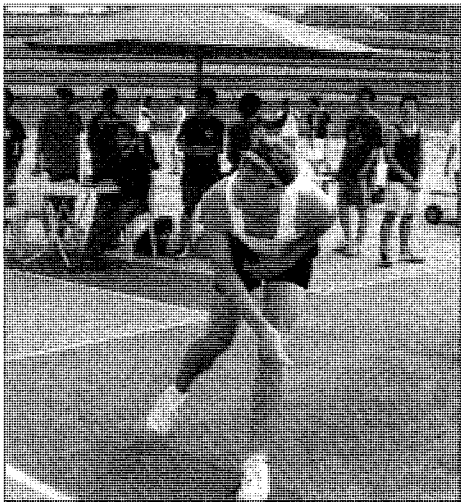
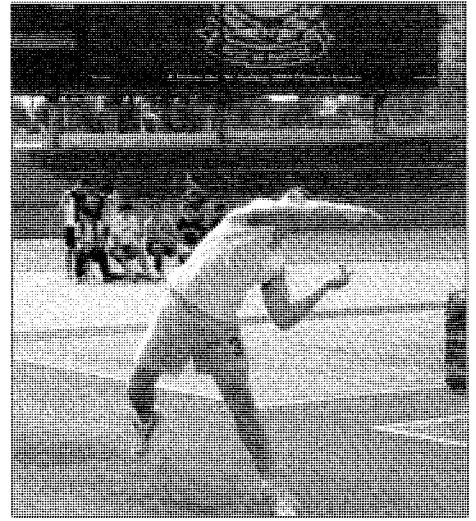
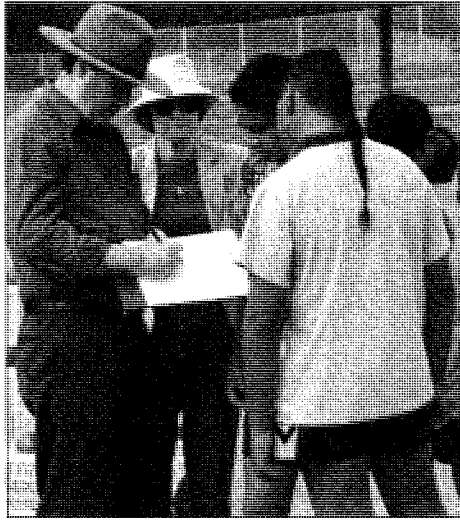
The players were keen and enthusiastic cricketers and received a boost to their already overflowing talents. The clinic included bowling coaching from Waqar, Greg and Courtney and fielding drills by Mike, Courtney, Dean, Greg and Waqas



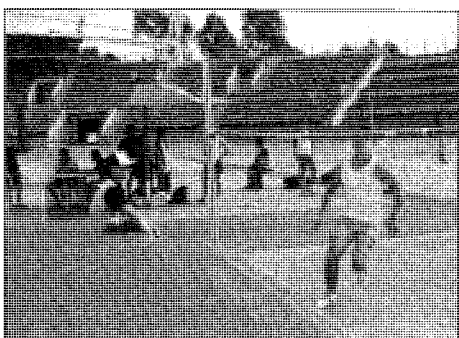
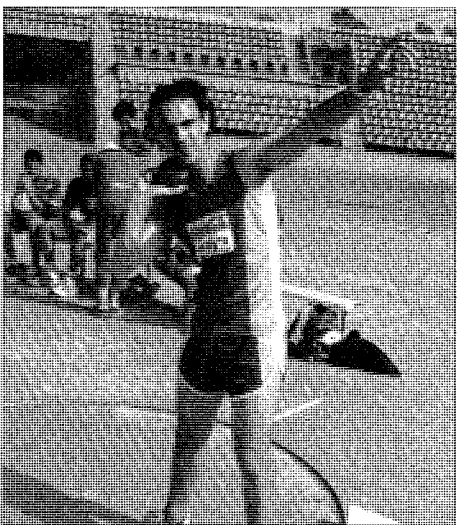
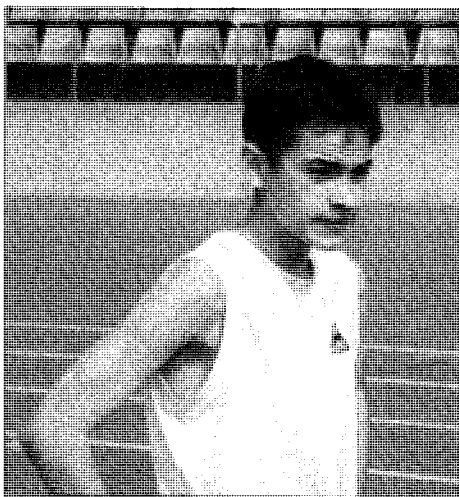
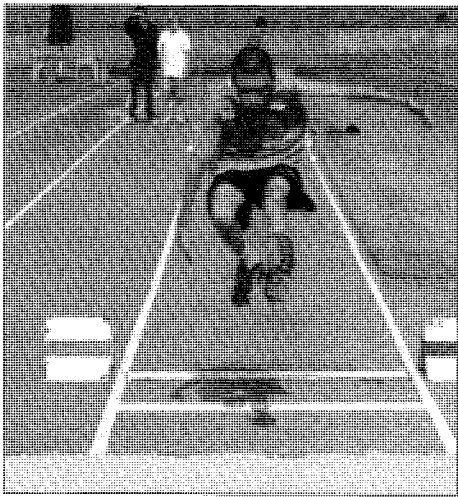
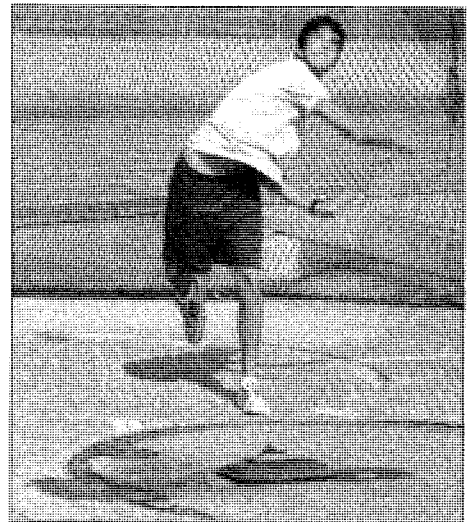
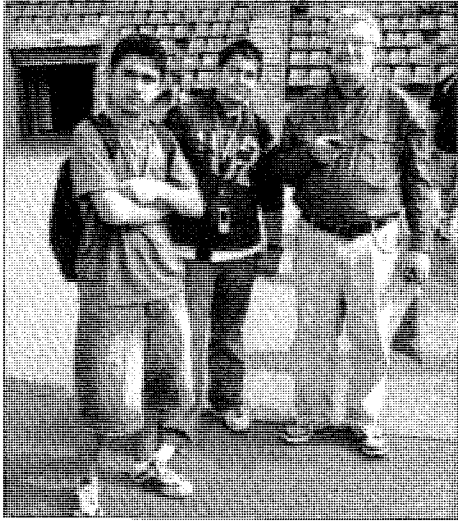


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Athletics Carnival 2005.....



Athletics Carnival 2005.....



Athletics Carnival 2005 Results.....

The 62nd Annual Athletics Carnival was held on Friday, 6th May at Sydney International Athletic Track.

Howe was the victorious house with 1069 points followed by Vaughan 947, Greening 936 and Hayes on 641 points.

In 14 Years events A.Rawcliffe broke the 400 metres record with a time of 1:02.20 breaking the record of 1:07.00 set by K.Duong in 1987.

In 15 Years events Shaun Tweek broke the High Jump record with a leap of 1.70m breaking the record held by Philip Havea of 1.69m set in 2000.

The 15 Years Vaughan Relay team set a time of 49.60s breaking the record of 50.50 set by Greening in 1981.

In 16 Years events Jamie Sherson broke the 800 metres record with a time of 2:04.08 breaking the record set by M.Armstrong of 2:09.70 in 1983. Jamie also ran the 1500 m in 4:30.81 breaking the record set by K.Rathinam of 4:38.08 in 1996.

Also in 16 Years events Jason Tran broke the 100 metres record with a time of 11.47 secs breaking the record set by Philip Havea of 11.70 seconds set in 2001.

Age Champions:

Open: R.King; 16 Years: J.Sherson; 15 Years: J.Shute; 14 Years: K.Sozen; 13 Years: H.Hereora; 12 Years: P.Dixon.

House Champions

Greening: Jamie Sherson (115); Hayes: S.Rathore (78); Howe: Preston Shehadie (106); ; Vaughan: Shaun Tweek (100)

Open

Age Championship

1 R.King (97 points); 2 K.Malek (43 pts)

100 m: 1 M.Dagiantis [G], 11.51s; 2 D.Evans [G]; 3 Y.Kim [G]; 4 J.Hua [Ha]; 5 G.Manogharan [V].
200 m: 1 M.Dagiantis [G], 24.55s; 2 K.Malek [G]; 3 G.Manoharan [V]; 4 A.Sharma [V]; 5 J.Hua [Ha].
400 m: 1 G.Manoharan [V], 57.45s; 2 S.Watson [G]; 3 M.Dagiantis [G]; 4 D.Isaac [V]; 5 K.Siu [Ha].
800 m: 1 S.Speirs [Ha], 2:19.64s; 2 G.Manoharan [V]; 3 R.King [V]; 4 M.Small [Ho]; 5 M.Haverfield-Price [G].
1500 m: 1 S.Speirs [Ho], 5:13.98; 2 C.Pooley [G]; 3 M.Small [Ho]; 4 R.King [V]; 5 D.Kim [Ho].
110 m Hurdles: 1 R.King [V], 19.73s; 2 M.Dagiantis [G]; 3 K.Malek [G]; 4 H.Mehmet [Ha]; 5 R.Syeed [Ho].
High Jump: 1 M.Mossman [G], 1.65m; 2 R.King [V]; 3 K.Malek [G]; 4 S.Watson [G]; 5 J.Vermiglio [G].
Long Jump: 1 R.Syeed [Ho], 5.52 m; 2 K.Malek [G]; 3 M.Dagiantis [G]; 4 A.Sharma [V]; 5 R.King [V].
Triple Jump: 1 R.King [V], 11.55 m; 2 T.Kopf Vulaka [Ha]; 3 M.Mossman [G]; K.Malek [G]; 5 R.Syeed [Ho].
Discus: 1 T.Kopf Vulaka [Ha], 33.40m; 2 R.King [V]; 3 I.Yassine [G]; 4 L.Taualai [Ho]; 5 P.Latu [V].
Javelin: 1 S.Watson [G], 43.62m; 2 R.King [V]; 3 T.Kopf Vulaka [Ha]; 4 D.Davoren [Ha]; 5 J.Hua [Ha].
Shot Put: 1 P.Latu [V], 12.90 m; 2 R.King [V]; 3 J.Vermiglio [G]; 4 K.Malek [G]; 5 T.Kopf Vulaka [Ha].
4 X 100m Relay: 1 Greening, 49.00s; 2 Howe; 3 Vaughan; 4 Hayes.

16 Years

Age Championship

1 J.Sherson (115 pts); 2 P.Shehadie (106 pts)

100 m: 1 J.Tran Yr 11 [G], 11.47s (School Record); 2 B.Costa [Ha]; 3 R.Syeed [Ho]; 4 J.Sherson [G]; 5 L.Djurichkovic [Ha].
200 m: 1 B.Costa [Ha], 23.65s; 2 J.Sherson [G]; 3 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 4 L.Djurichkovic [Ha]; 5 A.Kontominas [V].
400 m: 1 J.Sherson [G], 58.22s; 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 J.Tran [G]; 4 A.Kontominas [V]; 5 D.Kim [Ho].
800 m: 1 J.Sherson, [G], 2:04.08 (School Record); 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 A.Kontominas [V]; 4 J.Tran [G]; 5 L.Djurichkovic [Ha].
1500 m: J.Sherson [G], 4:30.81 (School Record); 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 A.Kontominas [V]; 4 J.Tran [G]; 5 L.Djurichkovic [Ha].
100 m Hurdles: 1 L.Owen-Taylor [V], 21.40s; 2 A.Omar [Ho]; 3 L.Djurichkovic [Ha]; 4 O.Alameddine [V]; 5 T.Singh [V].
High Jump: 1 J.Tran [G], 1.60m; 2 J.Sherson [G]; 3 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 4 J.Sekhon [Ho]; 5 S.Musumeci [G], A.Omar [Ho] & C.Pooley [G].
Long Jump: 1 J.Tran [G], 5.52m; 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 J.Sherson [G]; 4 B.Costa [G]; 5 J.Sekhon [Ho].
Triple Jump: 1 J.Tran, [G], 11.17 m; 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 J.Sherson [G]; 4 J.Watson [Ho]; 5 D.Herley [G].
Discus: 1 J.Sherson [G], 25.53 m; 2 J.Sekhon [Ho]; 3 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 4 D.Kim [Ho]; 5 J.Tran [G].
Javelin: 1 J.Sekhon [Ho], 35.74m; 2 P.Shehadie [Ho]; 3 R.Kang [Ha]; 4 O.Alameddine [V]; 5 T.Singh [V].
Shotput: 1 P.Shehadie [Ho], 11.12m; 2 N.Trantis [Ho]; 3 B.Costa [Ha]; 4 D.Kim [Ho]; 5 J.Tran, [G].
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Greening, 48.16; 2 Vaughan; 3 Howe.

15 Years

100

Age Championship

1 J.Shute (104 pts); 2 S.Tweek (100 pts)

100 m: 1 J.Shute [Ho], 12.11s; 2 S.Tweek [V]; 3 S.Babb [Ho]; 4 M.Modasser [V]; 5 E.Mehmet [Ha].
200 m: 1 S.Tweek [V], 24.92s; 2 M.Modasser [V]; 3 J.Shute [Ho]; 4 E.Mehmet [Ha]; 5 S.Ur-rahman [V].
400 m: 1 J.Wong [Ho], 1:03.30; 2 J.Shute [Ho]; 3 S.Babb [Ho]; 4 J.Sun [Ho]; 5 S.Chen [Ha].
800 m: 1 J.Shute [Ho], 2:18.00s; 2 H.Shkara [V]; 3 M.Modasser [V]; 4 S.Tonkin [Ho]; 5 J.Wong [Ho].
1500 m: 1 S.Tonkin [Ho], 5:33.81; 2 B.Green [V]; 3 E.Furieux-Bate [V]; 4 B.Watkinson [Ha]; 5 I.Banerji [G].
100 m Hurdles: 1 R.Akunyare [Ho], 17.53s; 2 M.Modasser [V]; 3 S.Babb [Ho]; 4 E.Mehmet [V]; 5 J.Shute [Ho].
High Jump: S.Tweek [V], 1.70 m (School Record); 2 J.Shute [Ho]; 3 G.Colombo [Ha]; 4 M.Starc [Ho]; 5 E.Mehmet [V].
Long Jump: 1 M.Modasser [V], 5.24 m; 2 S.Tweek [V]; 3 J.Shute [Ho]; 4 S.Babb [Ho]; 5 R.Akunyare [Ho] & E.Mehmet [Ha].
Triple Jump: 1 S.Tweek [V], 10.56 m; 2 J.Shute [Ho]; 3 N.Essaghir [Ha]; 4 E.Mehmet [V]; 5 M.Modasser [V].
Discus: 1 S.Tweek [V], 36.90 m; 2 S.Babb [Ho]; 3 J.Shute [Ho]; 4 A.Awan [Ha]; 5 S.S.Rahman [V].
Javelin: S.Babb [Ho], 39.00 m; 2 J.Shute [Ho]; 3 A.Awan [V]; 4 E.Mehmet [V]; 5 T.Pelakani [G].
Shot Put: 1 S.Tweek [V], 10.77 m; 2 A.Awan [V]; 3 T.Pelakani [G]; 4 M.Pluis [Ho]; 5 S.Babb [Ho].
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Vaughan, 49.60s (School Record); 2 Howe; 3 Greening; 4 Hayes

14 Years

Age Championship

1 K.Sozen (87 pts); 2 T.Parcell (60 pts)

100 m: 1 K.Sozen [Ho], 12.80s; 2 T.Parcell [G]; 3 A.Rawcliffe [G]; 4 S.Veeramani [Ha]; 5 K.Moodley [G].
200 m: 1 T.Parcell [G], 26.66s; 2 A.Rawcliffe [G]; 3 H.Aung [Ho]; 4 D.Kim [Ho]; 5 N.Massey [G].
400 m: 1 A.Rawcliffe [G], 1:02.20 (School Record); 2 K.Sozen [Ho]; 3 J.Yoon [Ho]; 4 H.Hereora [V]; 5 K.Ilohahia [V].
800 m: 1 N.Ivassi [Ho], 2:38.87s; 2 N.Essaghir [Ha]; 3 J.Nieser [G]; 4 N.Massey [G]; 5 T.Parcell [G].
1500 m: 1 N.Barud [Ha], 5:37.64; 2 S.Higgins [V]; 3 S.Javakhar [G]; 4 D.Von Dinklage [Ha]; 5 D.Paterson [G].
90 m Hurdles: 1 C.Hinder [V], 18.95s; 2 K.Sozen [Ho]; 3 J.Nieser [G]; 4 N.Massey [G]; 5 E.Truong [Ho].
High Jump: K.Sozen [Ho], 1.50 m; 2 E.Truong [Ho]; 3 T.Parcell [G]; 4 D.Karunanithy [V]; 5 P.Kim [Ho].
Long Jump: 1 K.Sozen [Ho], 4.37 m; 2 N.Essaghir [Ha]; 3 E.Truong [Ho]; 4 A.Rawcliffe [G]; 5 C.Hinder [V].
Discus: 1 C.Watkinson [Ha], 29.78 m; 2 N.Essaghir [Ha]; 3 J.Shehadie [Ho]; 4 K.Sozen [Ho]; 5 N.Ivassi [Ho].
Javelin: 1 N.Essaghir [Ha], 24.80 m; 2 K.Sozen [Ho]; 3 T.King [V]; 4 J.Shehadie [Ho]; 5 E.Truong [Ho].
Shot Put: 1 J.Shehadie [Ho], 9.72 m; 2 T.Parcell [G]; 3 D.Atchan [Ha]; 4 D.Ingrati [V]; 5 C.Watkinson [Ha].
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Howe, 53.55s; 2 Greening; 3 Hayes; 4 Vaughan

13 Years

Age Championship

1 H.Hereora (58 pts); 2 K.Ilohahia (57 pts)

100 m: 1 K.Ilohahia [V], 12.80s; 2 D.Griffin-Colls [G]; 3 H.Hereora [V]; 4 A.Safi [Ho]; 5 T.Delai-Vulaca [Ha].
200 m: 1 H.Hereroa [V], 27.30s; 2 T.Delai-Vulaca [Ha]; 3 A.Safi [Ho]; 4 D.Griffin-Colls [G]; 5 J.Choi [Ho].
800 m: 1 M.Davidson [G], 2:39.39s; 2 V.Higgins [V]; 3 K.Ilohahia [V]; 4 A.Safi [Ho]; 5 S.Javakhar [V].
80 m Hurdles: 1 K.Ilohahia [Ho], 14.87s; 2 D.Griffin-Colls [G]; 3 T.Delai-Vulaca [Ha]; 4 S.Hamayun [V]; 5 J.Tweek [V].
High Jump: 1 D.Griffin-Colls [G], 1.45 m; 2 A.Mardaga [G]; 3 Y.Milligan-Saville [G]; 4 T.Delai-Vulaca [Ha]; 5 A.Riccord [G].
Long Jump: 1 A.Mardaga [G], 4.31 m; 2 Y.Milligan-Saville [G]; 3 S.Hamayun [V]; 4 K.Beshara [V]; 5 S.Higgins [V].
Discus: 1 T.Delai-Vulaca [Ha], 26.06 m; 2 J.Yoon [Ho]; 3 K.Ilohahia [Ho]; 4 H.Hereroa [V]; 5 J.Carter [Ho].
Javelin: 1 E.Aral [Ha], 27.60 m; H.Hereroa [V]; 3 A.Mardaga [G]; 4 K.Ilohahia [Ho]; 5 E.Holland [V].
Shot Put: 1 H.Hereroa [V], 9.83 m; 2 J.Carter [Ho]; 3 J.Harris [G]; 4 K.Ilohahia [V]; 5 S.Tu [Ho].
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 59.37s; 2 Vaughan; 3 Howe; 4 Greening

12 Years

Age Championship

1 P.Dixon (114 pts); 2 S.Rathore (78 pts)

100 m: 1 P.Dixon [G], 13.60s; 2 S.Rathore [Ha]; 3 I.Hammad [V]; 4 S.Kumar [V]; 5 J.Samways [Ho].
200 m: 1 S.Rathore [Ha], 30.39s; 2 H.Iqbal [V]; 3 S.Kumar [V]; 4 F.Rowe [Ha]; 5 V.Tharmarajah [Ho].
800 m: 1 P.Dixon [G], 2:44.94; 2 H.Iqbal [V]; 3 F.Rowe [Ha]; 4 T.Atchan [Ha]; 5 J.Samways [Ho].
80 m Hurdles: 1 S.Rathore [Ha], 15.95s; 2 P.Dixon [G]; 3 V.Tharmarajah [Ho]; 4 H.Iqbal [V]; 5 F.Rowe [Ha].
High Jump: 1 S.Rathore [Ha], 1.35 m; 2 P.Dixon [G]; 3 V.Tharmarajah [Ho]; 4 S.Rajan [Ha], S.Kumar [V] & N.Chowdhury

[Ho].

Long Jump: 1 S.Rathore [Ha], 4.42 m; 2 P.Dixon [G]; 3 V.Tharmarajah [Ho]; 4 H.Iqbal [V]; 5 F.Rowe [Ha].
Discus: 1 G.Bunch [Ho], 17.73 m; 2 S.Rathore [Ha]; 3 V.Tharmarajah [Ho]; 4 P.Dixon [G]; 5 F.Rowe [Ha].
Javelin: 1 P.Dixon [G], 12.22 m; C.Wymer [Ha]; 3 H.Labar [V]; 4 L.Herron [G]; 5 J.Pooley [G].
Shot Put: 1 P.Dixon [G], 7.44 m; 2 B.Alam [G]; 3 G.Bunch [Ho]; 4 H.Iqbal [V]; 5 H.Attia [Ho].
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 1:05.37; 2 Howe

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Zone Athletics Carnival was held at Sydney International Athletic Centre on 6th June. Homebush assembled a strong team of track and field competitors and finished second on 1,014 points just behind Normanhurst (1,065) and well ahead of Epping (777). Leading the way in points earned was Shakti Rathore - 12 Years who earned Zone Championship for his age group. Ryan King - 17 Years; Jamie Sherson - 16 Years & Patrick Dixon - 12 Years were Runners-up in their Age groups. Notable performances included:

Open

R.King: 1st in Shot Put, 12.93 m; 2nd in Triple Jump, 12.08 m; 3rd in Long Jump, 5.67 m.
S.Speirs: 1st in 1500 m, 4:47:55; 2nd in 3000 m, 10:11:57
S.Watson: 1st in Javelin, 40.44 m
M.Clarke: 3rd in 3,000 m Walk, 19:00.00
M.Dagiantis: 2nd in 110 m Hurdles, 18.06 sec; 3rd in 200 m, 24:16
4 X 100 m Relay: 1 Hayes, 1:05.37; 2 Howe

16 Years

J.Sherson: 1st in 800 m, 2:04.00; 1st in 1500 m, 4:28:25; 1st in 3000 m, 9:52:54; 1st in High Jump, 1.64 m; 2nd in 400 m, 54:37; 3rd in Discus, 26.83 m.
J.Tran: 2nd in 100 m, 11:37 sec; 2nd in Long Jump, 5.83 m; 2nd in Triple Jump, 11.47 m
B.Costa: 1st in 100 m, 11:60 sec; 1st in 200 m, 23:75 sec.
4 X 100 m Relay: 3rd, 48.69 sec

15 Years

S.Tweek: 1st in High Jump, 1.65 m
M.Modasser: 2nd in 100 m, 11:90 sec; 3rd in Long Jump, 5.35 m; 3rd in Triple Jump, 11.19 m
S.M.Babb: 2nd in Discus, 31.04 m
J.Shute: 2nd in 800 m, 2:19.00
H.Shkara: 3rd in 3000 m, 10:45.00
4 X 100 m Relay: 2nd in 49:38.

14 Years

K.Sozen: 2nd in Long Jump, 5.14m
T.Parcell: 3rd in 200 m, 26.25 sec
S.Higgins: 2nd in 1500 m, 5:15:03
4 X 100 m Relay: 3rd in 53:19 sec

13 Years

D.Griffin-Colls: 2nd in High Jump, 1.46 m; 3rd in 90 m Hurdles, 15.83 sec
T.Delai-Vulaca: 2nd in Discus, 29.10 m
S.Higgins: 1st in 800 m, 2:37:40
K.Ilohahia: 1st in 90 m Hurdles, 14.62 sec
4 X 100 m Relay: 2nd in 53:79 sec

12 Years

S.Rathore: 1st in 80 m Hurdles, 15:29 sec; 1st in High Jump, 1.36 m; 1st in Long Jump, 4.69 m, 2nd in 100 m, 13:17 sec; 2nd in Discus, 21.00 m;
P.Dixon: 1st in 100 m, 13:17 sec; 1st in 200 m, 29.08 sec; 1st in 800 m, 2:33:32; 3rd in 80 m Hurdles, 15.66 sec; 2nd in Long Jump, 4.45 m.
4 X 100 m Relay: 1st in 57:12 sec

Regional Athletics Carnival.

Following their efforts in the North West Metropolitan Zone Carnival Ryan King, Simon Watson, Stephen Speirs, Michael Dagiantis, Brandon Costa, Jamie Sherson, Jason Tran (Yr 11), Michael Clarke, Sean Tweek, Song Mahn Babb, Mehlan Modasser, Hayder Shkara, James Shute, Kaan Sozen, Tyson Parcel, Dennis Griffin-Colls, Tim Delai, Sam Higgins, Konrad Ilohahia, Shakti Rathore, Patrick Dixon were selected to represent the Zone at the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival held at Sydney International Athletic Centre on Thursday, 4th & Friday, 5th August.

Combined High Schools Athletic Carnival.

Jamie Sherson, Shakti Rathore, Ryan King 1.45 m.
Jamie Sherson: 2nd in 17+ Steeplechase in 6:27 and 3rd in 16 Years, 1500 m in the School Record time of 4:18. Shakti Rathore 1st in 12 yrs long jump with a lap of 4.85m and 6th in the High Jump with a leap of 1.45m.

All Schools Athletics Championships

Jamie Sherson finished 3rd in the 17yrs 3000 metres in 9:26.4 (school record) and 7th in the 1500 in 9:26.4. Shakti Rathore was placed third in the 12 yrs Longjump with a leap of 5.01 metres.

School Cross Country

The Annual Cross Country Championships were held at Airey Park and neighbouring streets on a perfect autumn afternoon on Friday, 29th April.

The 12's, 13's, 14's and 15's age groups ran two circuits (approximately 4 kilometres) while the 16's, 17's and 18+ age groups ran three circuits (approximately 6 kilometres).

There was a very good turn-out of 242 runners, plus for the third consecutive year, Dr. Paterson. The vast majority of the runners completed the suburban course.

For the third consecutive year Jamie Sherson won the championship. The battle for 2nd place was fierce, with Josh Hilliard just nudging out Adam Imer.

The Champion House was: 1. Howe (63 pts); 2. Vaughan (60 pts); 3. Hayes (57 pts); 4. Greening (50 pts).

Special thanks to Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Mađycki and 11A & 11B Sport/Lifestyle & Recreation classes for assisting in the officiating and organising of the championships.

Here are the top ten runners from each age group.

18+ Years

1. Boxian Wang.

17 Years

1 G.Manoharan; 2 J.Chong; 3 B.Janakiraman; 4 K.K.Wong ; 5 J.Yu; 6 D.Truong; 7 M.Lott; 8 S.Hwang; 9 R.Sothiarajah; 10 H.Kabir.

16 Years

1 J.Sherson; 2 J.Hilliard; 3 A.Imer; 4. A.Kontominas ; 5 J.Tran; 6 P.Bijani; 7 J.Jeyaratnam; 8 L.Djurichkovic; 9 D.Kim; 10 A.Wong

15 Years

1 H.Shkara; 2 S.Tonkin; 3 J.Shute; 4 B.Green; 5 E.Mehmet; 6 K.Tarpis; 7 P.Sarker; 8 M.Modasser; 9 O.Danylak; 10 E.Furieux-Bates.

14 Years

1. J.Nieser; 2. N.Essaghir; 3. J.Avery; 4. N.Ivassi; 5. A.Rawcliffe; 6. D.Von Dinklage; 7. C.Hinder; 8. K.Sozen; 9. I.Kerem; 10. G.Speranza.

13 Years

1. M.Davidson; 2. S.Javakhar; 3. R.Speranza; 4. S.Higgins; 5.

B.Watkinson; 6 D.Rosen; 7 S.Ede; 8 D.Gabrieli; 9 S.Hamayun; 10 D.Owen-Taylor.

12 Years

1 P.Dixon; 2 F.Rowe; 3 H.Iqbal; 4 T.Atchan; 5 A.Seo; 6 J.Pooley; 7 J.Samways; 8 C.Wymer; 9 K.Basccaran; 10 Y.Suryantoko.

Zone Cross Country Championships

Homebush performed admirably at the 2005 Zone Cross Country Championships held at Macquarie University Sports Fields on Tuesday, 17th May. Despite the inclement weather and a few injuries to key runners we managed to finish third behind Epping & Normanhurst. The top three schools were 1st, Normanhurst (558 pts); 2nd, Epping (767 pts) & 3rd, Homebush (811 pts)

The following boys finished in the top ten in their races: 12 Years - Patrick Dixon (2nd), Hammad Iqbal (4th), Fletcher Rowe (8th); 13 Years - Mitchell Davidson (7th), Sam Higgins (10th); 14 Years - Nick Ivassi (9th); 15 Years - Hayder Shkara (5th); 16 Years - Jamie Sherson (1st), Adam Imer (5th), Preston Shehadie (9th); 17 Years - Stephen Speirs (6th), Gow Manoharan (7th); 18+ Years - Pascal Wallace (7th), Max Mason (9th).

Congratulations to all runners as it was truly a team effort. Every boy who ran did his best enabling us to put great pressure on traditional rivals, Epping and Normanhurst.

Here are the results of every student that represented the school so admirably on the day.

18+ Years (2nd - 84 pts)

P.Wallace [7]; M.Mason [9]; C.Pooley [11]; B.Wang [16]; K.Malek [20]; S.Little [21].

17 Years (5th - 164 pts)

S.Speirs [6]; G.Manoharan [7]; J.Chong [22]; M.Lott [34]; M.Dagiantis [35]; C.Mustafa [DNF].

16 Years (1st - 75 pts)

J.Sherson [1]; 6 A.Imer [5]; P.Shehadie [9]; A.Kontominas [13]; J.Tran [18]; L.Djurichkovic [29]; P.Bijani [37]; J.Jeyaratnam [39].

15 Years (4th - 157 pts)

H.Shkara [5]; M.Modasser [18]; B.Green [27]; S.Tonkin [29]; E.Mehmet [35]; K.Tarpis [43]; P.Sarker [46].

14 Years (4th - 135 pts)

N.Ivassi [9]; N.Essaghir [13]; J.Neiser [17]; D.Von Dinklage [29]; C.Hinder [31]; K.Sozen [36]; J.Avery [46].

13 Years (4th - 94 pts)

M.Davidson [7]; S.Higgins [10]; S.Javakhar [15]; B.Watkinson [17]; S.Ede [21]; R.Speranza [24]; ; D.Rozen [27]; D.Gabrieli [50].

12 Years (3rd - 102 pts)

P.Dixon [2]; H.Iqbal [4]; F.Rowe [8]; C.Wymer [24]; J.Samways [25]; A.Seo [39]; J.Pooley [40].

Special thanks to Year 11B SLR student Eddie Wu and PD/H/PE Student Teacher Mitchell Evans who worked as course officials.

Regional Cross Country Championships

After finishing in the top six at the Zone Cross Country the following boys participated at the Sydney North Regional Cross Country Championships held at Gosford Race Track on Thursday, 16th June over distances ranging from 3 km to 7 km.

Best performer was 16 Year old Jamie Sherson of Year 10 who finished 1st.

Other good performances included:

12 Years: Patrick Dixon, Hammad Iqbal & Fletcher Rowe.

13 Years: Mitchell Davidson.

14 Years: Nick Ivassi

15 Years: Hayder Shkara

16 Years: Jamie Sherson, Preston Shehadie.

17 Years: Stephen Speirs, Gow Manoharan.

18 Years: Max Mason

CHS Cross Country Championships

Stephen Speirs, Jamie Sherson and Patrick Dixon were our Region Representatives at Gosford Race Track on Friday, 22nd July. Up against NSW's finest runners Jamie Sherson was placed 6th and Stephen Speirs was 36th.



Homebush winning Athletics team at the Metropolitan North-West Zone Carnival: seniors



Homebush winning Athletics team : juniors division

Winter Sports Reports.....

SENIOR HOCKEY

Undefeated Zone Premiers

The senior boys' hockey team has had a dream season this year. The team went through the season undefeated, often winning games by more than ten goals which meant that some matches had to be called short. For the first time two junior aged boys in Year 8 were good enough to be included in the team which comprised six Year 12 boys.

The only dark cloud for this team was the problem of injuries sustained off the field by a few of the players. This resulted in the team playing the majority of the season with no subs and sometimes short of players.

The boys went on to win both the semi-final, against a strong North Sydney (come from behind 5-3) and the final against Normanhurst in a close match 5-3.

The captain was Max Mason and the players' player was Matt Small. The boys also made the Final Sixteen round in the State Knock-out and should be proud of their achievements.

The team was:
Garth Andrews, Arsalan Asghar, Shehzad Azmi, Jake Imer, Max Mason, Lindsay Owen-Taylor, Edward Parry, Waqas Quadrat, Mousa Saeed, Mathew Small, Pawalpreet Sran, David Tang Michael Tran.

Mr.S.Madycki
Coach

SENIOR B HOCKEY

The 2005 season was to see senior hockey with two teams for the second season in a row.

The senior B team was not just there to make up the numbers, but was a real contender to make the semi-finals. They were definitely no easy beats of the competition. The captain Wajid Khan would lead the team by example always looking to get the best out of all the players. The statistics showed 15 goals for and 13 goals against. Despite the closeness of these statistics the team narrowly missed out on the finals by coming 5th. This is reflected in the results with the worst defeat being 3-0 which is a narrow loss in hockey. So the boys were in most of the games even sending a scare through the Homebush A team by only losing 2-0. The A team ended up winning the Zone competition.

The main goal scorer was Jashan Sekhon who played right wing and was also the best and fairest for the season. Our defence is what kept us in most games, the fullbacks Daniel Nassif and Andrew Mullane worked tirelessly. Darshan Singh, Tandeep Singh, and Aaqib Khan were our halves and could always be relied upon to do the hard work to set up the ball for the forwards. The forwards consisted of Wasim Khan who was very talented and quick to make a break out of nothing and often played centre forward. David Schimke who played left inner and sometimes left wing was always hanging around the goal posts for a deflection to score.

Carl Lucchinelli often played centre forward and inner, he was a workhorse who tried all day and never gave up even when it was obvious we could not win. The goalkeeper was Lucas Djurichkovic who, playing for the first time hockey and goal keeper, made the position his. He was the difference on more than one occasion for keeping us in the game with some fantastic saves.

Finally let's not forget Marc Di Val and Rakan Sothirajah who played all over the field they would be able to fill in at any position on the field everywhere from the backs to the forwards and so were an invaluable asset to the team. Finally I would like to like to thank all the boys for a most enjoyable season.

Mr.C.Halkidis
Coach

JUNIOR A HOCKEY

Semi-finalists

The Team:

Hari Rajaji (Captain), Faroque Ahmed, Peter Ayre, Oliver Buckley, Asritha Chintamani, Luke Churchill, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Sam Higgins, Chad Hinder, Tyson King, Steuart Macallister, Adrien Mardaga, Ali Mustafa, Alan Rawcliffe, Aaron Russell.

The Season:

The Junior Hockey A's had a great season this year finishing 3rd on the table behind North Sydney Boys and Asquith Boys. These two teams proved to be very strong opponents with fantastic games resulted each time Homebush faced them on the field, especially in the semi-final against Asquith.

Led by an inspiringly positive captain, Hari Rajaji, the Junior Hockey A's confidence and skills grew, and teamwork improved with each game. The stand-out players of the season were Peter Ayre, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Sam Higgins (best and fairest) and Tyson King (goalie). Most improved players were our midfielders Ali Mustafa and Alan Rawcliffe.

Congratulations boys, you did HBHS proud – playing to the best of your ability every game, being gracious in victory and defeat and looking great in your jerseys!

Ms R.Thomson
Coach

JUNIOR HOCKEY B

It was a great season. It was great because of two things: a fabulous bunch of guys who had enormous team spirit; and the same bunch of guys whose hockey skills improved out of sight in a very short space of time.

We did not win many games but we did win some and we always had a lot of fun. If this team stays together next year, they will be very competitive. Give them yet another year after that and they will be astronomical. Well done and a big thanks to Patrick - Captain, Einstein - Vice Captain, Alex – goalie extraordinaire, Jared and Hima – enormous defenders, Andrew, Craig, Shakti, Shangee,

Darusan and Dharshaan – major midfielders and last but not least our fabulous forwards – Ananth, Ben and Bakee.

Miss Gobel
Coach

SENIOR LAWN BOWLS

The 2005 team was captained by Niruthan Sunmuanathan, backed up by the also experienced Janan Satkunanathan. The other members of the team were Abrar Ahmad, Wilson Petrushnko, Jamie Sherson and Al Sim.

It was a mixed season in terms of results. Four excellent wins against North Sydney, Asquith and Ashfield twice were unfortunately overshadowed by significant losses to Epping and Normanhurst in double points matches.

Even though the Senior team showed glimpses of magic, it was not enough to reach the semi-finals. However, the boys all improved their skills and enjoyed what was for four of them, their new found sport.

Mr.B.Gold
Coach

JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS

The 2005 team was an inexperienced blend of young men. Only Shahrooz Sarwar had played before. Led by the talented Adrian Clement, the team included Nicholas Alley, Vignesh Iyer, Brian Tran and Ben Worthington.

Highlights of the season were the excellent draws against North Sydney, Asquith and Normanhurst. However, a few close defeats, especially in the double points match against Epping, proved to be the deciding factors in Homebush just missing the Semi-Finals.

Most of the players can backup in 2006 so better year is expected.

Mr.B.Gold
Coach

FIRST GRADE RUGBY

First XV

Zone Runners-Up

Waratah Shield Quarter Finalist

2005 was a season where we fell short of our goals on two occasions. However we were very successful throughout the rest of the year and gelled like a team which created a sense of pleasant camaraderie among the players.

In our Wednesday competition we were undefeated until we suffered a narrow and heart-breaking defeat in the Grand Final to Randwick.

The major force in the 1st XV was the forward pack who easily dominated all opponents. The pack was led by consistent players Paul Latu, Sean Little, Tomas Kopf Vulaca & Lyle Taulalai.

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In the backs, Pascal Wallace & John Vaitaki stood out with many line breaks and the tries. Paul Latu was the leading try scorer scoring at least one try every match.

In the representative field we had six players selected for the North West Zone team. These were Lyle Taulalai, Paul Latu, Pascal Wallace, John Vaitaki, Robert Kang & Sean Little. Unfortunately none of us were selected for CHS. However it was a great trip to Newcastle.

We had three hard fought victories in the Waratah Shield beating Macquarie, Carlingford and Northern Beaches Campus when Beau Payne kicked a sideline penalty goal with thirty seconds remaining. We bowed out of the Shield just short of our top four goal when beaten by Brisbane Waters.

This was the end of a great season for all of those involved in the Homebush First XV. 2005 was the final season for the Year 12 players 2005 – to those mentioned earlier as well as Rabieh Gharibeh, Sam Allam, Stuart Jackson & Karl Malek all of whom who played a major part in the team during the season.

A special thanks to Mr. Mitchell for coaching us and also for putting up with us throughout the year particularly on those long bus trips.

Sean Little

SECOND GRADE RUGBY Semi-Finalist

Second Grade began and finished the season with a game against North Sydney. All the members of this team were a credit to the School and to sport.

Some good wins were gained by the team when they were allowed to play exciting and quality rugby, however when they met physically bigger and stronger opponents they struggled to get continuity in their play. Throughout the season there was not one penalty against the time for foul play or misconduct. The team always played hard and fair.

At various times most players had their share of glory but some players in particular were inspiring and game breakers. Rhys Potts never stopped at halfback, Lindsay Moore was tricky at fly half or centre, Beau Payne was elusive at fly half, centre or fullback. Michael Gwilliam and Mayouran Sriharan were hard running centres. Sam Roche and Raymond Park were strong at fullback. Michael Clark, Jack Coppard, Andy Huynh, Edwin Lee, Thomas Wong and John Kang played wing or filled in other positions.

A solid pack of forwards was led upfront by Adrian Alim, Marvin Lim and Stuart Jackson. Matt Lott and Sam Everett were the reliable and consistent second row. Adam Imer, Morgan Haverfield-Price, Mitchell Reid, Ben Fifield and Janahan Jeyaratnam were the flankers and lineout jumpers. Ryan Beattie was the ever reliable lock.

I was proud of this team. A team that played every game hard but fairly, who finished on

top in the penalty counts and who played the game with adventure and spirit. Referees enjoyed having our games!

In the semi final North Sydney were too big and strong for the team but Homebush played hard and fair until the end. Beau Payne was a committed and determined Captain!

Thank You, Second Grade

Mr.A.Doolan
Coach

Results for the season were as follows:-

Home 6th April	North Sydney	23-15 Win
Home 27th April	Epping	28-31 Loss
Away 4th May	Ashfield	14-14 Draw
Away 11th May	North Sydney	5-22 Loss
Home 18th May	Macquarie	Washed out
Home 25th May	Randwick	15-5 Loss
Away 8th June	Macquarie	7-26 Loss
Away 15th June	Epping	0-30 Loss
Home 22nd June	Ashfield	31-7 Win
Away 29th June	Randwick	29-0 Win
Semi-Final 20th July	North Sydney	0-36 Loss

THIRD GRADE RUGBY

S.Chan, J.Chong, N.Hasan, K.Jananayakam, N.Jegatheeswaran, J.Jegathesan, T.Jeong, J.Jeyaratnam, D.Kim, D.Lameri, M.Marino, D.McKay, A.Osman, S.Pearson, W.Poliopoulos, M.Saqar, K.Sevgi, N.Shamsin, D.Shannon, S.Sivapalan, A.Sivarajah, M.Thangavel, L.Webster, A.Wong, E.Wu.

I cannot say that our 3rd Grade Rugby team was the greatest side in the history of Rugby and it was a disappointing fact that we finished the season without a win. However, every player gave 110% of effort and heart in every match – from the minute that we huddled together before the game to the very second that the referee blew his whistle for full-time.

More often than not we were out-muscled and out-gunned but whenever luck turned our way we would encourage each other and cheer ourselves on. Even though it did not take long before we knew that we had lost a match we still put up a spirited fight to ensure that our opponents went home with aches and pains.

For most of our players this was the first time that they played competitive rugby but we all developed under the sophisticated coaching and inspirational speeches of Mr.Reso. Damian turned into a ball winning machine; Janahan was vital to our team throughout the entire season; Mahir continued to knock-on; our forwards got to the break-downs faster and whenever our backs were presented with a chance they always appeared dangerous.

I am very proud to announce that yours sincerely scored a brilliant solo try against Nor-

manhurst. It was the highlight of our season, everyone in the team was overjoyed. It was, after all, our only points for the season.

I would like to extend our appreciation to our coach, Mr.Reso. To our 3rd Grade team, well played boys!

Eddie 'the half-back' Wu.

15 YEARS RUGBY Zone Premiers

A truly remarkable season, by a team that shows some promise, as a force to be reckoned with in senior years.

The start of the season saw an unfortunate loss to Epping, and narrow victory over Ashfield and North Sydney, which laid the foundation for a birth in the semi's. The boys were instrumental in practicing and developing moves to out-think and manoeuvre the opposition. With Shaun Treweek (Cpt.), leading the backs' and Sam McCartney motivating the pack, HBHS felt the need to top the premiership after having lost in the finals in 04'.

The final saw HBHS meet their old rival competitor for the season, Randwick BHS in the finals. The pre-game nerves were high as the lead up saw the boys win one and lose one in previous encounters.

The coach tried to reinstall the confidence seen in previous games and asked the boys to do the job require to achieve their one and only goal for the season 'The Shield' and of course the promise of a free burger. Needless to say, with the back-line out-thinking and playing their opponents the the forward pack working hard as a single unit the boys were victorious in their efforts and beat RBHS in the finals.

It should also be mentioned that the boys made it too the top 2 in their group in the Arthur Buchan shield all Schools competition. (Top 16 in the state.)

A great learning experience for all involved and an enjoyable time had by the coach, and hopefully, you guys too.

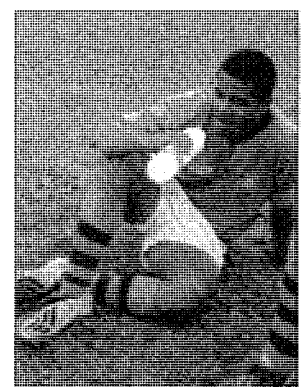
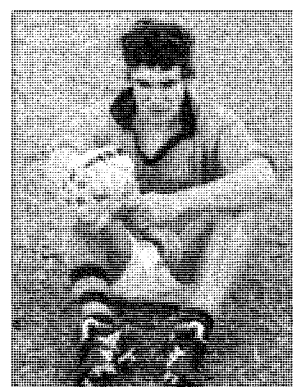
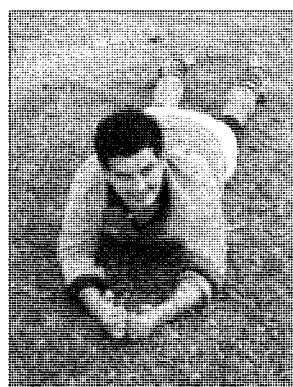
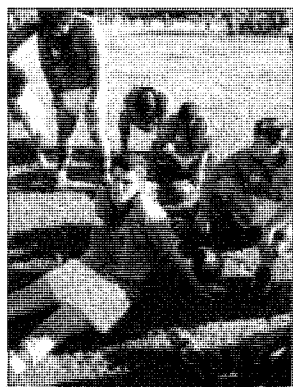
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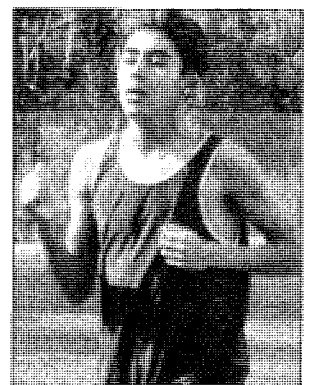
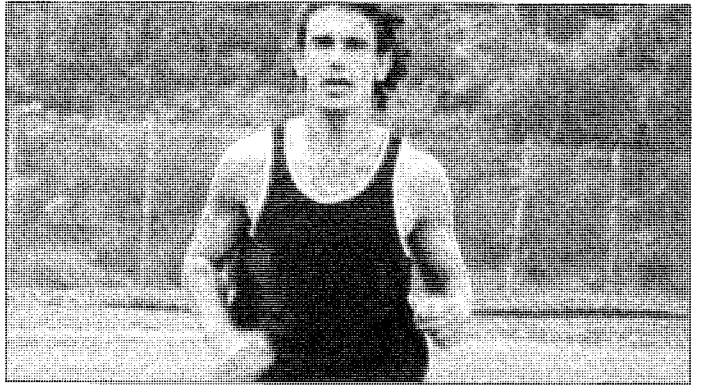
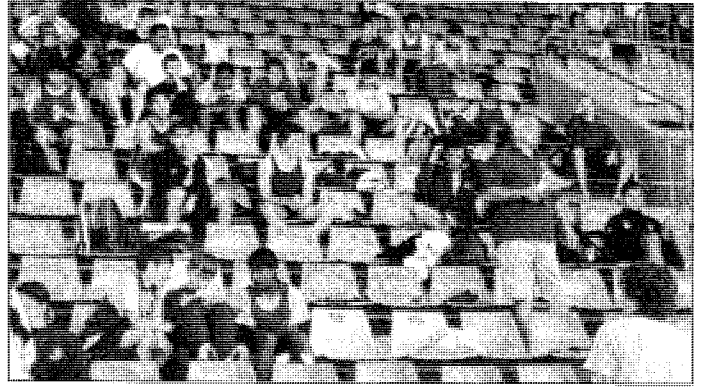
Thanks,
Mr.S.Martin
Coach

14 YEARS RUGBY Undeafated Zone Premiers

Congratulations go out to the 14s Rugby squad who convincingly defeated Asquith 22-5 in the final to cap off a phenomenal season.

Stand out performances were the norm this season with most opponents being held to





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zero. A unanimous decision was made by the team that Max Little should take out the best tackle of the season award, while Daniel Carington-Parker was our most improved player and a new find Ted (Hothead) Jack showed that being a forward is not a matter of size but a state of mind. Jack Sadler remained a key part of our attack plan with an intuitive grasp of when to use the short ball in the lineout and Tyson Parcell continued to eat up the metres in every game.

Congratulations must also go out to our big men, James Shehadie, Daniel Ingrati and Lawrence Pene who were well and truly 60 minute men. Newcomer Ahmad Ali became a frightening impact man off the bench and Dean Atchan was our wise 2nd rower who taught the new boys the ropes.

Nathan Massey was an attacking force to be reckoned with and was certainly missed in the finals. Junior Roqica proved to all that he can read the game in attack and defense and thanks must go to all our backs who repeatedly tackled the big men.

Ms J.Bowe
Coach

13A RUGBY Minor Premiers, Grand Finalist

This team could really play! There were a number of players with an abundance of natural ability. Lachlan Jensen, Konrad Ilolahia, Henare Hereora, Tim Delai-Vulaca, Joel Harris and Mitchell Davidson are fine athletes, who would perform well in any sporting contest. They need however, a platform on which to build their attack, and this was provided by the other team members.

Guy Smith, Joel Harris and George Lasithiotakis provided a skillful and powerful front row. They provided the 'go forward' and won ball from the set plays. Connor Martin, Mitchell Beattie and Bradley Barker dominated the "ruck" area ensuring continuity in our play. Loose-forward Jack Barrett was dangerous in both attack and defence ensuring many "turn-overs" with his fearless play at the 'breakdown'. The halves, in Lachlan Jensen and Jackson Armour, provided a very good service to Simon Ede and Henare Hereora, who themselves were responsible for many try scoring breaks. Tim Delai-Vulaca and John Treweek were terrific finishers who fooled many opponents with their footwork. Fullback Mitchell Davidson, was a safe custodian with the ability to turn a defensive situation into a counter-attack with his knack of beating several defenders each time he ran. Troy Arnold, Elijah Holland, Josh Carter, Andrew Riccord and Nick White played many games in the 'A's.

The team completed the competition rounds in first place with their only loss, in round one, to Epping. Epping's only loss was to us in round two. The Grand Final was a nail-biter with Homebush going down to Epping 12-22.

The "A"s were successful in winning the "West Harbour Rugby 10's" with a 24-6 victory over the Homebush Barbarian

'B's. They also made the semi-finals of the Balmain Rugby League knock-out. The most valuable player was Konrad Ilolahia and he was extremely well supported by a quality team. The boys and their parents were terrific ambassadors for the school and I look forward to a long term sporting commitment from the group.

Mr.P.Herd & Mr.W.Hilliard
Coaches

13 B RUGBY Grand Finalist

Michael Talarico carried the ball forward. He went to ground and Cooper Lindsay and Adam Hazim cleared out. The ball was laid back and Grant Bunch fired the pass to live wire five-eight, Nick White. He off-loaded to the ever dangerous block-busting centre, Joshua Carter, who split the defence to score in the corner. Aydin Agar took aim, and calmly potted the goal from the sideline. This scene was repeated on many occasions as the 13 B's progressed through the season to record two finals appearances.

The team was narrowly defeated by Normanhurst 5-8 in extra time of the grand final after an Andrew Riccord try had the scores level, 5-5 at full time. The boys reached the final of the West Harbour 10's to be defeated by our own 13 A's. Their season record shows a total seven wins and three losses.

Troy Arnold captained the team and was an enthusiastic leader. Many players appeared in the A's during the season. Troy scored a try in the A's semi final win over Randwick. Many players learnt the fundamentals of the game during the season. Samy Alameddine, Bassam Allam, Bill El Charouk, Youseff Dib, Ashley Piet and Ben Yoon were a tower of strength in the forwards. Tyrone Carusi, Damein Chapman, Doug Melocco, Matthew Piper, Daniel Rosen, Connor Wymer and Steven Grasion gave us both pace and strength in the backline. Second rower, Abraham Jack, became our demon defender while Elijah Holland made many attacking breaks, while winning a surplus of line-out ball. One of the big improvers was speedy centre Alladine Kanj. Niclolas Lott was always dangerous from full back, making many breaks.

'The Most Valuable Player Award' was a tie between two outstanding players, Niclolas White and Josh Carter. The boys were a pleasure to be associated with and played with skill and sportsmanship in the best traditions of the 'Bush.

Mr.P.Herd and Mr.B.Hilliard
Coaches

FOOTBALL 2005 FIRST GRADE SOCCER Zone Runners-up

The 2005 season was one of redemption. This followed the bleak seasons of 2003 and 2004 where wins were a rarity and the semis much less the title were a forlorn hope.

There are many reasons for the great recovery not least of which was the inspirational leadership of Simon Watson who had suffered the

misery of the previous season's humiliations.

The campaign did not get off to a good start with David Bryant-Payne doing himself a mischief before a ball was kicked in anger. The day of promise arrived at Ron Routley against Randwick, a team we never seemed to be capable of beating, and the first half performance was one of déjà vu as Randwick knocked in two easy goals. Another long, miserable season beckoned. However, after some gentle encouragement at the break the lads came out firing and inspired by a Chris Mustafa hat trick and goal from Stephen Speirs and Joseph Vermiglio, won 5-2. Oh, happy day!

Round 2 was against Ashfield, the nemesis of 2004. Who could forget the 1-3 fiasco and the shameful 0-7 (or 8 or whatever it was) at Pratten Park. It couldn't get any worse than that could it? Chris Mustafa opened the scoring before a benevolent defence allowed the equaliser.

The second half opened disastrously with Ashfield knocking in a soft goal early on. At this one of the midfielders talked his way into the record books and Homebush was down to ten men. Worse was to follow when Biray Ipek collided with the Ashfield superstar and was carried from the field with a career ending injury. Simon Watson showed his versatility by taking over as goalkeeper but he was soon picking the ball out of the net.

At this stage the team found a new resolve and made Ashfield pay by scoring four goals (Speirs 2, Hadid, Vermiglio) to run out 5-3 winners. The most curious feature of this match was that Homebush did not receive a free kick.

The less said about the Puma Cup the better as a hopelessly understrength team was outplayed in the second half on a sub standard Powells Creek. At least this was an improvement on the 2004 result.

The usual indifferent performance against North Sydney followed with only a cracker from Preston Shehadie salvaging a point in a 2-2 home draw.

The dreaded trek to Wembley at Asquith where Homebush had not won since who knows when came upon us. For this all-important match, against the competition giants we had signed Travis Lavdaras from the 14As to enable Simon Watson to resume his rightful place in the midfield. Travis was brilliant, Michael Dagiantis finally scored, Joseph Vermiglio equalised and Ross Bryant-Payne opened his first grade account. Unfortunately, Ross was injured during the celebration and did not play again. Yet again the team had overcome an ugly situation with a come from behind victory.

We hadn't played Epping since 2002 and managed to lose 3-1 in a match where all four goals had an unusual touch about them. But at least we had found a goalkeeper, with the signing of Rizwan Amir-Khan to a two-year contract. This match also marked the debut goal of Amlan Sharma who was to become a

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handy interchange player for the rest of the season.

Displays against Normanhurst had also been indifferent for some years but this time was to be different as the usual half time deficit was overcome with goals from Hadid, Speirs and Vermiglio. This match had seen a new defence with Jack Atkins making an impressive debut alongside Stephen Speirs and Simon Watson following the unfortunate demise of star sweeper Daniel Evans.

Randwick was next at Queens Park where in 2004 we had turned a 2-0 lead into a 2-4 loss in the last 15 minutes. This year was to be different and sensationally the lads scored first and stayed in front (for the first time all year) on the back of a Chris Mustafa lob and penalty. Shariful Islam came out of retirement for this match.

Reality struck in the Ashfield match at Strathfield Park when nothing went right in a 1-7 flogging – we were lucky to get the one, a penalty. At least there were no worries about making the semis as this had been achieved already. The North Sydney match was no better as an amazing display of refereeing on a dreadfully inhospitable pitch with Harbour views contrived a draw 1-1. The return match against Asquith was washed out.

Miracle of miracles we had made the semi finals and were to play Asquith. The team was quietly confident of victory and after nine minutes with the score at 2-0 more than determined. Asquith did score a sucker goal but heads did not drop and the newfound resolution of 2005 kicked in as Aman Hadid and Stephen Speirs inspired a famous result. They were ably assisted a sterling defence of Brandon Costa, Ari Kontominas, Preston Shehadie and Simon Watson.

While the final was a let down with Ashfield scoring the only goal of the match in first half stoppage time it did show that Football at Homebush had made a miraculous recovery and that the old spirit had returned. This was in no small part due to the efforts of retiring Year 12 players Daniel Evans, Halil Mehmet, Joseph Vermiglio and Simon Watson. We wish them well in their respective football and professional careers.

Others to make valuable contributions were Aydin Bektas, Grant Colombo, Peter Karakostantis, Andrew Nguyen, Chris Pooley and Jason Tran.

The future is bright with eleven of the players in the final squad still with the team in 2006 and yet more coming from second grade and the 15As. All 2005 contracts are valid until the end of the 2006 season.

Awards.

Players of the year: Stephen Speirs and Simon Watson.

The Malcolm Brown Trophy for Summer Grade and Football: Daniel Evans and Joseph Vermiglio. Most Improved: Chris Mustafa

Goal scorers.

8 Stephen Speirs; 7 Chris Mustafa; 5 Aman

Hadid; 4 Joseph Vermiglio; 1 Ross Bryant-Payne, Michael Dagiantis, Amlan Sharma, Preston Shehadie.

Simon Watson as told to Roger Doenau

Results:

Opponent	Venue	Result	Scorers
Randwick	Ron Routley	5-2 (0-2)	Mustafa 3 Speirs, Vermiglio
Ashfield	Pratten Park	5-3 (1-1)	Speirs 2, Hadid, Mustafa, Vermiglio
Ryde Secondary	Powells Creek	1-3 (1-0)	Speirs
North Sydney	Powells Creek	2-2 (0-1)	Mustafa, Shehadie
Asquith	Asquith BHS	3-2 (1-2)	R Bryani-Payne, Dagiantis, Vermiglio
Epping*	Strathfield	1-3 (0-2)	Sharma
Normanhurst*	Pennant Hills	3-2 (0-2)	Hadid, Speirs, Vermiglio
Randwick	Queens Park	2-1 (1-0)	Mustafa 2
Ashfield	Strathfield	1-7 (0-3)	Hadid
North Sydney	Waverton	1-1 (0-1)	Speirs
Asquith	Strathfield	Wash out	
Asquith (semi)	Powells Creek	4-1 (2-0)	Hadid 2, Speirs 2
Ashfield (final)	Powells Creek	0-1 (0-1)	

*double points

SECOND GRADE FOOTBALL Semi-Finalist

The team consisted of G.Agostino, J.Atkins, A.Bektas, R.Chan, M.Dagiantis, M.DiVal, R.Gray, D.Isaac, E.Khan, A.Kontominas, H.Mehmet, A.Nguyen, A.Omar, C.Pooley, A.Sharma, P.Shehadie, J.Stanley, A.Sunder Raj, J.Tran.

The first match resulted in a good 2-0 away win over Randwick with two goals by P.Shehadie. However, a good start was followed by a 2-3 away loss against Ashfield with goals by A.Sharma and a penalty by A.Bektas. A good 3-1 win over North Sydney followed with the scorers being A.Osman, A.Sharma & J.Tran. A last minute goal saw a 0-1 away loss to the strong Asquith team put us on the back foot.

Three double points matches commenced when we produced good form to defeat the under-rated Macquarie team by 2-1 with goals by A.Sharma & J.Tran. This was followed by an impressive 0-0 draw against Epping. Our best form of the season followed with an exciting 2-1 win over Normanhurst with a goal by A.Sunder raj and the goal of the season scored by D.Isaac.

The second round commenced with a good 3-1 away win over Randwick with goals by J.Tran, A.Bektas & R.Gray. We hit top form in the home match against Ashfield when A.Bektas scored twice in the last three minutes to give us an incredible 2-1 win. However, over-confidence then saw a disappointing 1-3 away loss to North Sydney with one goal scored by A.Sharma.

A wash-out against Asquith completed the two rounds.

We qualified for the semi-final in second place and our opponents were third placed Epping. A draw would be sufficient for our team but Epping played well to win 3-0 and gain a spot in the final.

The team tried a number of goal-keepers during the season with the position mainly occupied by Morgan DiVal. In defence Jayanth Stanley, Ehsan Khan, Chris Pooley and Jack Atkins were a tower of strength.

Ron Chan, Darren Isaac, Andrew Nguyen, Jason Tran, Rohan Gray & Abdi Omar worked hard in mid-field gaining valuable possession with enthusiastic tackles, often turning defence into attack. Ashwin Sunder raj and Giuseppe Agostino displayed versatility by playing in mid-field and attack. Our attack

was led by Amlan Sharma and Aydin Bektas.

In a close competition our team scored seventeen goals for and fifteen against. Goal-scorers were A.Sharma 4, A.Bektas 4, J.Tran 3, P.Shehadie 2, A.Osman 1, A.Sunder Raj 1, D.Isaac 1 & R.Gray 1.

The team showed great determination and reliability, but just as pleasing was the cooperation and well mannered behaviour. The team performed well as the season progressed and it was obvious that the boys enjoyed themselves.

The team can be pleased with their performance and should look forward to continued improvement and enjoyment next season.

Mr.J.Evans
Coach

THIRD GRADE SOCCER

Adversity, they say strengthens character. If this is true then the 3rd Grade Soccer team has gone through considerable toughening.

A first loss against Asquith 4ths established the theme of the season but there were redeeming features. In three games the team led by mild-mannered Jason Tran (of Year 10) were ahead at the half-time break but faded during the second-half. In that first game Homebush scored within 30 seconds aided by talented Brazilian import Fernando Lopes. Plucky goalie Philip Qin often put his body on the line in several bruising encounters to limit the damage to two or three goals. Ashfield looked formidable but it was only in the final stages that they twice overwhelmed Homebush.

At Mt Kuringai our cobbled up team went down to Asquith again but the sweeping view over the blue-hazed gum tree ridges stepping down to the grey towers of the city was some compensation for their aged coach if not for the fatigued players.

Fortunately for us- but not for North Sydney- the season ended with our second win amidst the green slopes of Cammeray Park. One feels that with this year's experience much of this youthful team will go on to success.

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The developing skills of determined younger players like Neal von Dinklage, Asher Richardson, Dae Boem Kim, Dylan Healy and Nathan Crighton should show through in the next year or two. Thanks should go to the mature players Bobak Sahebkhitiari, Luke Suratno and Andrew Romero who helped provide the backbone to this team.

Mr.M.Klein
Coach

FOURTH GRADE SOCCER

Runners-up

What a fascinating season we have had!! The team that made up the 4th grade was the most committed and well disciplined team that I have come across! Well done to the boys.

Well, about the season, I have to say that this team was not expected to make the finals by the hierarchy, and to their surprise and to the credit of boys' they were undefeated till the last round and made it to the finals by defeating the well equipped and trained Asquith Boys.

In the final we were met by the mighty Epping Boys, but the team did exceptionally well to compete with them. It was a credit to our students who put in the hard effort and played with such commitment (with an injured captain). Well done boys and I am proud of you.

The team consisted of:

1. Nelson Zheng
2. Stephen Hwang
3. Murat Agar
4. Arbab Ahmad
5. Sunny Cheng
6. Senthuran Gnanarathinam
7. Magdy Kazzem
8. Vlad Korsakov
9. Tim Krazanowski
10. John McIntyre (Goalie)
11. Prashanthan Ranjan
12. Joshua Tarrat-Wind (Captain)
13. Nick Trantiss
14. Eric Tseng

Once again - thank you gents for a fantastic and enjoyable season - you guys ROCK!!!

Mr.J.Philip
4th Grade Coach.

15A SOCCER

Semi-Finalist

A.Akgul, S.Attaya, S.M.Babb, S.Craig, S.Jackson, B.Latifi, J.Lott, E.Mehmet, M.Modasser, G.Moussa, E.Rais, M.Starc.

Despite finishing on a somewhat disappointing note it was a largely successful season. Of the 11 matches the boys won eight times and drew once. The two defeats were both ill-timed and were to the eventual premiers.

The first defeat saw us slip to 2nd place after leading the preliminary rounds all season, the second saw us knocked out 3-2 with a last minute goal in the Semi-Final when a draw would have secured us a spot in the Final.

The boys played some attractive and enter-

taining soccer and may have used up all their good fortune during a string of second half comebacks. Emre, Mehran, Scott and Stephen all netted game winners with Mitchell posting some handy goals. Sean was energetic up front saving his best for the Semi. Song Mahn had a great season in goals, strongly supported down back by Gus and Abdullah. Josh, Edward, Biz and Saad were willing workers. Mehran and Scott scored the most creative and skilful goals while Emre put his heart into everything and like the team deserved better.

The boys backed up in the Bill Turner Cup and defeated Concord 2-1 and Our Lady of Lebanon 5-0 before losing to eventual State Semi finalists Hills Sports High by 3-1.

Thanks to Ibrahim, Georgio, Hasan, Jack, James and Grant for their contribution

Mr.B.Wilson
Coach

15B SOCCER

Zone Premiers

The 2005 soccer season was marked by a determination to achieve at the highest level by a group of enthusiastic young players. The team rallied after an initial defeat to Randwick Boys to go through the remainder of the season undefeated.

The 15B Soccer Team went on to beat Asquith Boys' High 3-2 in the Grand Final played at Mason Park which had just been upgraded with a new turf surface.

The team included, A. Awan, C. Choi, E. Kedicioglu, K. Kedicioglu, J. Kritharas, I. Kwan, S. Lakmas, C. Mc Carney, N. Navaretnarajah, W. Paul, W. Sec, A. Shanjarri, B. Simsek (C), T. Singh, J. Walia.

Mr J. Coskerie
Coach.

14A SOCCER

Undefeated Zone Premiers

Zone Minor Premiers

Jack Avery, Sutha Balan, Taylor Di Val, Ben Green, Nicholas Ivassi, Ibrahim Kerem, Scott MacKay, Hassan Meslemani, Kailan Moodley, Giorgio Speranza, David Von Dinklige, Ruben, Aiden and our keeper Travis Lavdaras.

The 14A Soccer Team consisted of a very talented and skillful bunch of soccer players. With the wonderful leadership and guidance from our brilliant Coach, Dr Balan, our team completed the season without a loss and only one drawn match, being 4-4 with Ashfield in the 6th round.

We started off the season on an excellent high beating Randwick 11-0. This was followed by Ashfield 7-3, Epping 4-1, Normanhurst 9-1, Randwick 7-1, Ashfield 4-4, North Sydney 7-1, finishing the season without a loss.

Every player was crucial in our successful season and it showed by almost every player managing to score a goal with the exception of only three. Even our Goal Keeper Travis scored off a penalty. Our Leading

goal scorers were I.Kerem on 23 goals, followed by J.Avery on 13, G.Speranza on 8 and H.Meslemani on 7. The 14A's managed to score a total of 63 goals and only conceded 10.

With our combined teamwork and coaching by Dr Balan, we finished the competition on 1st place by far. The semi-final was played against North Sydney but Homebush proved to be the better team winning the game with a convincing result of 9-0. This took us to our Grand Final against Epping Boys.

The build up for the game was very exciting, all of the boys and the coach hoping for a win with the promise of a Victory Celebration Pizza Meal by Dr.Balan. The boys came out firing, netting two goals in the first ten minutes, staying this way until half time. The second half saw Homebush scoring another 3 goals with the opposition scoring only one, finishing the game 5-1 to Homebush.

The team effort, our Coach and Mr.Wilson together with the support of some of our parents helped us win the Grand Final. Congratulations to the 14A's, and a big thank you to Dr.Balan, without whom this season would not have been so successful and so much fun.

Ibrahim Kerem
Captain

14B SOCCER

Undefeated Zone Premiers

Zone Minor Premiers

Z.Ahmed, K.Ayikol, A.Costa, R.D'Aspromonte, M.Hua, P.Jackson, T.Kopecny, J.S.Lee, X.C.C.Lu, M.Muhana, O.Noori, N.Siomos, F.Suh, S.Veeramani, C.Yoon.

The 14B soccer team played against North Sydney Boys in the semi-final. We led in the first half. North Sydney Boys came back in the second half and the score was 4-4 at one stage. In the last 5 minutes, we put in the winning goal and won the match at 5-4.

We played against Epping Boys in the final. We scored the first goal in the first half. Epping Boys played much better in the second half and almost put in a goal twice. We had a good defence and fenced them off until the end of the match. We won the premiership at 1-0. The player of the season was Maan who scored numerous goals for the team.

Mr.T.Lee
Coach

13A Soccer

Undefeated Zone Premiers

R.Amarasingham, T.Atchan, T.Burton, P.Dixon, D.Gabrielli, K.Huang, F.Khan, H.Marsden, W.McCartney, A.Seo, A.Sorrenti, R.Speranza, J.Stewart-Moor

The 13A's won the premiership with their usual display of skill and determination. Homebush went into the final as the minor premiers, being unbeaten throughout the season, so it was no surprise that their attack-

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ing style brought them victory in the final. A nail-biting victory in the semi-final over North Sydney in which Homebush managed to snatch the lead in the last minute qualified the team for the Zone Final.

The boys went on to a comfortable 2-0 win against Normanhurst in the final.

There were some extraordinary displays of skill throughout the season and it was always a great team effort from the boys.

13B SOCCER

Undefeated Zone Premiers

Year 2005 was a year that saw the 13B Soccer team manage to go through the whole season undefeated, and play through to the grand final where it ended up 1-11 against Epping.

The team showed maturity, commitment and they gelled together all season and congratulations are due here as they also finished up as Minor Premiers. Special mention must go out to Oliver Atkins (captain), who excelled on the field every match.

Mr Tserpes

13C SOCCER.

Undefeated Zone Premiers

Minor Premiers

The 13C soccer team has enjoyed a very fun and successful season and were fortunate to top it all off with a win over Randwick in the grand final. While we had such a large squad that everyone had to spend some time on the bench, all the boys took it well and the wealth of talent and abundant team spirit meant that no matter who was off, we were always able to put together a good team.

All over the field we had good players. A hardworking midfield led by Kerolos and our captain Dylan, with good passing from George, and Johnathan. Out wide, Martin, and Michael D were always willing to chip in with a good run or a goal. At the back we were very solid with either Stefan or Michael S sweeping. Jacob, Lachlan, Kadir, Bilal and Saif did a great job all year keeping the goal safe. In the goals we were lucky to have Abi and Patrick who both always reliable. You could count the goals scored against us all season on one hand.

Our real strength though was scoring goals, although it must be said that this was not just restricted to our strikers. With Thi Ha, Mark and Theeran up front we were always assured of a few goals to put us in a strong position.

Over the course of the season we did well with a hardworking and co-operative brand of football. Certainly it is good news for the school that most of these boys will be available to play for the U13's for another year and the school for a long time after that. Special thanks should also go out to the parents who watched the boys throughout the season and especially to Mrs Heron for her magic cordial in the final.

A.Fairley
Coach

1st GRADE TABLE TENNIS

State Champions

Undefeated Zone Premiership Champions

It has been a tremendously successful year

for table tennis at Homebush Boys. We have been successful in zone sport as well as the state knockout competition, winning both.

Our team consists of five very talented young athletes including: myself, Jas Singh, Yi cong Lin, Protik Banerjee and Matthew Robson – and an extremely talented coach and manager, Ms Dwyer. Throughout the year, we were undefeated in our regional competition (North-west Metropolitan Zone).

But our main aim was to win the state knockout competition, which we did convincingly, defeating the former champions, Canley Vale, 4-1 in the semi-final and James Ruse HS 4-0 in the grand final.

On behalf of the team I would like to give a special thanks to Ms Dwyer for her unremitting efforts. We hope to be successful in the National Schools championships which will be held in Melbourne later this year.

Wish us the best of luck.
Xiao Wang
Captain

2nd GRADE TABLE TENNIS

Semi-finalists

This season's 2nd grade table tennis team was outstanding. The team consisted of Jimmy Yook, Joseph Song, Douglas Han, Paul Kim and Briant Joi. It was a team effort, even though most of the games are played individually.

Unfortunately we were unable to reach the pinnacle of the competition, losing to North Sydney in the Semi Final. However each member of the team performed at the best of their ability, showing great sportsmanship and valor through victory and defeat. Overall this year's 2nd grade team showed great dedication throughout the year. Hopefully next year's team will share the same spirit.

PS This was achieved through the excellent leadership of the 2005 2nd grade table tennis captain, Briant Joi!

15 YEARS GRADE TABLE TENNIS

Semi-finalists

After our easy win against Epping in the Semi-Final we went head to head against North Sydney on the 1st August at our school.

We began the match like fire by winning the first two games of four. Our first player, Michael Vuong won his game easy by 3-1 and our second player, Rui Ling, played a magnificent game after losing the first two sets then winning the next three. Our third player, Androu Beshara and our fourth player Patrick Vuong played well but there games in straight sets.

The match was now equal at 2-2. We played the doubles, 1 and 3 (Michael & Androu) and 2 & 4 (Rui & Patrick). Michael & Androu played a gripping game but lost in a five set match. Rui & Patrick also played a gripping match but lost 1-3.

At the end North Sydney won the 15 Years Table Tennis competition but there is always next year and we hopefully are going to win!

This was a great season and we played magnificently. Our coach Ms.Dwyer played a big part throughout the season by organizing the teams and arranging meetings every Wednesday.

Androu Beshara.

14 YEARS TABLE TENNIS

Semi-finalists

This season's 14's grade table tennis team was definitely hard working and cooperative. The team consisted of Duncan Trinh, Alex Aerfeldt, Samuel Che, Sudarshanan Bhadraraj, Eric Truong and David Lee, who unfortunately had to leave us half way through the season (good luck overseas, David). It was a team effort, with players coming to training each week to improve their skills. Thanks to members of the first grade team, who spent some time each week practicing drills with the 14's.

The 14's gave every game their best, and reached the semi-finals, where they faced the toughest competition - North Sydney! Unfortunately, North Sydney won, going on to win the finals easily the following week. As always, the boys played with integrity and heart.

In particular, thank you to the team captain, Duncan, who managed the team fairly and efficiently. 2005 was certainly a great season!

Ms Dwyer
Coach/ manager

FIRST GRADE WINTER TENNIS

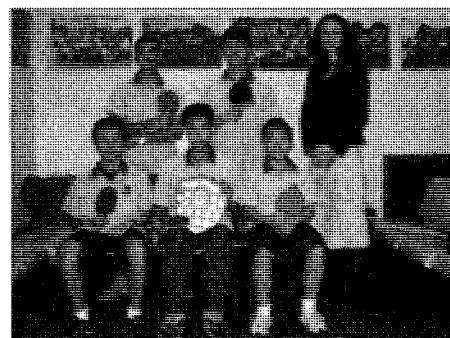
Semi-Finalist

Noel Atputharajah, Alvin Rajakumar, Sam Musumeci, Daniel Silva, Gow Manoharan.

We had a fast paced winter season in which both First and Second Grade teams made it to the Semi-Finals at Pennant Hills. Both teams were plagued with injury during the finals and did well to play on as far as they did.

In the First Grade Semi-Final Homebush and Normanhurst were neck and neck until the last set, and after the reverse doubles and a game count Homebush lost out on ranking and Normanhurst moved through to the Zone Final.

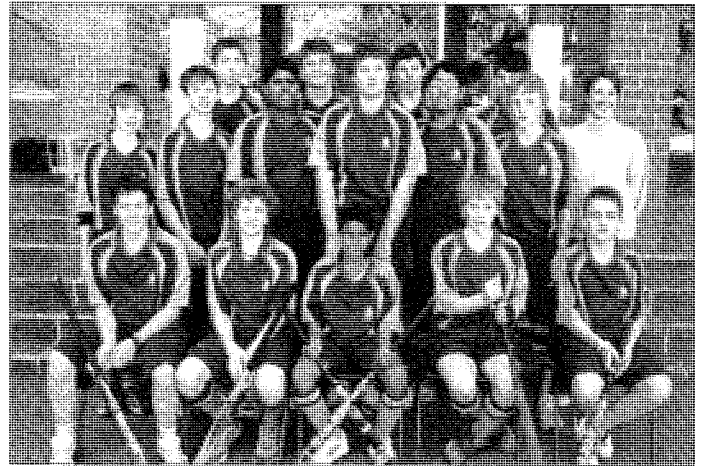
The player of the season was Sam Musumeci and special mention must go to the Year 12 boys involved in tennis this season – Noel Atputharajah (First Grade Captain) and Alvin Rajakumar. The Senior boys exhibited great leadership throughout the season.



15 yrs Table Tennis
Semi-Finalists



Senior A Hockey/Undeafated Zone Premiers



Junior Hockey/Semi-finalists



Junior Hockey B



Senior Lawn Bowls



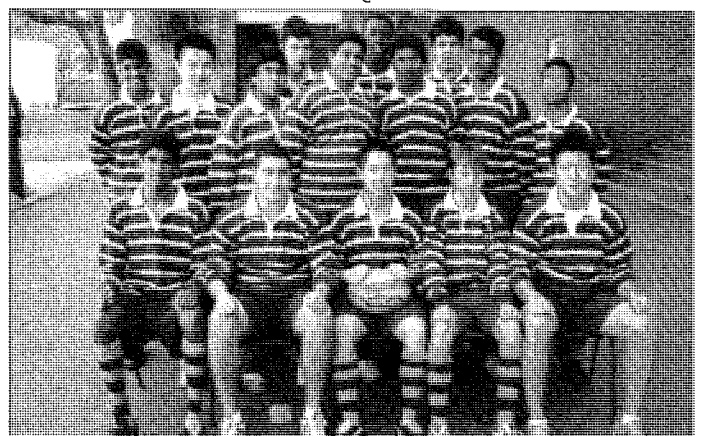
Junior Lawn Bowls



First Grade Rugby/First XV/ Zone Runners-Up
Waratah Shield Quarter Finalist



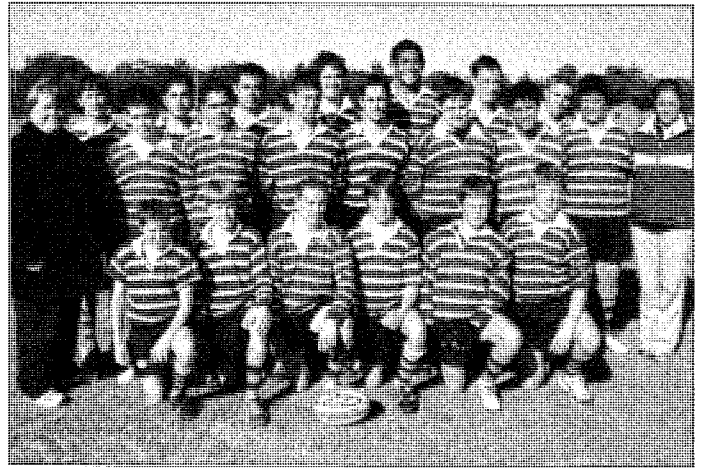
Second Grade Rugby
Semi-Finalist



Third Grade Rugby



15 Years Rugby/Zone Premiers



14 Years Rugby/Undeafeted Zone Premiers



13A Rugby/Minor Premiers, Grand Finalist



13 B Rugby /Grand Finalist



First Football Soccer/Zone Runners-up



Second Grade Football/Semi-Finalist



Third Grade Soccer



4th Grade Soccer/Runners-up



15A Soccer/Semi-Finalist



15B Soccer/Zone Premiers



14B Soccer/Undeclared Zone Premiers/Zone Minor Premiers



13A Soccer/Undeclared Zone Premiers



13B Soccer/Undeclared Zone Premiers



13C Soccer/Undeclared Zone Premiers/Minor Premiers



14years Table Tennis/Semi-finalists



1st Grade Table Tennis/State Champions
Undeclared Zone Premiership Champions



2nd Grade Table Tennis/ Semi-Finalists

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SECOND GRADE WINTER TENNIS

Semi-Finalist

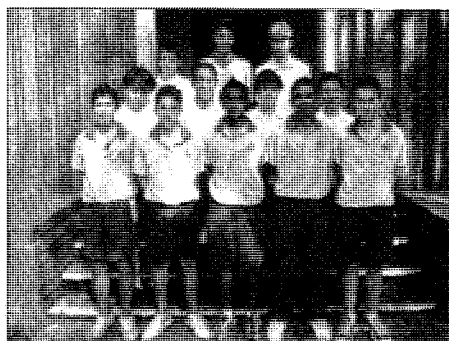
Samater Ali, Jack Castrique, Blair Hardaker, Mitchell Koh, Jacky Ou.

Second Grade teams also made it to the Semi-Finals at Pennant Hills. They were also affected by injury and did well to play on as far as they did.

Their Semi-Final opponent was the challenging North Sydney team. Homebush played with great sportsmanship going down to North Sydney only by a few points.

Second Grade can now look forward to a successful summer season of tennis.

Mrs.Fernando
Coach



14A Soccer
Undeafated for two seasons.

15 YEARS WINTER TENNIS

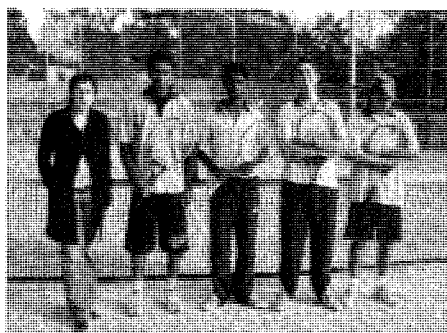
Semi-Finalists

Ashley Harris, Prakash Nagaratnarajah, Alex Burjan, Suthan Sriharan, Jeff Wong.

The 15's team started the season slowly with several losses. However, as the weeks went by and their confidence grew, they achieved some significant wins. The team made it to the semi-finals, where they were defeated by Normanhurst.

Most outstanding was Alex Burjan who was playing representative tennis for the first time.

Ms.J.Hava
Coach



First Grade Winter Tennis
Semi-Finalists

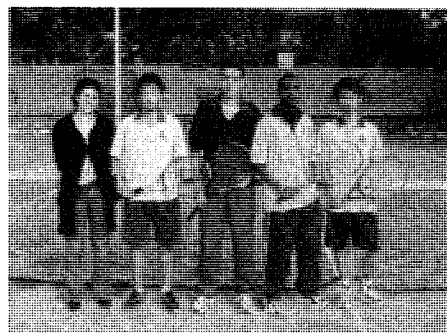
14 YEARS WINTER TENNIS

Vimal Sivakumar, Ryan Harrison, Sujan Suthiseelan, Matthew Iwanczuk, Taren Tu.

The 14's team started the season well with wins over Randwick, Ashfield and Macquarie. However, a close loss to Asquith seemed to be the turning point and unfortunately, the team did not make the semi-finals.

The boys showed great sportsmanship throughout the season, especially the best and fairest player, Ryan. They are now looking forward to a more successful summer season in the 15's division.

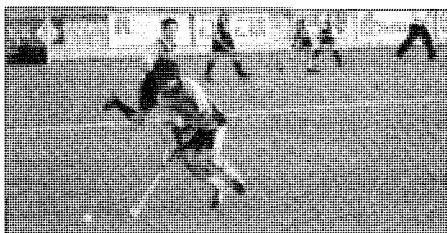
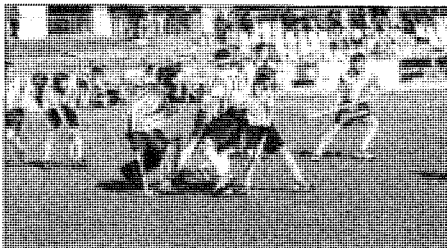
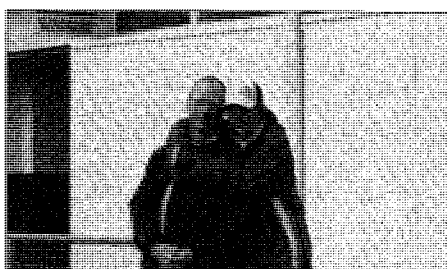
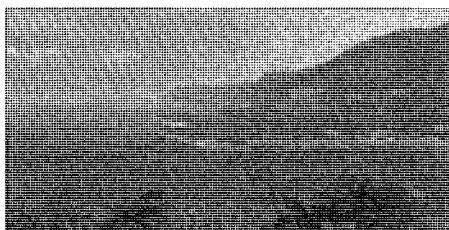
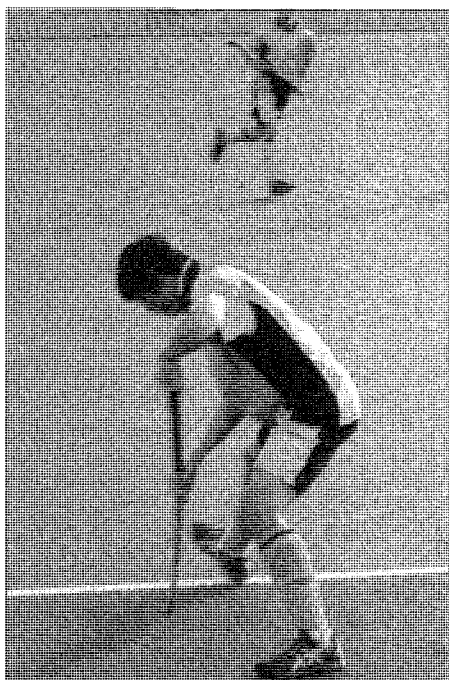
Ms.J.Hava
Coach



Second Grade Winter Tennis
Semi-Finalists

These 'boys from the Bush' demonstrate the dedication of true champions.

Adam Imer is NSW representative in the Australian Hockey Championships held in Tasmania and Jamie Sherson is Junior Sportsman for 2005.



Sports Organiser's Report.....

Sports Organiser, Mr Ron Tedford reports on the exceptional success the school has achieved in sport this year.

The year 2005 has been one of the most successful years ever for sport at Homebush Boys' High School.

In the two seasons we contested a total of 49 semi-finals and 31 grand finals. We won a total of 23 North West Metropolitan Zone Premierships. The premierships winning teams were:

Junior Baseball
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Cricket
15A Cricket
14A & B Cricket
Senior Hockey
Junior & Senior Oz Tag
14's & 15's Rugby
15B Soccer
14A & B Soccer
13A, B & C Soccer
1st Grade Table Tennis
14's & 15's Volleyball
1st Grade Water Polo
14's Water Polo

We had 98 North West Metropolitan Zone representatives, 55 Sydney North Regional representatives, 17 NSW/CHS representatives and 1 Australian representative. In addition the school awarded over 400 Sportsperson of the Week certificates throughout the year. On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my congratulations to all the players and coaches for their outstanding efforts and successes.

Other Sporting Highlights

Beach Volleyball Team won the NSWCHS

Beach Volleyball Championship at Manly Beach.

1st Grade Table Tennis won the NSWCHS Butterfly Shield KO Competition.

1st Grade Cricket finished in the Final 8 of the NSWCHS Davidson Shield.

1st Grade Hockey finished in the Final 16 of the NSWCHS Hockey KO Competition.

Golf Team won the NW Met Zone Golf Championship for the first time.

HBHS Swimming Team won the NW Met Zone Swimming Championship.

HBHS Athletics Team finished 2nd the NW Met Zone Athletics Championship.

HBHS Cross Country Team finished 3rd at the NW Met Zone Championship.

HBHS named NW Met Zone Summer Sports Champion

HBHS named NW Met Zone Winter Sports Championship

HBHS named Champion Cricket School

HBHS named Champion Hockey School

HBHS named Champion OZ Tag School

HBHS named Champion Rugby School

HBHS named Champion Soccer School

HBHS named Champion Water Polo School

HBHS named NW Met Zone Champion School for the 3rd consecutive year.

HBHS Table Tennis Team represented NSW at the Australian Schools Table Tennis Championships in Melbourne. The team consisted of Protik Banerjee, Matthew Robson, Jas Singh, Michael Vuong, Xiao Wang (Captain) and Ms Dwyer (Coach). Matthew and Xiao won the Open Teams category and finished 2nd in the Mixed Schools category.

HBHS Volleyball Team won the NSWCHS Beach Volleyball Tournament at Manly Beach. The team consisted of Yohan Kim (Captain), Eddie Lee, Vincent Yang and Jimmy Yook.

Michael Vuong won gold medals in the Under 12's & Under 14's Boys Singles at the Easter 2005 Qantas Cup Table Tennis Championships. Won the E Grade Singles at the Easter 2005 JNC Cup table Tennis Championships. Finished 3rd in the Under 20's Boys Singles at the 2005 Vietnamese Young Peoples Table Tennis Championships (19/11/2005).

Xiao Wang won bronze medals in the Under 16's and Under 18's Boys Doubles at the Under 18's Mixed Doubles at the 2005 Australian Under 18's Junior National Table Tennis Championships in Melbourne. He then travelled to New Zealand and won gold medals in the Under 17's & 19's Boys Doubles, a silver Medal in the Under 17's Boys Singles and was a semi-finalist in the Under 21 Boys Singles, Under 21 Boys Doubles and Open Men's Doubles at the New Zealand Open Nationals Table Tennis Championships.

Jamie Sherson was named the House and Under 16's School Athletics Champion and Runner-up in the Under 16's at the Regional Athletics Championships. School, Zone and Regional Cross Country Champion. Finished 6th at the All Schools Cross Country Championships. Finished 2nd in the 17+ 2000 metres steeplechase and 3rd in the Under 16's 1500 metres at the NSWCHS Athletics Championships. He won the 17's 2000 metres steeplechase and finished 3rd in the 17's 3000 metres at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships.

Shakti Rathore was named the School and Zone Under 12's Athletics Champion. Won the NSWCHS Athletics Championships Under 12's Long Jump with a leap of 4.83 metres. He finished 3rd in the same event at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships with a school record jump of 5.01 metres.

Noah Essaghir won a gold medal at the 2005 Under 15's National Speed Skating Championships in Queensland.

Michael Clark runner-up in the Under 16's at the NW Met Zone Swimming Championships. Selected to the Royal Life Saving Society Australia Under 16's NSW team. Named non-travelling reserve for the Australian team.

William Parker (Sailing) – 6th at CHS, 9th in Southern Zone, 13th in NSW, 7th in Australian Match Racing (Crew), 2nd in Australian Youth "Match Racing" (Crew), 1st in Inter Club Regatta (CYCA) and 1st in Tri-Club Regatta.

Jamie Kritharas won a silver medal in the 14-15's Years at the Australian National Tae Kwon Do Titles. Hayder Shkara won a gold medal in the 14-17's Years at the Australian National Tae Kwon Do Titles.

James Smedley won the Under 15's NSW Archery Championships, the Under 15's Queensland Archery Championships, the Under 15's Southern Archery Series, the Under 15's State of Origin Archery Series and the Under 15's Australian Championships.

Ryan Beattie, Shariful Islam, David Paterson and Mitchell Starc were named to the Western Suburbs Green Shield Cricket Team.

Sydney North Regional Water Polo Team won the NSWCHS Water Polo Championships with a 10-6 victory over Met East Region. The team contained five players from Homebush. They were **Michael Clark, Daniel Davoren, Joshua Hilliard, Connor Martin and Chad Watkinson.**

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank the following people for all of their assistance during the year: the clerical staff for all the typing, collating, phone answering, message taking, money collecting, complaint handling, etc.; Dr Ian Paterson for his support; Mr Bill Hilliard for the 'positive' press in the local papers, the handling of the more 'delicate' issues and for being the team manager for all Zone carnivals; Mr Tom Pinkey for his 'shoulder', computing skills, advice, guidance and assistance; Mr John Evans for the gathering, collating and compiling of all the statistics plus organising the sports section of the school magazine; Mr Bill Gavathas & Mr Bill Hilliard for the professional sports photography; Mr Chris Halkidis, Mr Joe Philip and Mr Seddique Martin for their computing skills; Ms Kerrie Meucci for the school magazine; Ms Jackie Dahl for the Bush Bulletin; Ms Matina Shadwick & Ms Carrie Ray for dealing with the rolls and sports truants; Mr Andrew Mitchell and Mr Brett Wilson for the smooth organisation and running of the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals; Mr Bill Gavathas and the rest of the PDHPE staff for their support and collegiality; and last but by no means least, the fabulous staff and student body of the school for all their efforts, support, long hours and participation during the course of the year.

On a sad note, we will be losing three outstanding teachers who have contributed immensely over the years to the sporting scene at Homebush Boys High School. John Evans and Michael Klein will be retiring and Andrew Mitchell has been promoted. We wish them all the best in the future.

On an even sadder note, we lost two outstanding coaches during the year in Ian French and John Taggart. They will be sorely missed. May they rest in peace.

Robert Rafael's 2005 Homebush Boys High School Swimming Achievements

Congratulations to Robert for such an amazing effort!

School Swimming Carnival 4/21/2005

Boys 12	50m Freestyle	29.65	1st	New Record
Boys 12	100m Freestyle	1:04.27	1st	New Record
Boys 12	200m Freestyle	2:18.19	1st	New Record
Boys 12	50m Backstroke	34.63	1st	
Boys 12	100m Backstroke	1:15.85	1st	
Boys 12	50m Breaststroke	42.37	1st	
Boys 12	50m Butterfly	32.47	1st	
Boys 12	100m Butterfly	1:09.87	1st,	

Named 12 Years Age Champion & Hayes House Champion

NW Met Zone Swimming Carnival 3/3/2005

Boys 12	50m Freestyle	29.45	1st	New Record
Boys 12	100m Freestyle	1:05.23	1st	New Record
Boys 12	200m Freestyle	2:17.72	1st	New Record
Boys 12	50m Backstroke	33.64	1st	New Record
Boys 12	50m Breaststroke	42.78	1st	
Boys 12	50m Butterfly	31.30	1st	New Record
Boys 12-14	200m Medley	2:39.37	3rd	
4x50m Freestyle Relay		2:11.62	1st	
6x50m Freestyle Relay		3:00.13	1st	

Named 12 Years Age Champion

Sydney North Area Swimming Championships 22/3/2005

Boys 12	50m Freestyle	29.51	1st	
Boys 12	100m Freestyle	1:03.83	1st	New Record
Boys 12	200m Freestyle	2:18.60	1st	
Boys 12	100m Backstroke	1:14.29	1st	
Boys 12	100m Breaststroke	1:30.04	1st	
Boys 12	100m Butterfly	1:10.03	1st	
4x50m Freestyle Relay		2:27.26	1st	
6x50m Freestyle Relay		2:55.16	1st	New Record

Named 12 Years Age Champion

NSW CHS Swimming Carnival 3-5/4/2005

Boys 12	50m Freestyle	28.69	Gold	
Boys 12	200m Freestyle	2:17.75	Gold	
Boys 12	100m Freestyle	1:03.72	Gold	
Boys 12	100m Breaststroke	1:27.19	Gold	
Boys 12	100m Backstroke	1:12.69	Gold	
Boys 12	100m Butterfly	1:08.25	Gold	
6x50m Freestyle Relay			Silver	
4x50m Freestyle Relay			Silver	

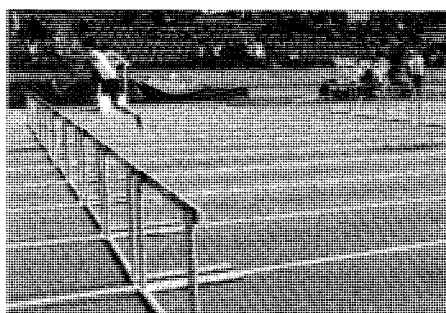
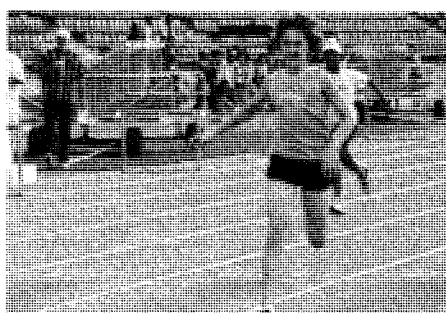
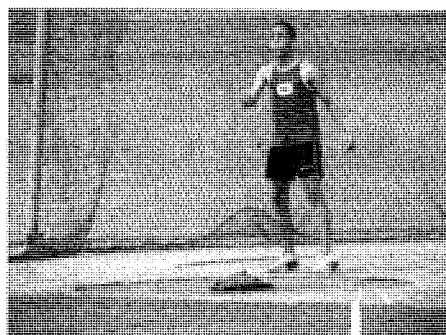
Named Age Champion & Swimmer of the Meet

NSW All Schools Swimming Carnival 7&8/5/2005

Boys 12	100m Freestyle	1:02.14	Gold	
Boys 12	200m Freestyle	2:15.58	Gold	New Record
Boys 12	200m Individual Medley	2:33.52	Gold	New Record
Boys 12	50m Butterfly	31.46	Gold	
Boys 12	100m Butterfly	1:08.39	Gold	New Record

Named Age Champion & Swimmer of the Meet

Robert is now looking forward to competing in the Pacific School Games in November.



HBHS Sporting Representatives 2005.....

North West Metropolitan Zone Representatives 2005

Lawn Bowls

Sorupan Sivapalan

Baseball

Brandon Costa

Daniel Edgton

Cricket

Ryan Beattie

Shariful Islam

Rizwan Amir-Khan

Cross Country

Mitchell Davidson

Patrick Dixon

Nicholas Ivassi

Gow Manoharan

Max Mason

Fletcher Rowe

Jamie Sherson

Preston Shehadie

Hayden Shkara

Stephen Speirs

Pascal Wallace

Athletics

Song Mahn Babb

Michael Clark

Brandon Costa

Michael Dagiantis

Tim Delai-Vulaca

Patrick Dixon

Dennis Griffin-Colls

Sam Higgins

Konrad Ilohaia

Hammad Iqbal

Ryan King

Mehran Modasser

Tyson Parcell

Shakti Rathore

Jamie Sherson

Hayder Shkara

James Shute

Kaan Sozen

Stephen Speirs

Jason Tran

Shaun Tweek

Simon Watson

Rugby

Paul Latu

Sean Little

Robert Kang

Lyle Tualai

John Vaitaki

Pascal Wallace

Swimming

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Jack Avery

Daniel Bardouh

Peter Bijjani

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Michael Clark

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Volleyball

Blair Hardaker

Yohan Kim

Sam Roche

Squash

Daniel Truong

Sydney North regional Representatives 2005

Lawn Bowls

Sorupan Sivapalan

Cricket

Rizwan Amir-Khan

Ryan Beattie

Shariful Islam

Athletics

Ryan King

Shakti Rathore

Jamie Sherson

Jason Tran

Shaun Tweek

Cross Country

Patrick Dixon

Jamie Sherson

Stephen Speirs

Hockey

Adam Imer

Volleyball

Blair Hardaker

Squash

Daniel Truong

Rugby

Robert Kang

Paul Latu

Sean Little

Lyle Tualai

John Vaitaki

Pascal Wallace

Table Tennis

Protik Banerjee

Matthew Robson

Jas Singh

Michael Vuong

Xiao Wang

Water polo

Brendaon Churton

Michael Clark

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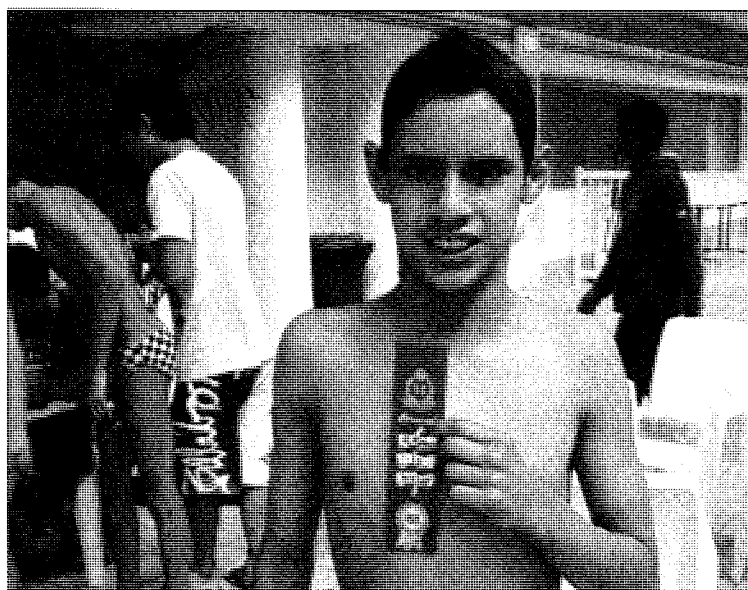
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Robert Rafael - Year 7

NSW/CHS Representatives 2005

Robert Rafael	Swimming
Robert Kang	Rugby (Under 17's)
John Vaitaki	Rugby (Under 17's)
Matthew Robson	Table Tennis
Xiao Wang	Table Tennis
Adam Imer	Hockey (NSW All Schools Under 17's)
Shakti Rathore	Athletics
Jamie Sherson	Athletics
Aaron Costa	Baseball
Brandon Costa	Baseball
Noah Esssaghir	Speed Skating
David Paterson	Cricket (Under 15's)
Pascal Wallace	Water Polo
Michael Clark	Life Saving (Under 16's NSW Team)
James Smedley	Archery
William Parker	Sailing

Australian Representatives 2005

Robert Rafael	Swimming (Pan Pacific Games)
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HBHS Sporting Awards 2004-2005

TROPHY

Ken Kyles Trophy - champion athlete 12 years
 Ingersoll Trophy - champion swimmer 12 years
 Greening Trophy - champion swimmer Greening House
 Charles Warne Trophy - champion athlete 13 years
 Grace Bros Trophy - champion athlete Howe House
 Bell Trophy - champion swimmer 13 years
 Lewis Berger Trophy - champion athlete 14 years
 ARC Engineering Trophy - champion swimmer 14 years
 Homebush RSL Trophy - champion athlete 15 years
 West Strathfield BC Trophy - champion athlete Hayes House
 Vaughan Trophy - champion swimmer 15 years
 Aboud Trophy - champion swimmer Vaughan House
 Old Boys Cricket Cricket Trophy - champion athlete Vaughan House
 John Hargrove Trophy - champion athlete 16 years
 Hyman Trophy - champion swimmer 16 years
 Angus & Robertson Trophy - champion swimmer 17+ years
 Hyman Trophy - champion swimmer Hayes House
 Sutton Trophy - champion athlete 17+ years
 Bellbird Trophy - champion athlete Greening House
 Captain's Banner Hayes House
 Captain's Banner Vaughan House
 Captain's Banner Howe House
 Captain's Banner Greening House
 AP Ward Trophy - Cross Country Champion
 Best & Fairest Table Tennis 1st Grade
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Table Tennis
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Table Tennis
 Best & Fairest Senior Squash player
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Squash
 Best & Fairest Senior Lawn Bowls
 Captain's Banner Senior Lawn Bowls
 Coaches Trophy Best & Fairest 1st Grade Volleyball
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Volleyball
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Volleyball
 Best & Fairest Senior Baseball
 Captain's Banner Senior Baseball
 James C Waite Trophy - Best & Fairest 1st Grade Water Polo
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Water Polo
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Water Polo
 Samuels Trophy Best & Fairest 1st Grade Tennis
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Tennis (Summer)
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Tennis (Winter)
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Tennis (Summer)
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Tennis (Winter)
 Harry Quail Trophy - Best & Fairest 15's Tennis
 Best & Fairest 14's Tennis (Summer)
 Best & Fairest 14's Tennis (Winter)
 Peter Litchfield Memorial Trophy - Best & Fairest 1st Grade Basketball
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Basketball
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Basketball
 SD Coates Trophy - champion swimmer Howe House
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Cricket
 Briars Cricket Shield - Best & Fairest 1st Grade Cricket
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Cricket
 Best & Fairest 3rd Grade Cricket
 Doug Thornton Trophy - Best & Fairest 1st Grade Soccer
 Captain's Banner- 1st Grade Soccer
 Western Suburbs Soccer Club Trophy - Most Improved 1st Grade Soccer
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Soccer
 Best & Fairest 3rd Grade Soccer
 Best & Fairest 4th Grade Soccer
 Western Suburbs Soccer Club Trophy - Best & Fairest Junior Soccer (1 5A)
 Best & Fairest 15B Soccer
 Best & Fairest 14A Soccer
 Best & Fairest 14B Soccer

AWARDED TO

Patrick Dixon
 Robert Rafael
 Alex Patrulescu
 Henare Hereora
 Preston Shehadie
 Andrew Sorrenti
 Kaan Sozen
 Alex Patrulescu
 James Shute
 Shiva Rathore
 Ben Green
 David Wang
 Shawn Treweek
 Jamie Sherson
 Michael Clark
 Pascal Wallace
 Robert Rafael
 Ryan King
 Jamie Sherson
 Daniel Davoren
 Paul Latu
 Lyle Taulalai
 Steven Lai
 Jamie Sherson
 Xiao Wang
 Xiao Wang
 Briant Joi
 Daniel Truong
 Daniel Truong
 Wilson Petrushenko
 Niruththan Sanmuanathan
 Jimmy Yook
 Blair Hardaker
 Marvin Lim
 Garth Andrews
 Daniel Edgton
 Pascal Wallace
 Sean Little
 Chad Watkinson
 Noel Atputharajah
 Noel Atputharajah
 Sam Musumeci
 Abhi Widge
 Mitchell Koh
 Alex Burjan
 Matthew Iwanczuk
 Ryan Harrison
 Ayman Alameddine
 Jason Li
 Andy Liu
 Andrew Sorrenti
 Simon Watson
 Simon Watson
 Amlan Sharma
 Vasanth Theepa
 Stephen Speirs/Simon Watson
 Simon Watson
 Chris Mustafa
 Amlan Sharma/Jayanth Stanley
 Jason Tran
 Nelson Zheng
 Emre Mehmet
 Eray Kedicioglu
 Ibrahim Kerem
 Maan Muhana

Best & Fairest 13A Soccer
 Best & Fairest 13B Soccer
 Best & Fairest 13C Soccer
 Malcolm Brown Trophy - Most Outstanding Sportsman for Summer Sport & Soccer
 Five Dock Hotel Trophy - Best & Fairest Oz Tag
 Captain's Banner Senior Oz Tag
 Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy - Best & Fairest 1st Grade Rugby (goes on Honour board)
 Drummoyne Rugby Union Club Trophy - Most Improved 1st Grade Rugby
 Captain's Banner 1st Grade Rugby
 Best & Fairest 2nd Grade Rugby
 Best & Fairest 3rd Grade Rugby
 Best & Fairest 15's Rugby
 Best & Fairest 14's Rugby
 Best & Fairest 13A Rugby
 Best & Fairest 13B Rugby
 Briars Club Hockey Shield - Best & Fairest Senior Hockey A
 Captain's Banner Senior Hockey
 Best & Fairest Senior Hockey B
 Captain's Banner Senior Indoor Soccer
 Best & Fairest Senior Indoor Soccer
 Best & Fairest Junior Oz Tag
 Best & Fairest 15A Cricket

 Best & Fairest 15B Cricket
 Best & Fairest 14A Cricket
 Best & Fairest 14B Cricket
 Best & Fairest 15's Basketball
 Best & Fairest 14's Basketball
 The Tony Costa Award for Best & Fairest - Junior Baseball

 Best & Fairest 15's Water Polo
 Best & Fairest 14's Water Polo

 Best & Fairest Junior Hockey A
 Best & Fairest Junior Hockey B
 Best & Fairest Junior Lawn Bowls
 Best & Fairest Junior Indoor Soccer
 Best & Fairest 15's Table Tennis
 Best & Fairest 14's Table Tennis
 Best & Fairest 15's Volleyball
 Best & Fairest 14's Volleyball
 K J Myers Trophy - Most Outstanding Sportsman for Summer Sport & Rugby
 Briars Club Rugby Union Trophy - Most Outstanding Player 1st Grade Rugby
 1987 Year 12 Trophy - Junior Sportsman of the Year
 Eastwood Rugby Union Club Trophy - Senior Sportsman of the Year

Roberto Speranza
 Oliver Atkins
 Kerolos Beshara

 Daniel Evans/Joseph Vermiglio
 Robert Kang
 Cameron West

 Paul Latu

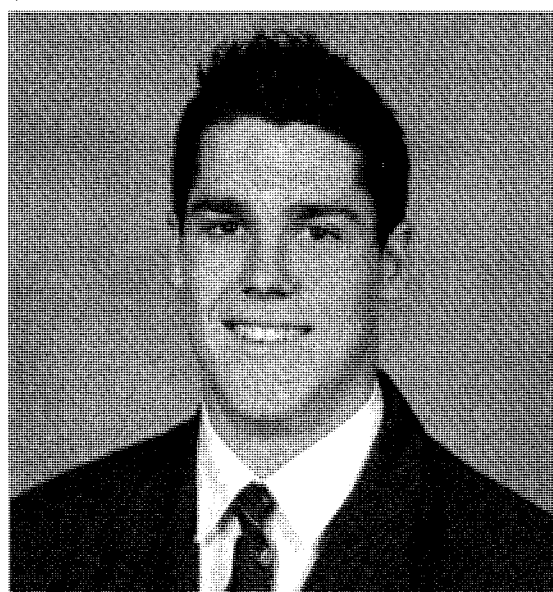
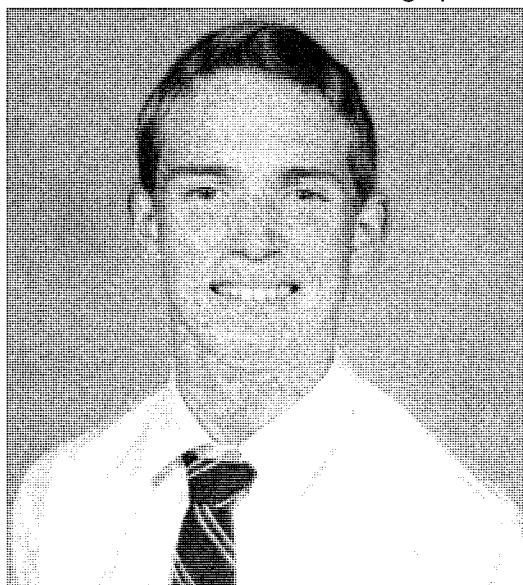
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 Joseph Vermiglio
 Stephen Speirs
 Shaun Treweek
 David Paterson/Ramesh Shanmugasundaram
 Parvesh Purusothaman
 Kailin Moodley
 Abdar Nooru-Mohamed
 Alex Burjan
 Sam Higgins
 Aaron Costa/William McCartney
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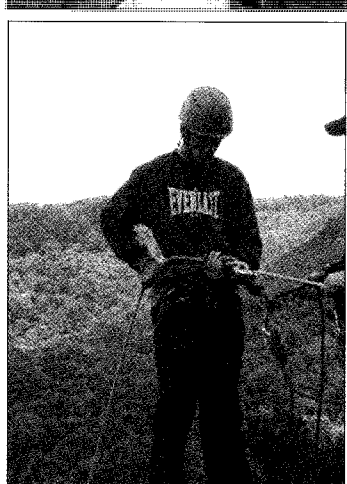
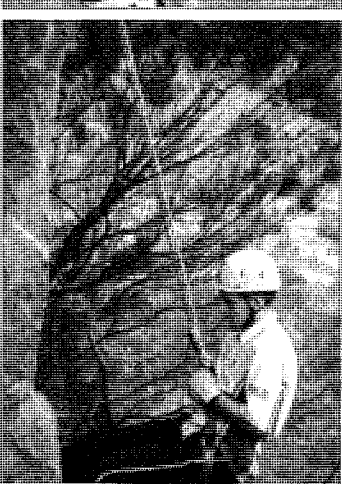
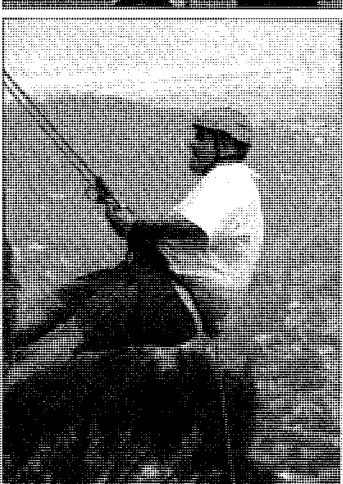
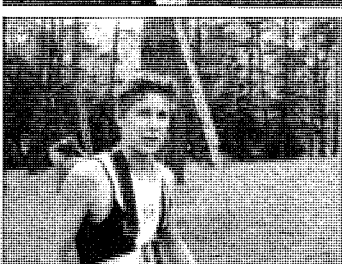
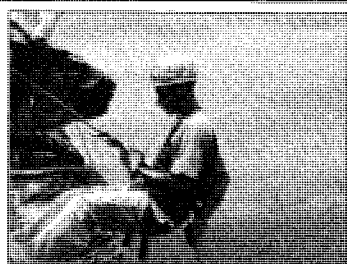
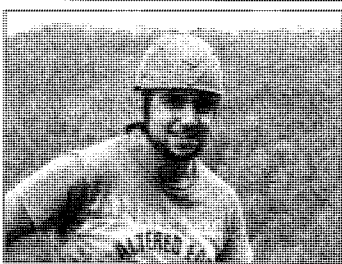
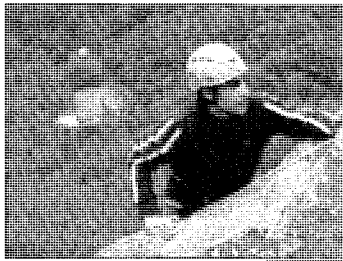
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 Jamie Sherson

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Below: Most outstanding sportsmen, Jamie Sherson and Pascal Wallace.





Year 12 : 2005.....

Below is a reflective report on Year 12's achievements by Mr Paul Koff, Year Adviser for six years. In this section there is also the speech given by Mohammad Zaoud, School Captain 2005 as well as photos of the year

To begin with what sounds like an oft used Year Adviser's cliché – it's hard to believe that the young men who finished Year 12 in 2005 were the same fresh faced boys who crowded expectantly into the hall on the first day of school back in January 2000. Cliches, however are often truisms. No doubt many parents will be finding it hard to believe as well – despite the communal sigh of relief now that the HSC is over!

I remember on that first day telling them of the journey they were about to embark upon, and of the integral part HBHS would play in their lives. That journey has now ended and another phase of their lives is about to begin, but I hope they carry with them fond memories of the time they have spent at the school. I can assure them that as a group they have left their mark upon the school, and impressed us all with the collective qualities of diligence, integrity and good humour they have shown.

Those who attended the School Farewell Dinner will have been struck by the spirit of good will and camaraderie displayed on

the evening. Indeed the guest speaker, old boy Prof. Fred Stephens, remarked upon the obvious calibre of the boys and both he and his wife stated that seeing such an outstanding group gave them great hope for the future of our country. This is high praise indeed, but praise which I believe (in my very unbiased opinion) is well deserved.

On the same night, I remarked upon the fact that what makes the job worthwhile for teachers is seeing that spark of realisation in a student's eyes when an idea or concept is finally understood. Possibly even more satisfying than this, however, is seeing a group mature from boys into men – and as I have stated in so many of the references I have written recently, these boys have certainly matured into fine young men. I believe that this is attributable, in no small part, to the culture of acceptance, effort and achievement which exists within HBHS.

To list this group's achievements over the last six years would take much more space than we have room for here. Suffice to say that in

everything they have done they have striven to do their best – and surely this is the essence of achievement!

In so many fields of endeavour, on so many occasions, the boys have distinguished themselves by their willingness to work both individually and as a group – and this is the embodiment of the "Bushie" spirit!

As a school, we wish the boys well in the many and varied fields of endeavour they may choose to undertake, and hope that the attitudes and ideas that we have helped them develop in the last six years will stay with them and sustain them into the future. On a personal note I would like to thank all those parents I have dealt with over the last six years. Your interest and concern has made my job, and indeed the job of all your sons' teachers, much easier.

To all the boys and their families, I extend my best wishes for the future.

Below is the script of School Captain, Mohammed Zaoud's speech at the Year 12 Farewell Dinner.

Professor Stevens, Dr Paterson, parents, teachers, and my fellow peers.

When I was in Year 6 and our class was filling out their application forms for our high schools. I sat down, and to be honest, I didn't really know which school I wanted to go to. As my third choice, I put Malek Fahd, an Islamic school over in Chullora, my second choice was Trinity Catholic College in Auburn and first choice of course, was the school which to me sounded like Utopia - Granville Boys High. Thirteen of my relatives were there at the time, and all my friends from Auburn were going there too. They played footy, it was close to my home, and well- I'd know everybody. But when I got home, my neighbour who was a tutor at the time was over having dinner with my parents. I came to my father so he could sign the form- and all of a sudden, my neighbour Jay began to choke- on rice! He looked at me and told me "Don't you dare!" Why did you put Granville? Why Trinity? Why Malek Fahd? I said, "Because I know people there mate".

The next day I handed my form back in, and this time it had been filled in by my neighbour. Third choice was Sefton Semi-selective school, second was Arthur Phillip, and first was Homebush. That my friends, was the first time I had heard of Homebush Boys High.

Before my first day, I had signed a verbal contract with Fuat Sezgin, and Abishek Sharan, both of whom came to my primary school, that we would stick together. On the first day; Fuat didn't come, he was in Turkey. And Abishek, well he felt right at home playing handball with all his mates from Saturday school.

So here I was, all alone; hoping that I could change my preferences back to their originals. Man I was so desperate, I had even made friends with Tolga!

Six years on, and I can honestly say that this school has played an integral role in making me who I am. Prior to coming here, I was no leader; I was not academically capable of doing my homework properly. I still remember paying Abishek in Year six to do my maths homework. Oh how times have changed!

When I was at the National Constitutional Convention in Canberra earlier this year, I remember sitting in the foyer of Parliament House. I remember having a chance to socialise, if you like, with Doctor Brendan Nelson; the Federal Minister for Education. We were chatting away, as politicians do... and when I told him I was from Homebush Boys High, almost immediately he smiled. He said, and I quote "Oh that's one of our lighthouse schools, mate you're very lucky to be at that school, that's one of our best. How's Doctor Paterson?"

That's right Mr Nelson, I was lucky to come to this school; and I am very grateful for the opportunity.

Just last week, I met with Auburn Council's general manager, Mr Paul Donovan and he could not speak highly enough of this school. In particular, he mentioned the cricketing ability of Simon Watson and Shariful. Again, he conveyed to me how lucky I am to have been able to come to this school.

As a year group, I believe we have matured so much. I honestly believe that this school

has made us all better people. Be it through the sense of cohesiveness amongst all the cultural backgrounds -I mean you only need to look at the prefect body to acknowledge the group of people we have become - or be it through the sheer dedication of the teachers who promote life-long learning, not just for the sitting of an exam. I know that in ten or fifteen years time we will all be looking back and appreciating the role which this school has played in our lives.

Which other school has:

- The best retention rates in the state
- 165 students volunteering at the Red Shield Appeal; or consistently in programs like EXODUS and Bandaged Bear
- Reacted so promptly to the tragic tsunami, or the infant mortality rates in Nigeria, by collecting money for those in need
- Students like Rabieh calling up 2GB to defend the school after some unfortunate negative publicity
- The ability to produce people like Gordon Bray, John Symond, John Coates, Rodney Blake who now plays for the QLD Reds, Kieren Massey who will be representing Australia in the Commonwealth Games and then play for the Brumbies. And then of course we have our dear guest this evening.
- The ability to facilitate an environment which can hold so many active religious groups who work so cohesively
- An active P+C, and such committed office and canteen staff
- Students coming all the way from Mt Druitt
- So many co-operative International

students who insist on coming to this school

- Their cleaners coming at 3am
- People actually moving in to the area just to get their kids in
- About 1000 students sitting the maths comp
- The likes of Ms Shadwick, Mr Mitchell, Ms Faust, Mr Hilliard, Mr Tedford and Mr Pinkey

I will tell you which school has these things. It's the same school which has consistent above average results in the ELLA and SNAP and the School Certificate exams, and the same will occur in the HSC this year. It is the same school which had three Premier's awards last year. It is the same school with 88 entries on the merit list. It's the same school which has been North West Metropolitan champions three years in a row. The same school which won every grade in cricket, and still excels in things like chess, netball and lawn bowls; coming first in swimming, rugby, summer sport and the Cross Country. The same school which came top 16 in the state for rugby, cricket, and hockey- all of which consisted of students like Max, Simon, Lennings, Pac, Lyle and Paul. It is the same school which has students like Pascal who received the Pierre De Coubertin award. The same school which has Matt Petrucci and Andy Huynh winning VET Awards; and Cameron, Abrar, Harry Jega and Max, actually creating a business...for a couple of minutes. And yes, it is the same school which can send three Arabs to the Model United Nations Assembly, and get them winning the Peace Prize.

Reminiscing the roller-coaster six years at this school, we remember Year seven when the Asians sat only with the Asians, and the Arabs only with the Arabs...and Kareem with the Sri Lankans. We remember Pascal topping the grade in Maths. We remember the bronze award races, and the lessons with Ms Ilea; and the Maths carnival at Airey Park- where 7F won the tug of war- go 7F!!!

I only have one fond memory of Year 8. This is what I mean when I say a roller coaster six years. There were the highs of year 7; but then...in Year 8 the impossible happened. The year 8 SRC members consisted of Sean and Pascal. It was only later that I realised that no-one else had nominated themselves for it.

Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse, in Year 9 Sean came first in English. But something else happened in Year 9 which till this very day has impacted on all the academics in our grade. Year 9 marked the debut of a truly inspiring academic, one who came back from India and has since featured on top of every subject. Yes my friends, year 9 marked the year in which Abhinav came to this school.

For some reason I can remember Year 10 as though it was just yesterday. I remember sitting the very stressful School Certificate, I remember the first grade Rugby grand final and how it comprised four of our peers; and of course...I remember getting kicked out of

Mr Doenau's Modern History class...and not going back.

Two things happened last year which to me clearly exemplify what this school and in particular this grade, is about. Whilst I was sitting in Chemistry class, fooling myself that I would actually be able to do chemistry; I did happen to be inspired by one thing- the words of Mr Balan. After 'enlightening' us with his life story, he did say: "Sons, I have been through every single life son. I have been through high-school life son, and work life, and girlfriend boyfriend life son; and married life son...and honestly sons, the best life ever is high school life...trust me".

Later in the year came the all important prefect elections. Oh what a time that was. Whether it was forming an election campaign; or seeing one being formed against me...literally! Whether it was waiting anxiously for the vote count, or seeing the faces of some of those who just missed out; I had learnt so much from that experience. I learnt that I had so many capable, and reliable and responsible and very damned motivated peers. I learnt that if I didn't get captaincy, there were 24 others who could easily have done a great job. I learnt that being captain was an honour. Not just about a simple badge, or a name, or an ego feeding experience; but about respecting and representing and honouring those in this grade who in a few years time would be undoubtedly leading their communities, their cities, and quite possibly, this country.

2005 has been a year which very simply sums up the group we have become. Take away the anxiety from the exams, and the pressure from the 'freak'n Viva Voce' Take away Sean getting a distinction in the Maths comp. Take away the sport, and the studies, and the books and the pens. Take away these things, and you're left with two very significant happenings which I will never, ever forget. The passing away of two of the best teachers we have come to know. I remember Mr Hague had placed me in Ms Roberts' English class, saying that her style of teaching would suit me well. In the space of a few months I went from a top 40 student, to a top ten in English. But it is what happened after her passing away which will dominate my memories of this grade. Being the sulker I am, I consistently sulked about the great loss...but in a matter of weeks I had three students who were in the top ten, sit with me for a few days, offer me their help, their essay notes, or simply their tutors' numbers. I learnt that if I fell in a hole, I always had someone there, from this grade, to pick me up.

You don't need to go beyond three weeks ago to notice the initiative and care which comes from this grade. We had a student set up a website just for us to chat about the HSC and exam tips, and share notes...thanks Eshan. We had another student come up with the idea of organising morning classes for three weeks, just as a final incentive to maintain our studies...thanks Tommy Tang!

Things have worked really well for us over

the years, and this is I think attributed to the hard work of many of the teachers; in particular Mr Koff. I remember speaking to Ms Roberts in Hospital and she kept saying that we will be looked after under Mr Koff. She kept saying how lucky we are to have him as a year advisor; telling us not to worry about anything whilst he is in charge of our grade. During the 6 weeks holidays, while most of us we're out bludging, I remember seeing Mr Koff kindly volunteering at the Kids Universe in Homebush, getting \$6,000 donated to the school. But then again, that's the kind of man he is; one who takes no longer than one night to get 60 essays marked for module B.

You know what a great year group this is when you notice that one of our peers had an average rank of 1.4 across his ten units [Freak'n Abhinav!]. You know how great this group is when you realise that even the Man Brothers can make it on TV!

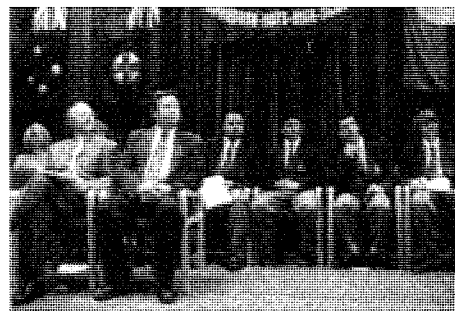
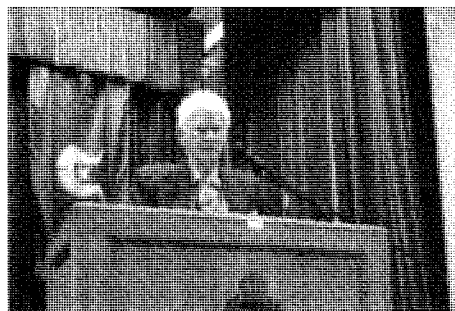
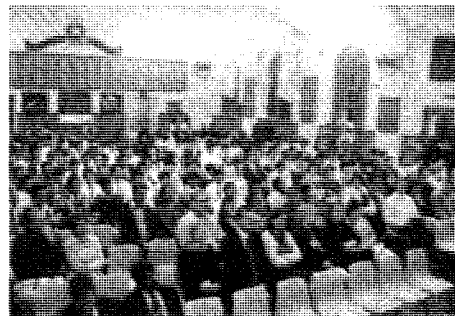
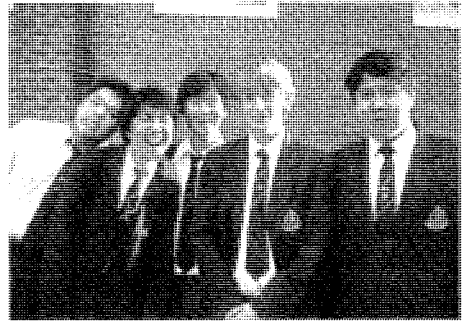
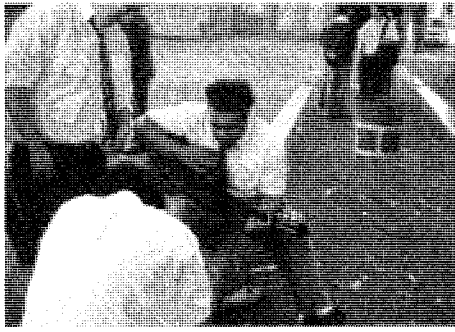
You know what an academically capable year group this is when you have a student (Tommy) who is so into economics, he buys the Financial Review every day, and aims to be on the RBA board! Or when you have a student actually get a Band Six in the English Trial- Aik Ooi. You appreciate what a gifted year group this is when you look at some of the Visual Arts Major works and not understand them (which essentially is art...Matt!)

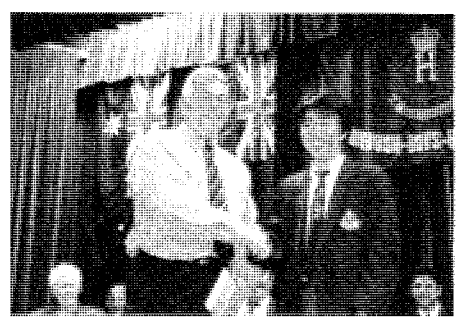
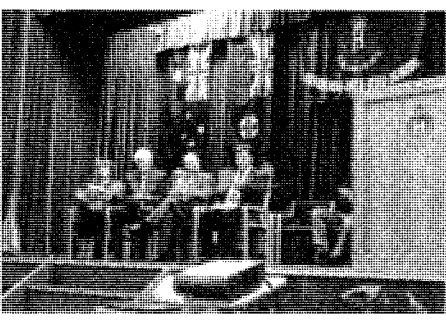
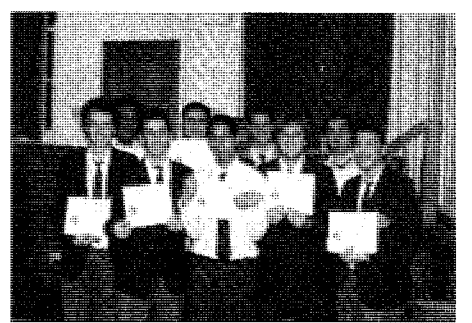
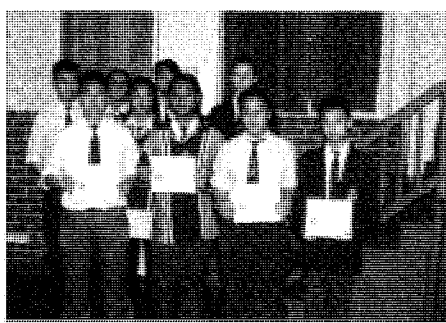
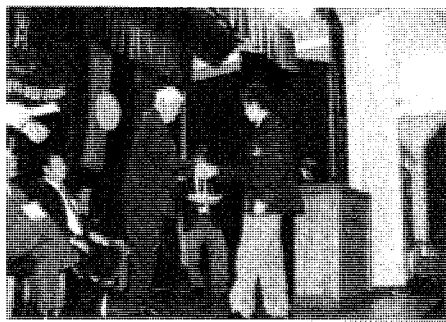
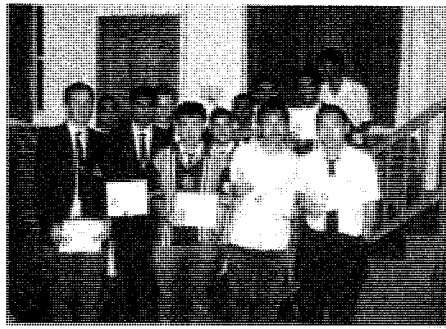
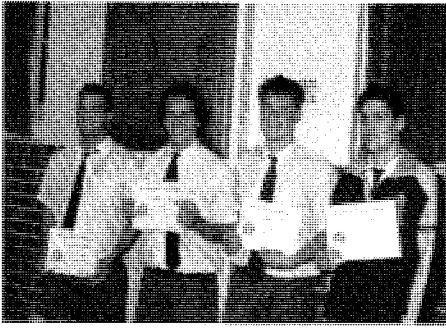
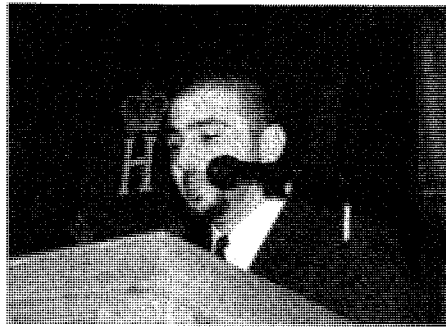
In 30 years time, we will all look back and recognise the dedication of our peers: Simon, Halil, Rabieh, Solomon, Paul and Lyle, Kevin Huang who actually passed economics, Biray who studies during his study periods, Cameron who puts 110% in his work even with a broken finger...and has Pascal still beating him (Sorry mate, Pac made me say that). Really, you don't need to go past Kapil's and Fahim's exercise books to realise how dedicated this grade is. They have a list of all the top 20 students in each subject, their mark, their rank...and their estimated UAI!

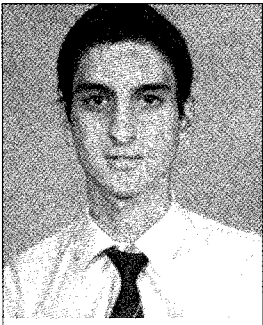
And then there are those people you will never forget. Peter, who turned 17, got his P's, crashed his car twice, lost his licence and copped a few hefty fines...all in the space of a week. Sam Alam and his wood work jobs!.. what the! Nour Shamsin who...well that's for another day!

It has been an absolute honour to be the school captain of this Grade and this school, at this time. Forgive me if have wronged any of you. Good luck in the future...and welcome to the first day of the rest of your lives.

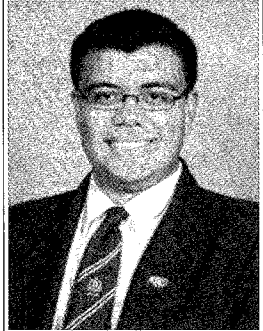
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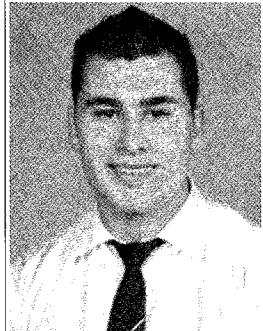


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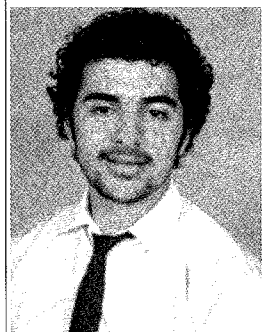


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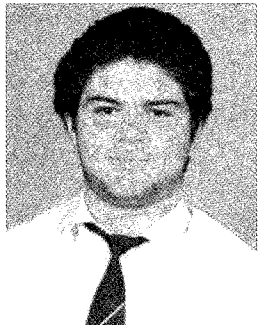
2005 Prefect; SRC President; Granville District SRC President; Environmental Committee 03-04, SRC 03. High Distinction and Distinction: Geography comps 02-03; English comp - Achievement -04. 13's, 14's, 15's Rugby 3rd grade 05; 14's, 15's Volley Ball 1st grade 05; Senior Lawn Bowls; u15's knockout basket ball. 04 Young Achievement Award Australian Finalist. CYCA - Youth Yachting Program. Charities: SRC Bandage Bear, Stuart House Daffodil Day.



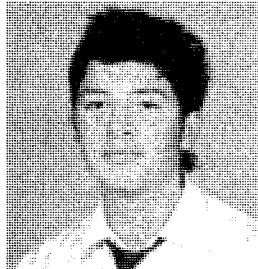
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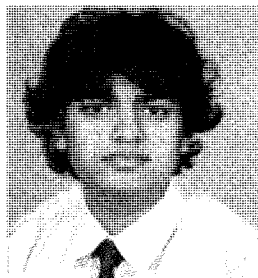
Ayman ALAMMEDINE Chess, participation in band. Maths competition, 6th in Standard English. 'Artist of the Year' award. School representative in: basketball, rugby union and zone cross-country 01/03. 2nd Grade Soccer. Charities: 40 Hr Famine 03. Plant a Tree 2004.



Mohamed Allameddine Chess 04. Maths comp 00-04. Charity collection, blood donor.



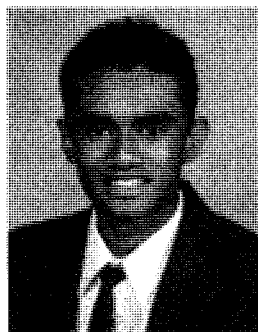
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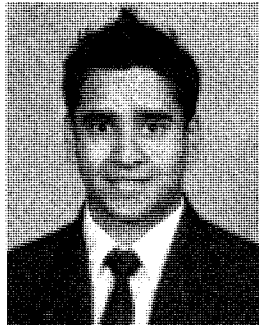
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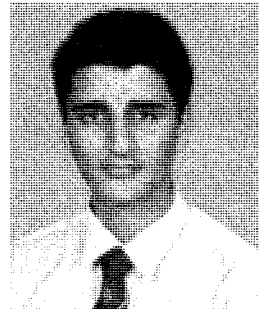
Arsalan ASGHAR Credit: Computer and Science comp 03. 1st Grade Hockey 04-05 Hockey knockout team 05. Charities: Red Cross, Exodus Foundation, Red Shield Appeal, Nike Fun Run volunteer;



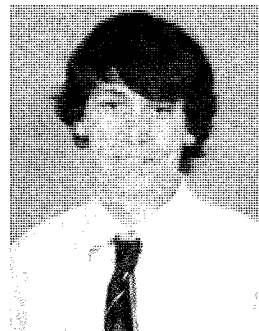
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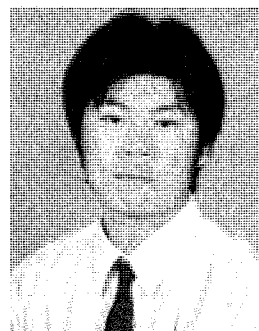
1st Grade Hockey, Cricket and Baseball. Charities: Red Cross, Salvation Army, Exodus Foundation, 40 Hr Famine, Planet Ark, Clean up Australia. Fundraising for School Gym.



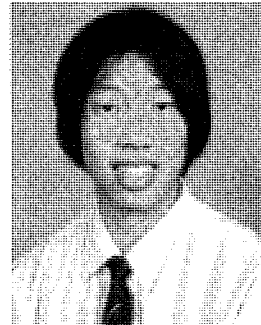
Siddarth BHARDWAJ School debating 05; 04 Distinction: Economics, Business and Maths; 04: First in Economics and Physics; 03 and 02: First in English. Charities: Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 05; Plant a Tree 03; 40 Hr Famine 04



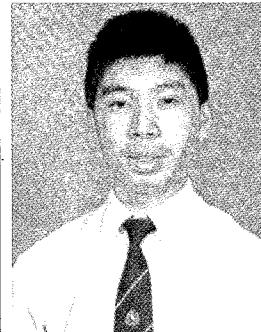
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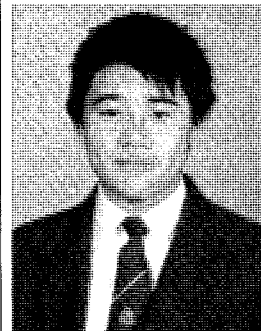
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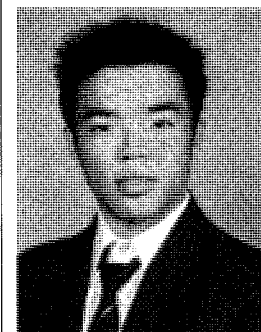
David CHAN Credit Business comp 04. Charity: Red Cross Appeal 04. Plant a Tree 00-04. Clean up Australia Day.



Harry CHAN



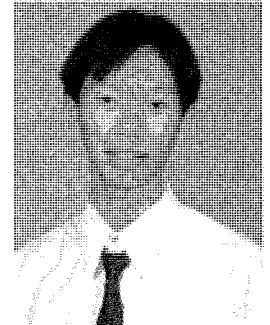
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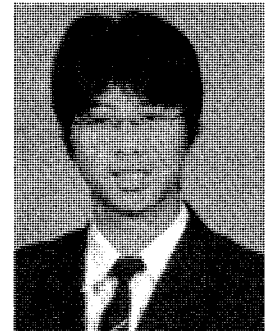
Sam (Ka Fai) CHAN Hospitality work placement 04-05. Credit: Math 03. 3rd Grade Rugby 05, 2nd Grade Rugby 03-04, 15's Rugby 02. Zone Athletic 00. Charities: Exodus Foundation 04-05. Red Cross 03.



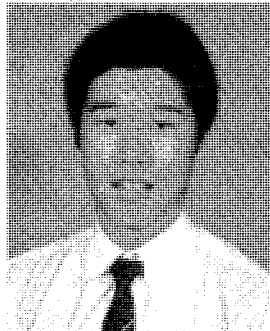
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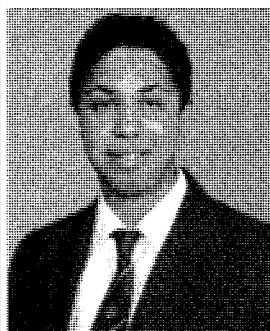
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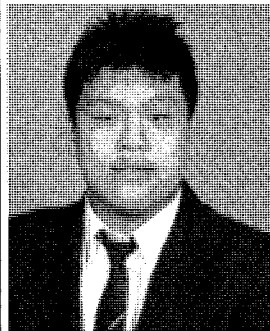
Peter CHEN Chess 05; Distinction: Maths 03 Credit: Maths 02 and 04. Charities: 40 hr Famine 04, Red Shield Appeal 04



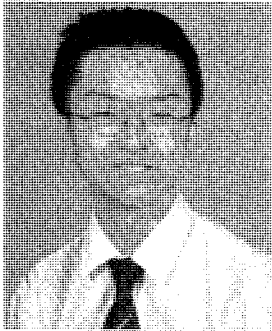
Xiao CHEN Credit in Business comp 04. Credit in Maths 02 and 04. Distinction in Maths 00, 01 and 03. Charity: Red Cross 04



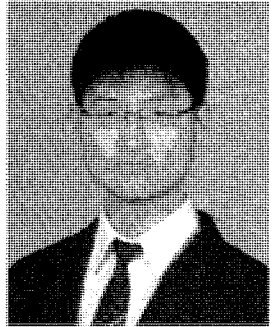
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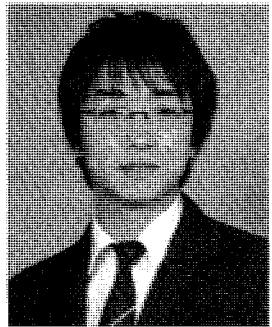
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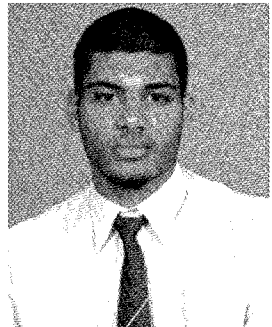
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High Distinction: Math comp 02, 03. Distinction: Maths Comp 00, 02 & 04. English comp 01. Science comp 01 Geography comp 01.



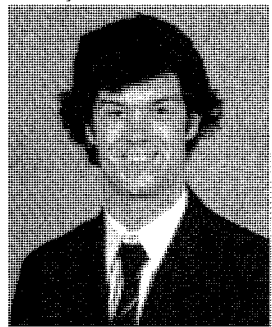
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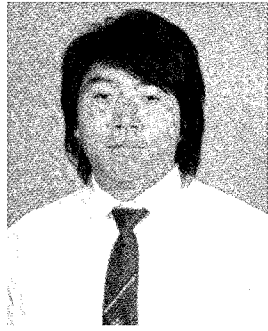
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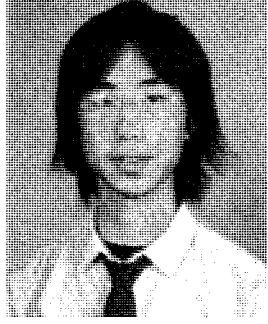
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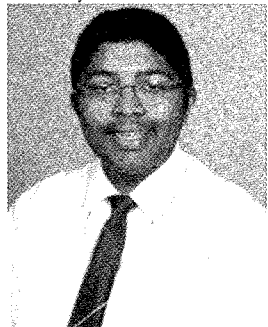
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2nd Grade Rugby



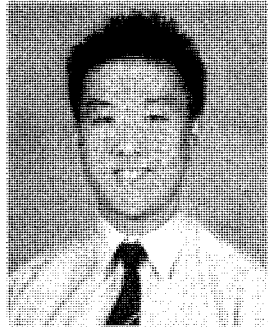
Yang CUI
Credit: Maths comp 01-03. 1st Grade Basketball 04. Charities: Red Shield Appeal, 40 Hr Famine.



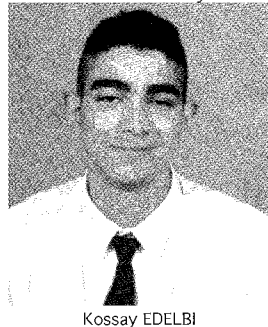
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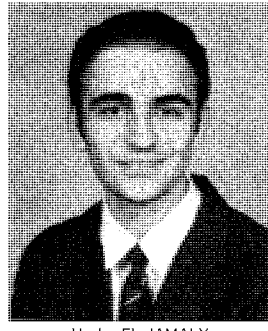
Solomon DONALD
SRC 05. Drum Corp 05. Chess team 04. Tournament of the minds 03. Maths comp Distinction (3). English comp Credit. Official Rep at Zone Athletics and Zone Swimming. Rep at Strathfield 120th celebrations. Fundraising



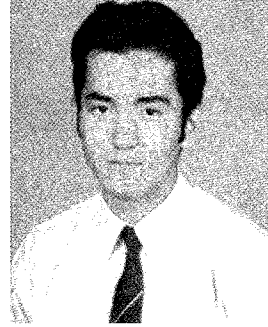
Clement DUONG
Credit in Maths comp 00-01. Maths comps 02-04. Science comp 01 & 03. Geography comp 02. Volunteer: Clean up Australia Day. School Fundraising, selling raffle tickets. Charities: Red Cross and Salvation Army.



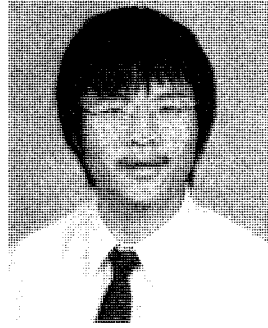
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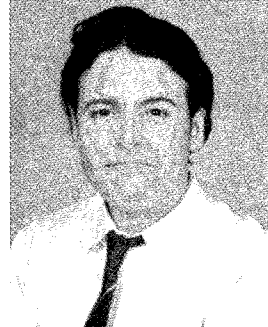
Hydar EL JAMALY
4th in physics; Distinction in: Chemistry and Maths 04 comp; 2nd in Biology. Participated in tennis and swimming 200m freestyle. Charities: Nike Fun Run, Red Shield Appeal, Exodus Foundation Food Drive, Salvation Army Appeal. Fundraising for School gym.



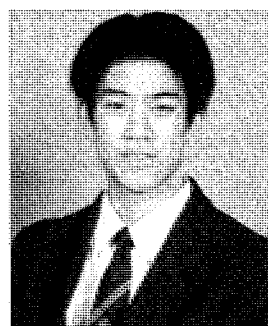
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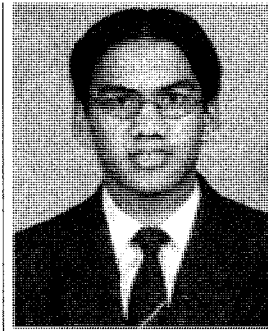
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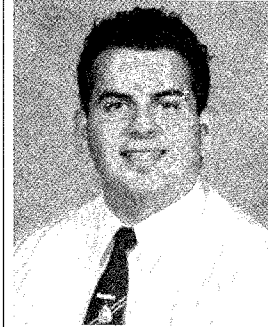
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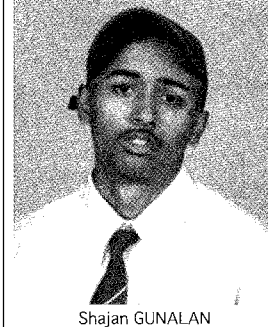
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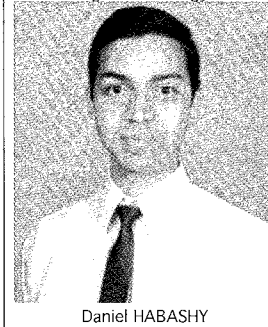
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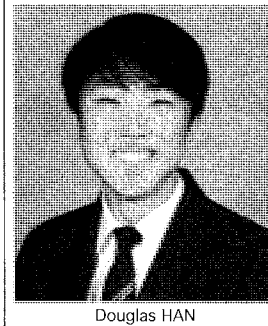
Rabieh GHARRIBEH
Prefect; Public Speaking; 1st Grade Rugby; SRC; Social Secretary.



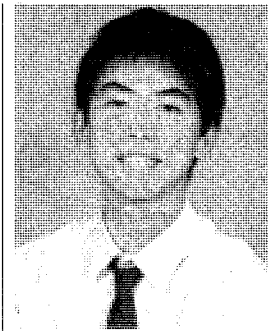
Shajan GUNALAN
Variety Night 03. Comps: Maths, Economics, Business and Chemistry. 3rd Grade Cricket Premiers 04-05; 1st Grade Baseball 02-04; Senior Lawn Bowls 03. Marshalling Swimming and Athletics Carnival. Red Shield Door Appeal 05. Fundraising for School gym.



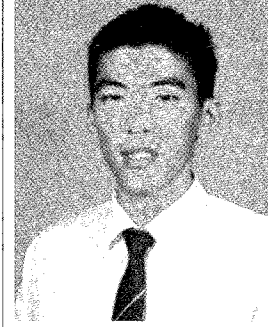
Daniel HABASHY



Douglas HAN
Prefect 04; Recital Night 00-04 and Variety Night 02-04. Design and Technology Award (MYDA) 04; Distinction: Maths comp 00-04; Credit: Chemistry comp 04; Principals Award 01. 2nd Grade Table Tennis 04. Flag bearer for Drum Corps Strathfield

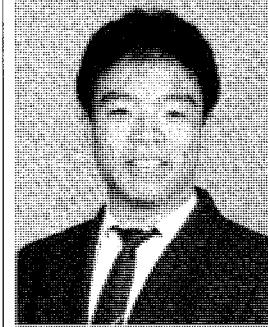


Saul HAN
Credit Math comp. 3rd Grade Soccer. 15A Grade Soccer.

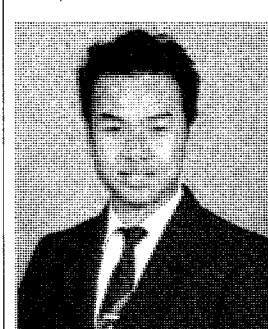


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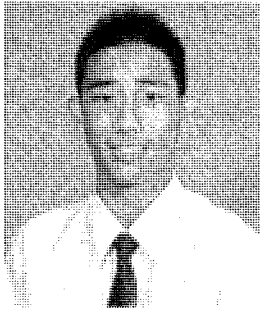
Distinction: Maths comp 01; Credit: Maths comps 00, 02 and 03. Yr 7 Grade Soccer 04. Charities: Red Shield Appeal. Nike Fun Run; Blood Donation; Volunteer Kid's Universe and Clean up Australia.



Jonathan HONG
Distinction: Economics comp 04 and Maths comp 02. Credit: Business Studies comp 04 and Science comp 03. Fundraising for School Gym 01, 02 and 03. Charities: Red Shield Appeal, Red Cross, 40 Hr Famine.

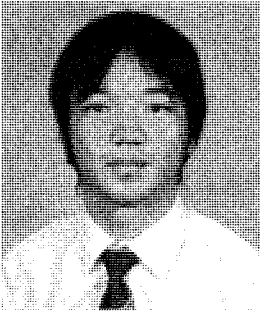


Peter HONG
Prefect 05, SRC 04-05, Granville District Area SRC 04, School Council 04, ANZAC Day Parade School Band - Prefect Representative. Distinction: English 02. Credit Maths 01. Tennis, Swimming, Table Tennis, Basketball, Baseball 04. Charities: Red Cross Door Knock Appeal 03, 40 Hr Famine 03-05. Volunteer: Australian Youth Parliament 05, Auburn Youth Advisory Committee Chairman 04 and Vice Chairman 05. Co-founder of the Auburn Youth Magazine "Youthoria".

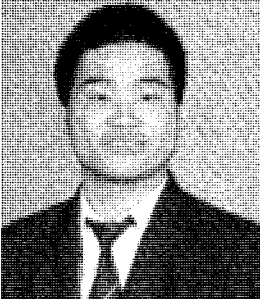


John HUA

Prefect 05; Variety night performer 02. Credit Maths Comp 03-04. 90% 2/3U Maths 04. Zone Athletics 02-05; Regional Athletics 03-04; Zone Cross Country 02; 1st/2nd Grade Volleyball 04; 3rd Grade Soccer 04; 15's Soccer 03; Senior Oz tag 03. Charities: Red Cross and Salvation Army 03-04.

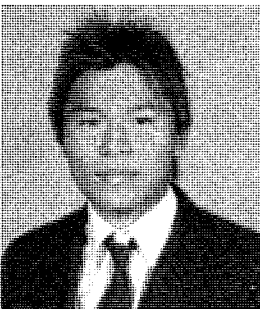


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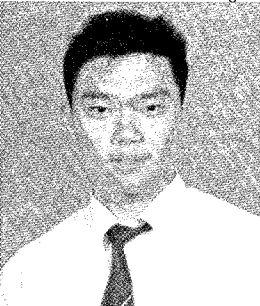
Jian Hui HUANG

High Distinction: Geography 02. Gym Fundraiser 04. Charities: Red Shield Appeal; 40 Hr Famine.



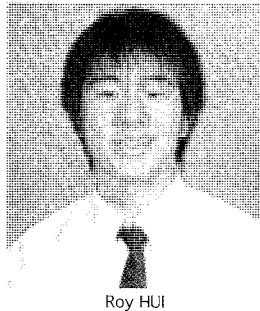
Kevin HUANG

1st Grade Table Tennis Captain 04. Official at Zone Regional Swimming Carnival and Zone Athletics Carnival. Fundraising.



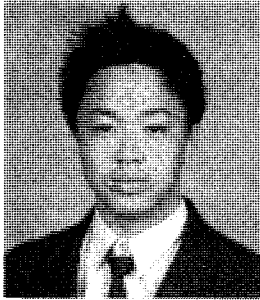
Teng HUANG

Distinction: Maths Comp 02-04. Academic Excellence Yr 11 02. Principal's Medal Yr 11 04.



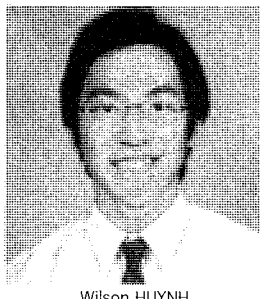
Roy HUI

Performed in School's: Musical, Variety night, Recital night, presentation night, School music band. Played National Anthem at School's Open day. Credit: Maths comp 02-04, Chemistry comp 04. 1st Music 03. Represented School in Career Expo day 05.



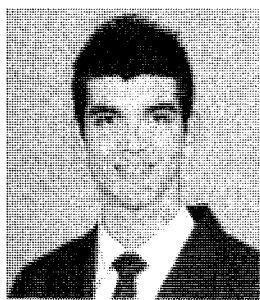
Andy HUYNH

Hospitality Placement 04-05. Credit Math comp 01. Math comp 00,02-04. 2nd Grade Rugby 05. 3rd Grade and 16's Rugby 04. Charities: Salvation Army 05, Exodus Foundation 00-04. Jeans for Genes (Cancer) 00-04. Kids Universe Week 04. Clean Up Australia Day 01. National Tree Planting Day 01.



Wilson HUYNH

Recital night 02. Distinction: Maths comp 02-04. Credit: Science comp 03-04. 1st in standard English 04. 1st Grade Basketball 04. Salvation Army Door appeal 03. Fundraising 03-04.

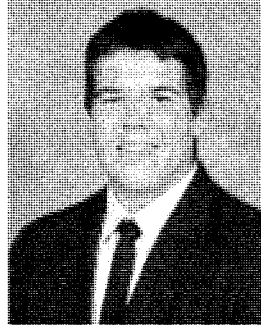


Biray IPEK

Prefect 04. First Aid Certificate 04. Credit: Business comp 04 and Maths 03. Participation Science 03.. 2004 Puma Cup comp team. 1 & 2nd grade soccer 03-05. Swimming 03. Athletics 00-05. 2004 Community youth days school rep. ANZAC March - Burwood, Strathfield. Charities: Exodus Foundation. Jeans for Genes day. Cancer Council, Red Cross, Salvation Army. Fundraising for School gym. Careers expo day.

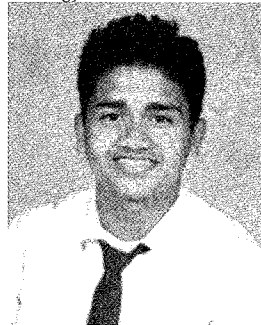


Stuart JACKSON



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Tutoring primary school children in use of computer technology 02-03. Variety Night 02. Credit: Maths comp 02-04 and Science comp. School Cert Band 5 Maths, English, Geography, Science and Band 4 History. 1st grade rugby grand finalists 05, Waratah Shield/1st grade knockout 05. 2nd Grade Waterpolo champions 04, 2nd grade rugby - grand finalists 04, 1st grade Waterpolo knockout (top 8 in NSW) 04. Waterpolo knockout (top 32 in NSW) 04, 1st grade Waterpolo champ 04, Grade rugby 04. Grade rugby and Waterpolo 04. Charity: 40 Hr Famine 02. Fundraising for School gym 02-04.



Vinod JACOB

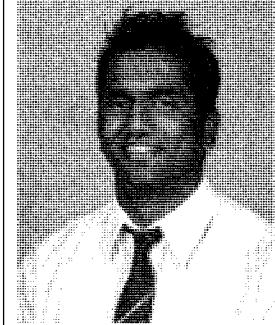
Credit: Maths comp 02. 14A's Soccer 03-04. 15A's Soccer 04-05. 1st grade indoor soccer 04-05. Charity: Red Shield Appeal.



Abdul JAMAL

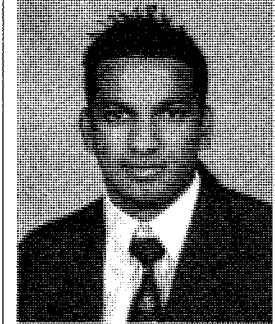
Yr 12 SRC Representative. English debating 03-04. Model United Nations Assembly 04. Peer mediator & trainer 04. History debating 03. All Boys Public Speaking comp 02-03. Peer mentor & trainer 03-04. Peer tutor 01,02,03. Academic excellence - Maths (2U) 04-05. Peace Prize MUNA 04. School Academic excellence 03. Merit

Award for demonstrated commitment and dedication to Literacy Volunteer Program - Northern Sydney Institute. Premiership Certificate - 1st grade water polo 04-05, 1st grade Ruby Manager 03-04 Waterboy. 1st grade Waterpolo manager 03-04. Charities: Bandage Bear 05, Red Shield Appeal 05, Stuart House 05. Volunteer: School Annual presentation evening organiser 03-04. Member of 'Auburn Youth Advisory Committee' 04-05

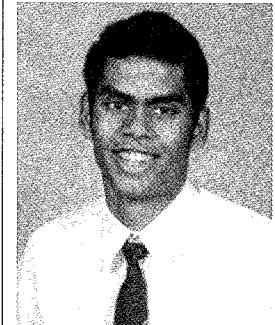


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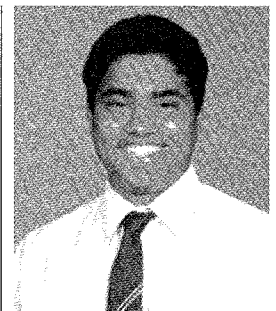
Performance in Variety Night 03. Credit: Tamil proficiency test 03 and Australian Business Studies comp 04. Senior First Aid 04; Royal Life Saving Society 04; Highly Commended: Inner West Eisteddfod prepared speech 18 yrs & over. 2005: Red Shield Appeal; Valuable contribution to Homebush Financial Services Ltd, Bendigo Bank; ETA, Tsunami fundraising; 2004: Valuable contribution to Strathfield Libraries and museum foundation. Fundraising for School gym 01-04.



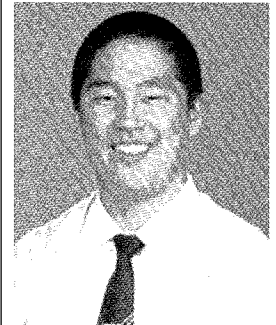
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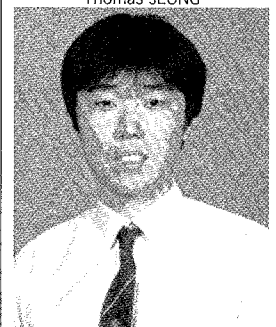
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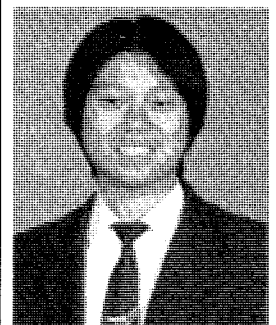
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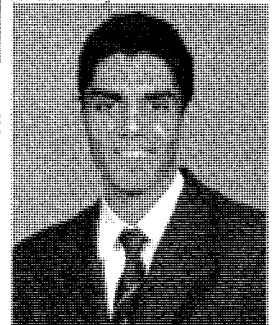


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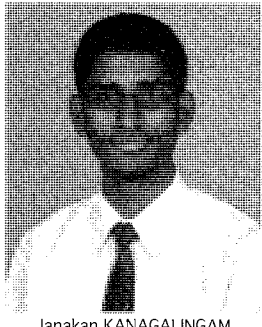


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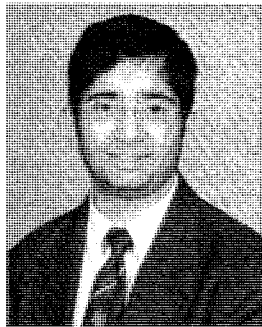
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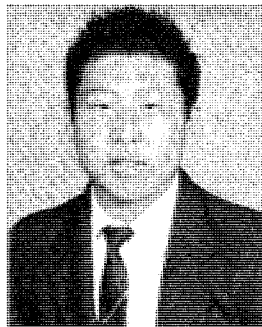
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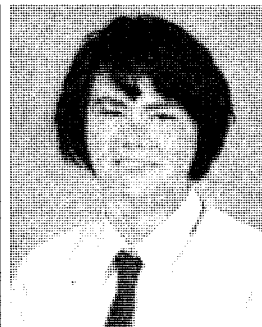
Janakan KANAGALINGAM
 Variety night 03. Zone Official:
 Sydney North Swimming and
 North West Metro Athletic
 Carnival 04. Excellence in Tamil
 02-04. Credit Math comp 03.
 Academic Excellence 2U Maths.
 Chemistry comp. 3rd Grade
 Cricket Premiership Cert 04. 1st
 Grade Baseball 03. Charities:
 Salvation Army, Tsunami Appeal
 05. Contribution Strathfield
 Library and Museum foundation.



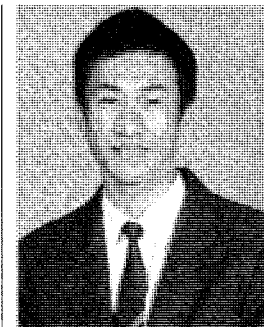
Fahim KHAN
 Maths Award 04. Charities:
 Red Shield Appeal 05. Nike Fun
 04-05.



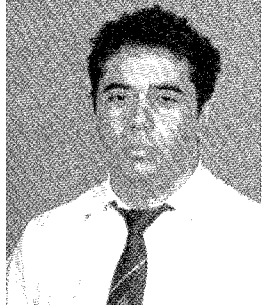
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 Senior Debating. John Symonds
 Public Speaking. Tournament
 of the Minds. Junior Debating.
 Inter-school Drama. Distinction:
 English and French comps. 1st in
 English Ext. Finalist in Ministers
 Designer award. 2nd overall yr 7.
 Gold Award. Senior Lawn Bowls.
 Charities: Red Shield Appeal,
 40 Hr



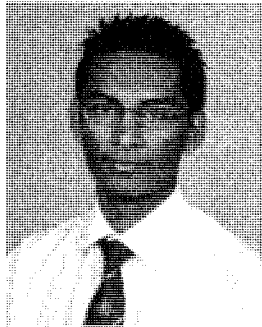
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 Senior Debating. John Symonds
 Public Speaking. Tournament
 of the Minds. Junior Debating.
 Inter-school Drama. Distinction:
 English and French comps. 1st in
 English Ext. Finalist in Ministers
 Designer award. 2nd overall yr 7.
 Gold Award. Senior Lawn Bowls.
 Charities: Red Shield Appeal, 40
 Hr Famine.



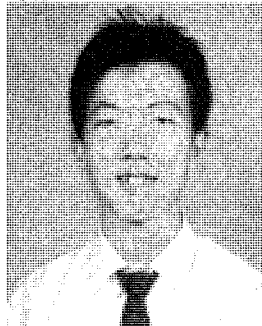
Stephen LAI
 Prefect 05. Greening House
 Captain 05. 1st in Chinese.
 Maths comp. Business comp.
 Captain 1st grade Volleyball 04.
 N.S.W.C.H.S. Knockout Volleyball
 comp 03-05. Captain 3rd grade
 Soccer 02-04. Official at Zone
 Regional Swimming Carnival and
 Zone Regional Athletic Carnival.
 Charities: Salvation Army Red
 Shield Appeal. Australian Clean
 up Australia Day. Fundraising.



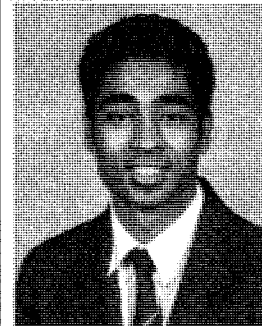
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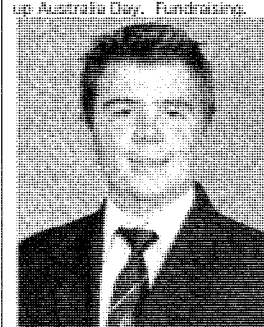
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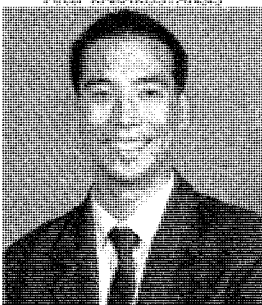
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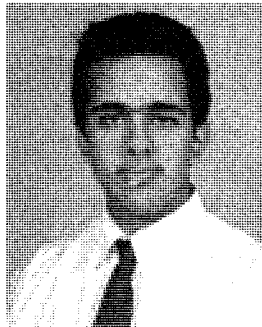
Nirushanram KULASINGAM
 Variety Night Performance
 "Bajan Boyz". School Marching
 Band. Credit: Maths comp
 and Science comp. Business
 comp participation. 2nd Grade
 Cricket; 1st Grade Baseball;
 House Volleyball. School Gym
 fundraising 01-04. Charities:
 Red Shield appeal; Tsunami
 appeal.



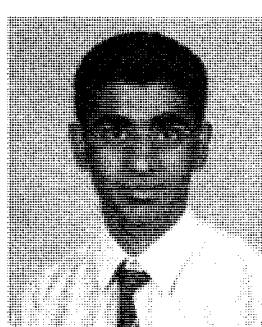
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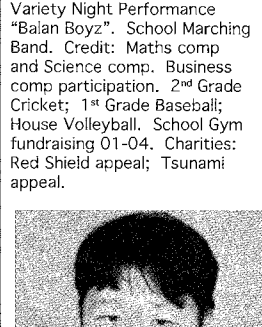
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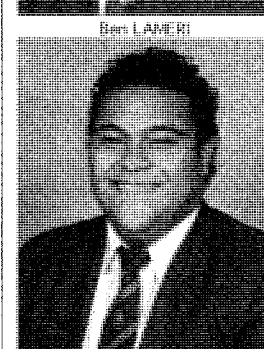
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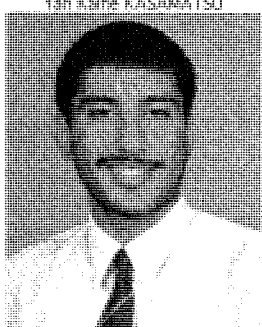
Rahul KODURI



Albert LA
 BHP Science, Science comp
 03, Credit Maths comp 00-04.
 Tennis 05, Table Tennis 03,
 Basketball 03, Swimming 00-02.
 Volunteer: Zone and Regional
 referee.



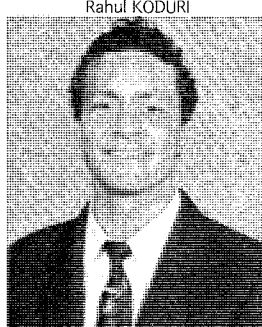
Paul LATU
 Prefect 05. House Captain 2
 yrs. Vice Captain 1 yr. 1st Grade
 Rugby 3 yrs. Zone 1st Grade
 Rugby 2 yrs. Zone Rugby U14's,
 13's. Church Youth Leader.



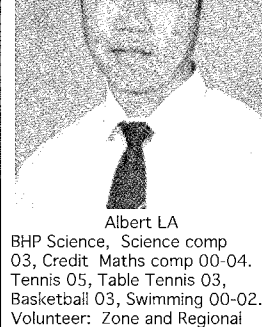
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Wasim KHAN

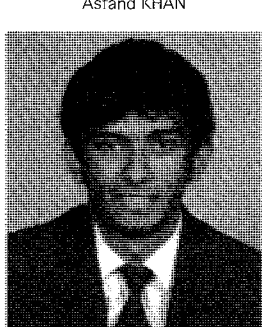


Tomas KOPF-VULACA
 Prefect 04. Official at Zone
 Athletics 04 Zone Swimming
 04. Westpac Maths comp 04-
 05. 1st Grade Rugby 04-05.
 Senior Oz tag 04-05. Oz tag
 premiership certificate 05.
 Charity collections.



Aik Ooi LEE

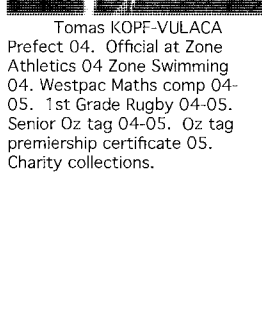
Year 12 Debating team.
 Distinction: English comp 02 and
 Maths comp 00. Credit: Science
 comp 01. 1st in Advanced English
 04 and History 00. Charities:
 Exodus Foundation Food Drive
 03, Fundraising Drive 02, Clean
 up Australia Day 01.



Ehsan KHAN

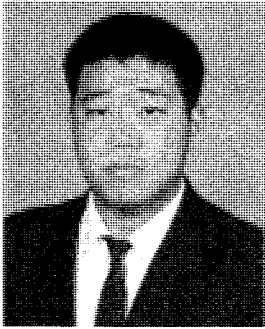


Abhinav KHANNA

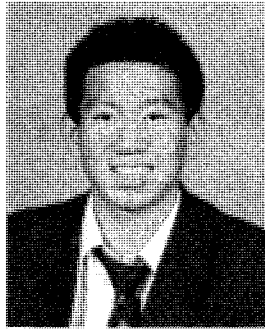


Kit LAI

Chess. Charities: Red Cross
 Red Shield Appeal 04-05, Exodus
 Foundation 03-05. Clean up
 Australia Day.

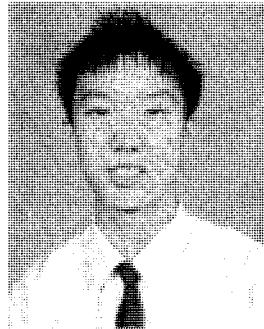


Kevin LEE



Jason LI

Credit: Maths Comp 02, 04. Distinction: Maths Comp 03 and Economic Comp 03. 15's Basketball most improved player. Second's Basketball player of the Season. ¾ Soccer - leading goal scorer. Charities: Red Shield Appeal. Nike Fun Run.



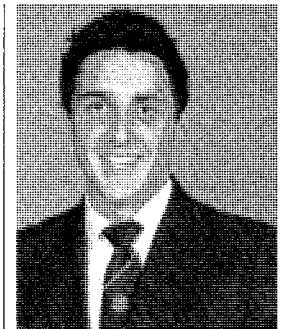
Gaven LIN

S.R.C. Member 05. Peer Tutor. Distinction: Maths, Science and Chemistry comps. First in: German 01, Electronics 03 and Visual Arts 02-03. Grade Soccer. Gym fundraiser; Tsunami Appeal. Charities: Bandage Bear, Daffodil Day and Red Cross.

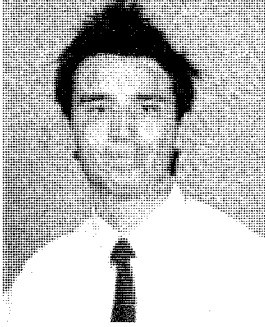


Angelo LIVANOS

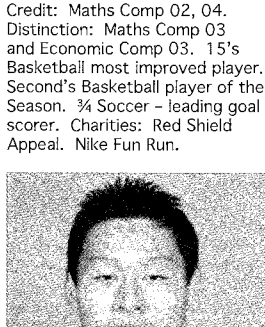
Web Design team; Backstage help at Variety Night; Filmed Anzac Day March. 1st in Yr 11 Multimedia. Excellence in Yr 11 IT Vet. completed semesters 1 and 2 of CCNA at TAFE. Representative at World skills comp. Charities: Exodus Foundation, Walk for Juvenile Diabetes.



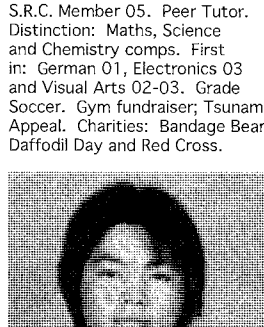
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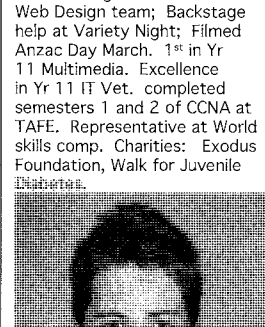
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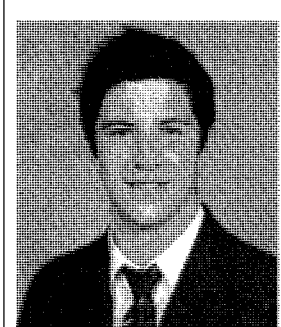
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Ting LIN



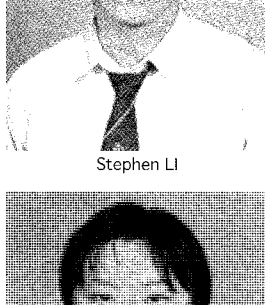
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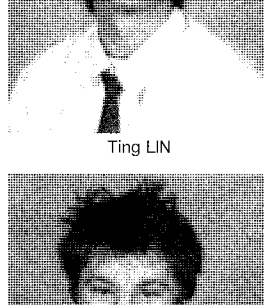
James MANN



Nicholas LENNINGS
Environmental Audit 03. Debating 2001. 1st Food Technology 03. High Distinction: Geography comp 02. Distinction: French 03 and Maths comp 02. Finalist in Ministers Young Designers Award 02. First Grade Cricket 04/05. Charity: Red Shield Appeal.

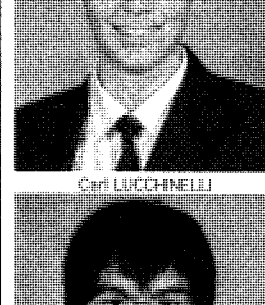


Chen LIANG

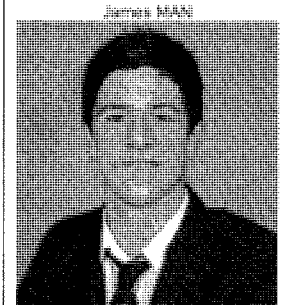


Sean LITTLE

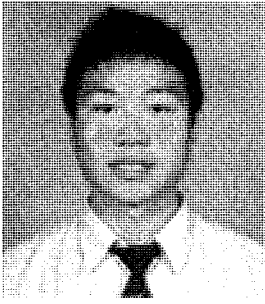
Variety night 03. MAD Production 02. Yr 9 SRC 02. Credit: Maths comp 02-05 and English comp 03. Regional Waterpolo at CHS Carnival 03-05. Zone Rugby at CHS Carnival 05. 1st Grade netball 04. 1st Grade Rugby 04-05. 1st Grade Waterpolo 02-05. Regional Swimming 03-05. State Swimming 00 & 05. Zone Cross Country 02-05. Zone Athletics 03-05. Age Swimming Champ 00-03. Charities: Red Cross 05. Exodus Foundation 02-05. Fund-raising for School Gym 02-05.



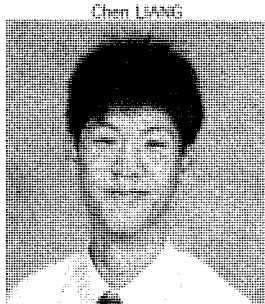
Norman MAC
Credit: Maths comp 03-04. Participation Business comp 04. School Charities.



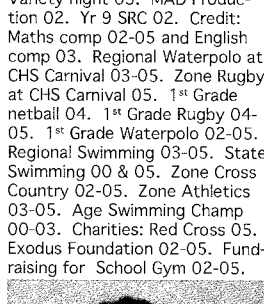
Thomas MAN



Henry LEUNG
Hospitality Placement 04-05. First Aid Certificate 04. PDHPE, ESL (improved award) 04. 2nd Grade Basketball 03. 2nd Grade Table Tennis 03. Charities: Red Cross 02, Salvation Army 03, 04 and 05. Tree Planting 04, 05.

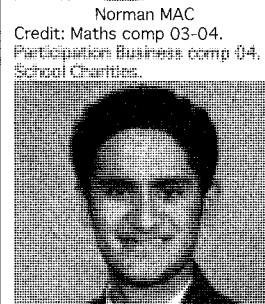


Eric LIAO

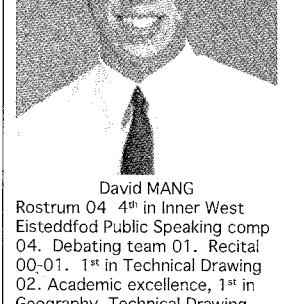


George LIU

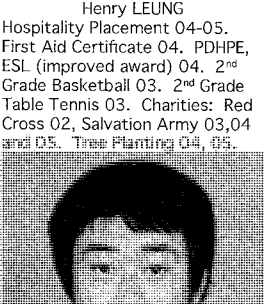
Recital Night 04; Variety Night 03-04; Mentoring program 03. Principal medallion; 2 gold Awards; 10 Silver Awards; 53 Bronze Awards. Zone Athletic Carnival. Charities: 40 Hr Famine, Red Shield, Cancer Council's Worlds greatest shave for a cure. 2nd place Homebush Idol. 1st place Intermediate Math 02. School rep - Strathfield Girls mentoring training 03.



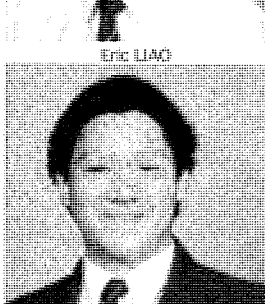
Jatin MAHAJAN
NSW Program USYD 05; Australian Business Week State Program 05; Peer tutoring 04. High Distinction: Geography 03; Distinction: Maths 03-04 and Science 02. First in 2U Business Studies. CYCA Youth Yachting Program 04. 15A's Cricket (vice Captain). Charities: Red Shield Appeal 03-05; 40 Hr Famine 01-04; Plant a Tree day 04; Clean up Australia Day 04.



David MANG
Rostrum 04 4th in Inner West Eisteddfod Public Speaking comp 04. Debating team 01. Recital 00-01. 1st in Technical Drawing 02. Academic excellence, 1st in Geography, Technical Drawing and English 03. Distinctions: Science 00, 01 & 02 and Maths comp 01 & 03. Gold Award, 1st in Visual Arts 01. 1st Grade Hockey - 04; 13B's Soccer 00.

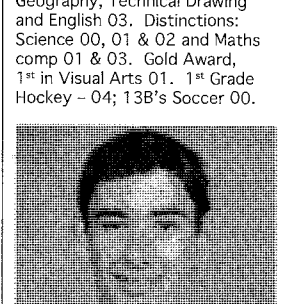


Ding LEE
Distinction: Maths comp 02-04 and Science comp 02. Grade Soccer. Charity: 40 hr Famine.

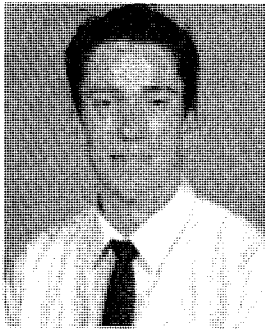


Dennis LIN

Credit: Chemistry comp 03 & 04, Science comp 03 and Maths comp 02 & 04; Distinction: Maths comp 03.

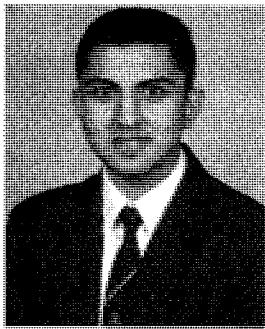


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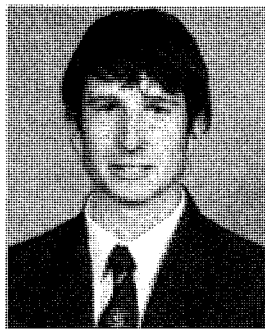
Max MASON

Prefect 05. 90% and above awards 04-05. Credit Maths comp 04. 2005: Regional Cross Country Captain 1st Grade Hockey. District Athletics 04. Minor Premier and Premier 1st Grade Hockey. Oz tag - minor premiers and premiers. Grade Rugby, Hockey, Cricket and Oz tag. Charities: 40 Hr Famine, Red Shield Appeal.



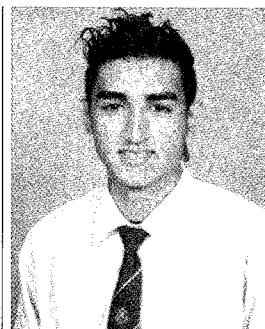
Sunny NUR

Excellence in Maths 00-04. Distinction in Geography comp 03-04 and Maths 01-03. Credit Maths 04. Science comp 01-02. Gold Award 05. Hockey 00-01. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 05; Exodus Foundation Food Drive 00-05; Salvation Army 04; Planet Ark; Bandage Bear; Jeans for Genes Day; Daffodil Day; Plant a tree 00; Clean up Australia Day 03,02,04; Stuart House Fundraising Drive 00-01.



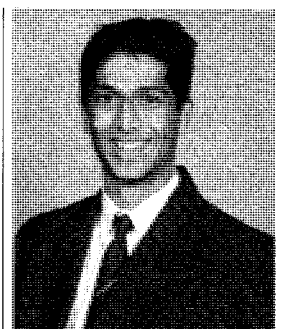
Brodie PIKE

Merit awards - 5 silvers and a gold. Credit in Maths. Representative of HSBC for Golf. Charities: 40 Hr Famine 02-03; Red Cross; Exodus Foundation and charity collectors.



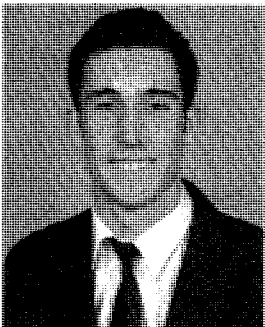
Mousa SAEED

School Peer tutoring program 02-03. Maths comp 00-05; Credit: Business Studies comp 04; Geography comp 03. State Hockey knockout 04-05; 1st Grade Hockey 04-05. Senior Indoor Soccer 05. 3rd Grade Cricket 04. Junior 'A' Hockey 02-03. 14's Rugby; Junior Indoor Soccer 01; 13A Soccer 02. Charity: Salvation Army.



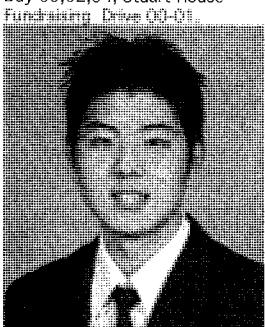
Vishnu SARPESHKAR

2005: Sports Medicine Certificate; Responsible Service of Alcohol. 2004: First-aid Certificate. 2003: Campbelltown Art workshop - representation of Artwork in Campbelltown art Gallery - yr 10. 2001: Young Achiever's Award - Finalist for advert for Taronga Zoo - yr 8. 2004: 1st Yr 11 General Maths. 2001: Distinction Maths comp Yr 8. 2004-05 1st Grade Cricket winners; Davidson Shield quarter finalist. 2003-04 1st Grade finalist; Davison Shield regional finalist; Award for Best bowler, most runs, most wickets (Davidson Shield); Player of the Season MVP. 2002-03: 1st Grade Cricket Finalist, Sydney North CHS - Cricket. 2001-02: 15A's Cricket finalist. Charities: Exodus Foundation 01-05, Jeans for Genes 02 and Daffodil Day 03.



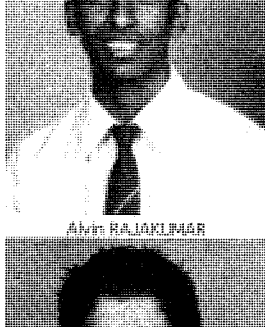
Halil MEHMET

Prefect 05; SRC 04; Variety Night 04-05; Debating 04; Anti Obesity Campaign 04; Peer Mentoring 01-02. Distinction: Maths comp 03; Credit: Math comps 01,02,04 and Science comp 03. Zone Athletics 02-05; 1st/2nd Grade Soccer 03-05; Indoor Soccer 04; Junior Hockey 00-02; Grade Tennis 01. Charities: Red Shield Appeal; Anzac Marches. Leadership days yrs 5/6 04.



Raymond PARK

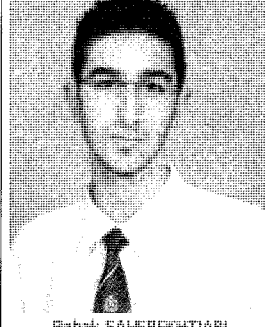
SRC 03; Credit: Maths comp 00-05. Zone Athletics 00-05; Regional Athletics 01-04; Zone Cross Country 00-03; Official timer Regional Swimming 04; 3rd Grade Soccer Captain 04, 15A Soccer 02, 14A Soccer 01, 13L Soccer 00; Baseball 02. Charity: Red Shield Appeal 05.



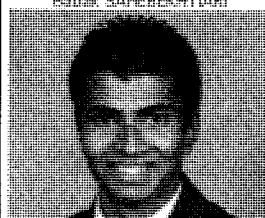
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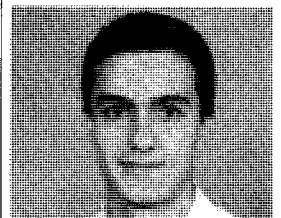
Kayvan RAZAWI



Babak SAHEBCHIANI



Udeshan SANTHIKUMAR
Variety night 03, Recital night 03. Credit Maths comp 03. 3rd grade cricket (Premiers) 04. 1st Grade Baseball 02-03. Fundraising for School gym 03. Charities: Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 05 and Tsunami Appeal 05.

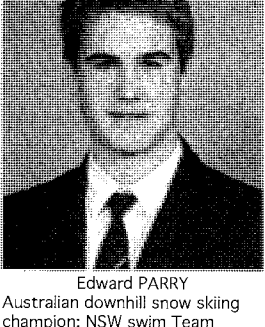


Seyed Vahid SEDIGHI

Peer tutoring (course at TAFE). Participated in all academic/sport activities. Distinction: Maths comp yr 10; Credit: Science comp yr 10, 94% Maths, 91% Science. Grade Soccer; attended all house sports. Charities: Red Cross and Salvation Army. Nike Fun Run. Fundraising with chocolates.

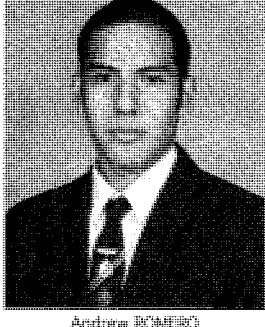


Andrew MILLANE

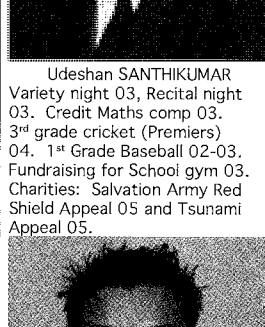


Edward PARRY

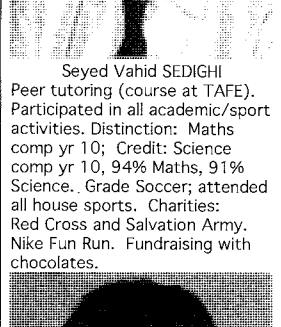
Australian downhill snow skiing champion; NSW swim Team 03,04,05; 1st Grade Hockey; 1st Grade water polo



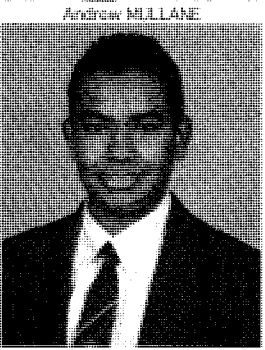
Anirvan ROMERO



Jannan SARAVANAPATHAN
Credit: Economic comp 04 and Maths comp 01-02. Principal's award for 2U Maths and IPT 04. 1st Grade Baseball 04-05; 3rd Grade Cricket 02-03; 15A Cricket 01. 13A Soccer. Charities: Red Cross, Red Shield Appeal, Exodus Foundation, Plant a Tree day 01.. Community fundraiser, Fundraising for School gym.



Sheldon SEE



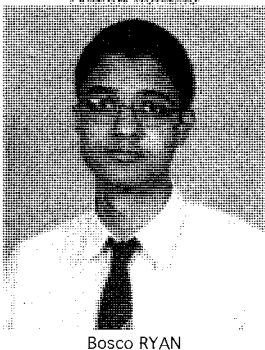
Dhilip NALLAINATHAN

Member SMYC 02-05. Credit: Maths comp 03-04 and Tamil Proficiency test 03; First in intermediate Mathematics. Vice Captain: Junior Hockey 02 and 3rd Grade Cricket 03. Member of undefeated premiership Cricket 3rd Grade team 04-05; 1st Grade Baseball 04. Red Shield appeal 05; Fundraising for School gym 03.

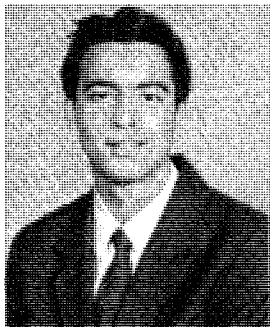


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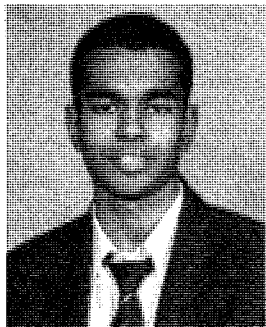
Debating, Variety night, Recital night, TAFE Peer Literacy Assist program. Credit UNSW Writing comp. Dorothea MacKeller Poetry Award. 15B's Soccer. School Rep Strathfield Town Hall. Charities: Exodus Foundation, Bandage Bear, Star Day.



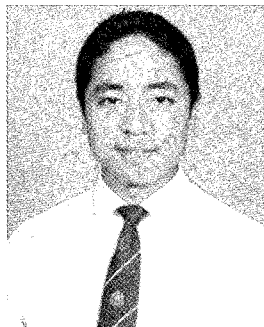
Bosco RYAN



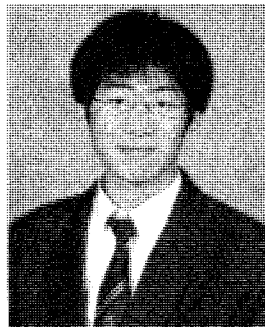
Rajat SETHI
Music and Piano. Merit Certificates: Maths yr 11 93% and Hindi 91% in HSC Bronze Awards 03-04 2nd Grade Basketball; 04-05 1st Grade Basketball. Sportsperson of the week award. Charities: Red Shield Appeal, Salvation Army, Exodus Foundation. Plant a Tree 04, Clean up Australia Day, Fundraising for Gym.



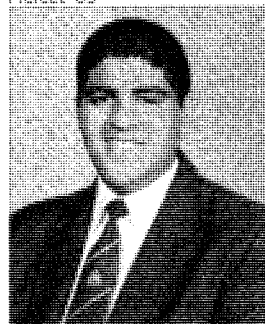
Abbi SHARAN
Debating 03. Public Speaking 03. Distinction: Science comp. Chemistry comp 04-05. Credit Math comp 00-04. 2nd Grade Tennis. Soccer. Charities: Red Cross, 40 Hr Famine, Exodus Foundation, World Vision. Salvation Army.



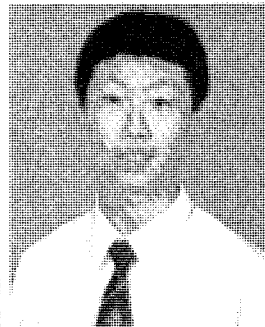
Ajesh SHRESHNA
Credit in Maths comp 04. 1st in Biology and Maths 2U. Yr 12 half yearly merit awards for EST & Maths 2U. Yr 11 half yearly Merit awards for PDHPE, Maths 2U and Biology. Yr 11 Merit Awards. Charity: 40 Hr Famine. Clean up Australia Day Volunteer.



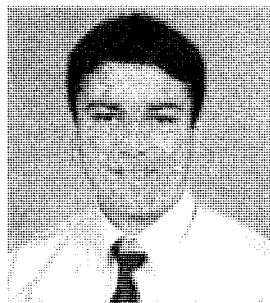
Joseph SONG
Prefect 05



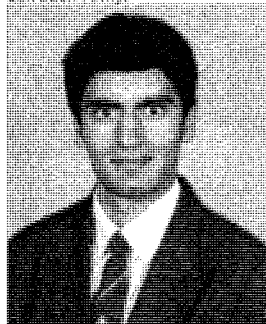
Kareem SOUROLU
Peer Mediator 04; Peer Tutor 03; 4th place Inner West Eisteddfod Public Speaking comp 02. Cert of Merit 2U Maths and Biology 04; Credit: Maths comp 02-04; Completion of TAFE literacy tutoring course 03. 2004-05: 1st Grade Water polo premiership winners and 2nd Grade Rugby; U15's Rugby 03. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 05; Clean up Australia Day 03.



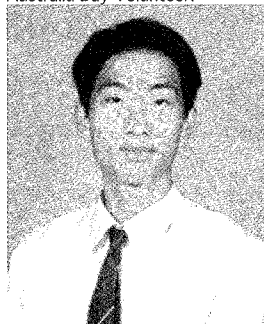
Shan SUI
Variety night 02. Above 90 Academic Award for Biology and 2U Math 04. Distinction in Math comp 03. Credit: Maths comp 01-02 and Science comp 03. 2nd Grade Table Tennis 04. Charities: Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal 05. Fundraising for School Gym 03, 04, 05.



Nour SHAMSIN
Arabic Youth Quiz Carnival 05. Public Speaking. Official at regional and zone athletic and swimming carnivals. Credit in: Economics 04, Maths 03-04. Participation in Science comp 03. 15's Cricket 02-03. 2nd Grade Cricket 03-04, 04-05. 3rd Grade rugby 03-04, 04-05. 15's Hockey 02-03.



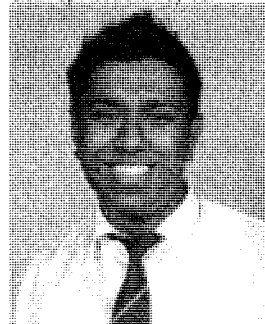
Amlan SHARMA
SRC 05; Peer tutoring Program 04; Public Speeches - 'West Africa Crisis Appeal' 05; 2nd Grade Cricket Captain 05; 3rd Grade Soccer Captain 04. Excellence for Peer tutoring 04; Excellence for Modern History and PDHPE (above 90); Credit for Maths 02. 1st and 2nd Grade Soccer 05; 2nd Grade Cricket 04/05; Zone Athletics from 00-04. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 05, Red Cross 'West Africa Crisis Appeal' 05, Bandage Bear Day 05, Jean's for Genes Day 04, 40 Hr Famine 03.



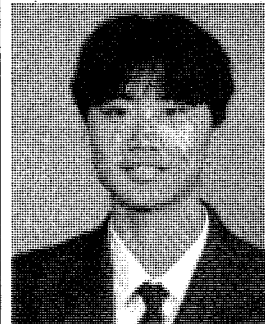
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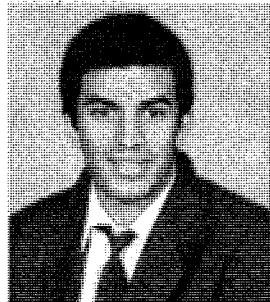
Sorupan SIVAPALAN
Public Speaking 04. Recital Night 00. Credit: Maths and Science comps 00-02. 3rd Grade Rugby 05; 1st Grade Lawn Bowls 01-04; CHS Lawn Bowls 04; 1st Grade Cricket 04; 2nd Grade Cricket 03 - Vice Captain; 15'A Cricket 02; 14'A Cricket 00-01 - Vice Captain. Charities: 40 Hr Famine 02-04; Red Shield Appeal and Red Cross.



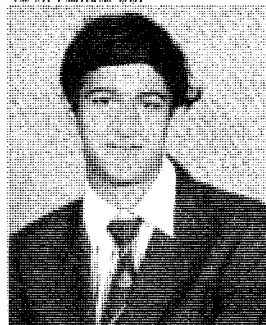
Mayouran SRIHARAN



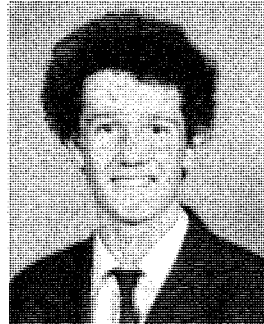
Richard SUN
1st in Fundamental English above 90 Recognition Award ESL. 2nd grade table tennis. Sports person of the week in table tennis. Charity: Red Shield Appeal.



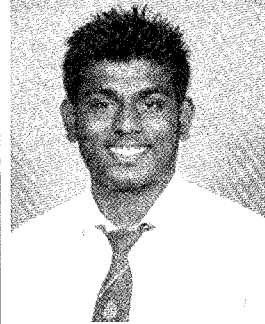
Jai SHANKAR
2005: Sports Medicine Certificate. 2004: First Aid Certificate, Debating. Credit Maths comp yr 9. 1st in Commerce yr 9. 2004-05 1st Grade winners cricket, Davidson Shield quarter finalist. 2003-04 1st Grade finalist cricket, Davidson Shield Regional finalist. 2001-02 15A's Cricket finalist. Charities: Tsunami Appeal 05; 40 Hr Famine 04; Exodus Foundation 01,02,04,05; Jeans for Genes Day 01,04; Red Cross 03; Daffodil Day 02.



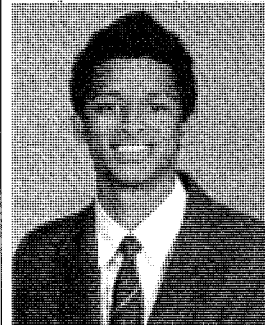
Shivam SHARMA
Peer Tutoring program 04; High Distinction: Science 05 and Chemistry 04; Distinction: Maths 01-04, Science 03-04, Computing comp 04. 1st in Advanced Maths 03 and 2/3U 04. 1st Grade Baseball 04-05. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 05; Nike fun run volunteer 04.



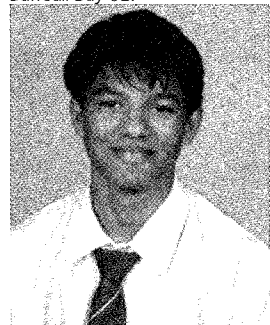
Matt SMALL
Prefect 05. Variety Night performer 02-05; Recital Night performer 00-05. High Distinction: Geography comp 01. First in: Music 00-02,04. Geography 03-04. Photography 03-04 and Visual Art 04. Zone Athletics Team 04; 1st Grade Hockey 04-05; 2nd Grade Cricket 03-04. Volunteer: Careers Expo.



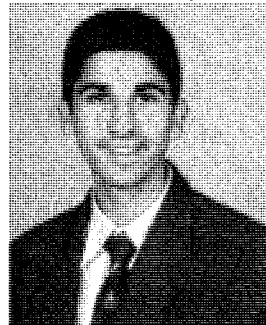
Jayanth STANLEY
Credit: Maths comp 02-04, Bronze and merit awards for excelling in school tests. 1^{st/2nd} Grade Soccer 05, 2nd Grade Soccer Captain, 3rd Grade Soccer 04, 15A Soccer 03. 1st Grade Baseball 04; Junior Baseball 02. Charities: Salvation Army 04-05, Various collections 03-04.



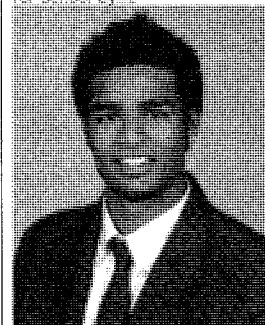
Ashwin SUNDER RAJ
First Aid Certificate; RSA Certificate; Barrista Course. Credit in Business Comp 04. Grade Cricket 05; Grade Soccer 05 2nd Grade; Grade Soccer 03-04; Northern Districts Club and Rep Cricket 03. Volunteer for Kids Universe, Nike Fun Run, Xodus Food Drive and Fundraising for School Gym.



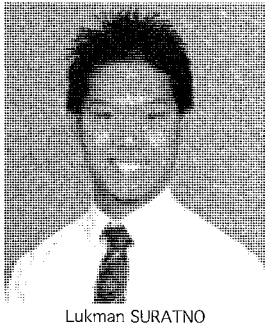
Vishnu SHANMUGAN



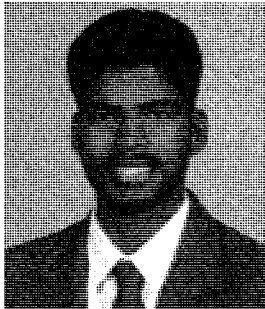
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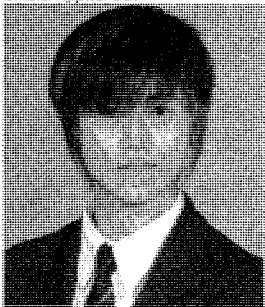
Sherwin SUNDER RAJ
Credit Maths comp 02-03. Cricket 1st grade 01-02. Soccer 01-02. Completed Royal Life Saving Training Course, First Aid. Nike Fun run.



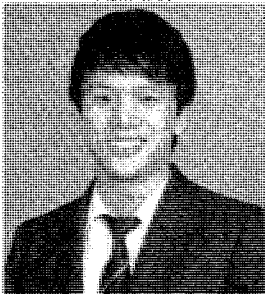
Lukman SURATNO
First Aid Certificate yr 11. Merit awards 2U Maths. 3rd grade Soccer yr 12. Blood Donor yr 11. Clean up Australia Day 04-05.



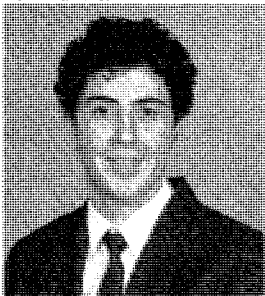
Nishanth SUTHARSANARAJAH
Maths comp 05. Credit Maths comp 04. Chemistry comp 04. Merit: Tamil language skills comp. 03. 3rd Grade cricket 04-05; Open cricket 03-04. Charity: Red Shield Appeal 05.



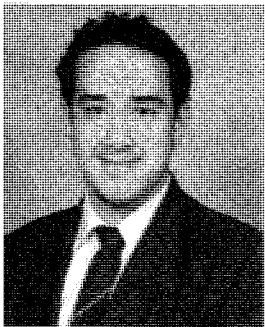
Mark TAN



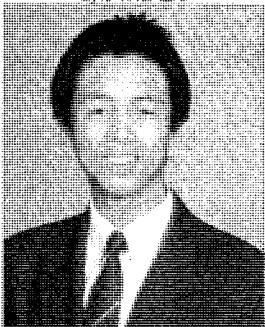
Tommy TANG
Credit: Maths comp 00-04 and Economics comp 04. 01-02 14/15 years Grade Tennis. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 04, 40 hr Famine.



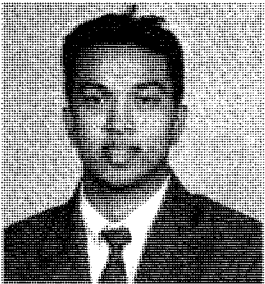
Errol TANNER
School Debating 03; Chess 03; School Musical 02. 00-04 Maths comp; 01-02 Geography comp. 2nd Grade Sport Team Captain "basketball" 04; 2nd Grade Soccer 03. Fundraising Drive 02.



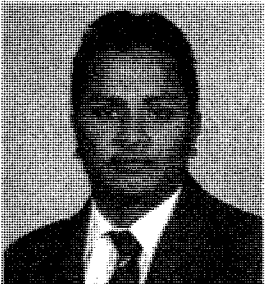
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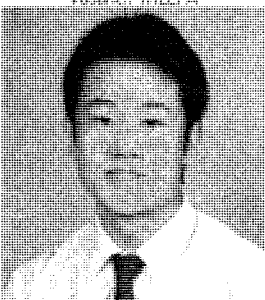
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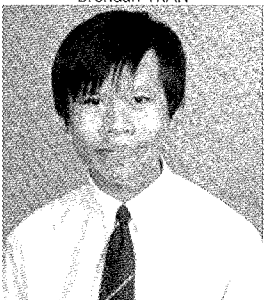
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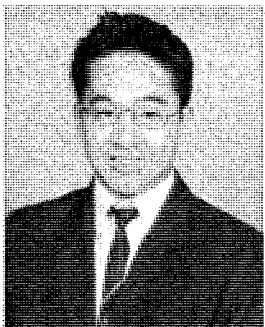
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Brendan TRAN

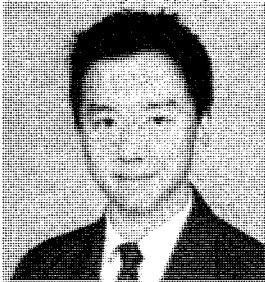


Kenny TRAN
Credit: Maths comp (7-8, 10-11). Computer comp participation. Charities: Red Cross; Salvation Army. School Fundraising.



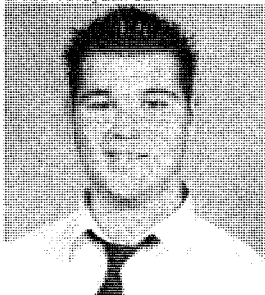
Louis TRAN

Prefect 05. Chess 00-04. Open day guide 04-05. Eisteddfod 03. Public Speaking Comp. Distinction: National Geography comp 02-03, Maths comp 00-02, Credit: Chemistry 04; Maths 00-02, Economics 04. Yr 10 Chess Champion 03. Winner Secondary Schools Chess comp 01. School Chess Team 00-04; Grade Volleyball 01-04; Premiers 15's Volleyball 03. Charities: Red Cross 04, 40 Hr Famine leader 04. Fundraising for Gym 04.

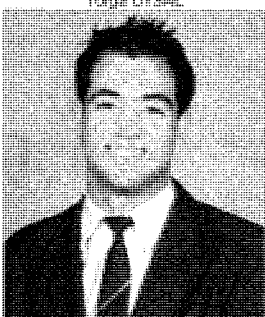


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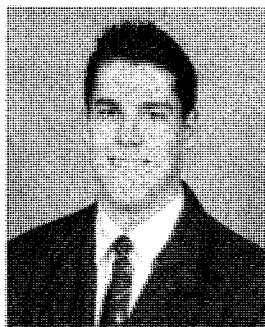
Distinction: Maths comp 03 and Science 02; Credit: Maths 04 and Science 03. Academic Excellence 1st in Engineering Studies 04. First Grade Volleyball and knockout comp 03-04; Senior Lawn bowls and knockout comp 04; Second Grade Volleyball 02.



Torge URSAL

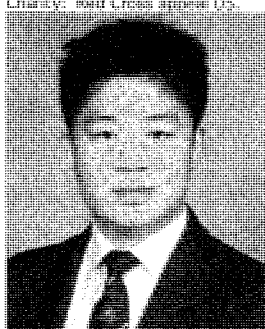


Joseph VERMIGLIO
Peer Mentor. Excellence in Information, Processes & Technology Yr 11. 2 Gold Awards, Principal's Medal. Credits: Maths and Science comps 01. 1st Grade Soccer. Captain of Senior Indoor Soccer (2 yrs), Captain of Junior Indoor Soccer (2 yrs). M.V.P Junior Indoor Soccer (Most Valuable Player). Captain 15A and 14A Soccer. 1st in Regional Shotput 02-03. 9th in CHS Shotput. Charity: Cancer Council at Johnny Warren Cup.

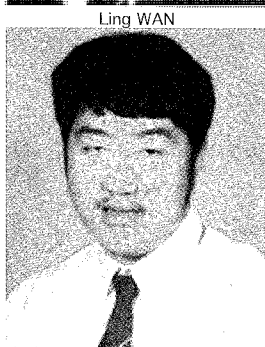


Pascal WALLACE

SRC 02. 1st in PE 05; 1st in Sports and Rec 03. 1st Grade Netball 05; Senior Sportsman of the year 05; CHS Rugby Carnival 03-05; All Schools NSW Swimming 05; Final S16 in State for Cricket 05; Grade Rugby 00-05; CHS 2nd Water polo team 04; Grade Water polo 01-05; Water polo premiers 04-05; NSW CHS Swimming 02-05; Final 8 in State for Water polo 03; Junior sportsman of the year 03; Volleyball Zone premier 00. Charity: Red Cross appeal 05.

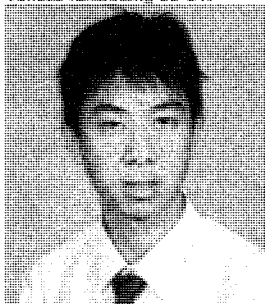


Ling WAN



Chin WANG

Above 90 in 2U Math 04. Credit in Math comp 00,01,03 & 04. Distinction in Math comp 02. Grade Soccer. Red Cross 05. Various fundraising 00-01.

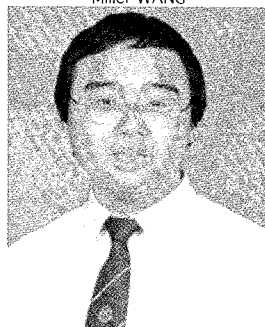


Jun WANG

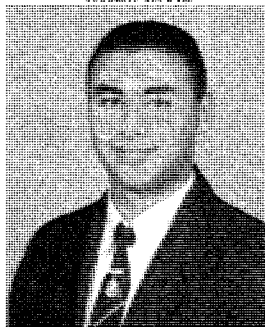
Distinction: Economic comp 04. Credit: yrs 7-11 Maths comp 00-04.



Miller WANG

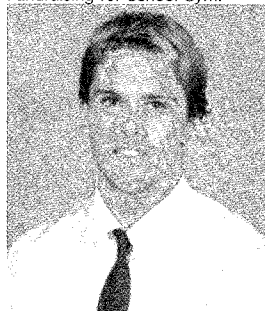


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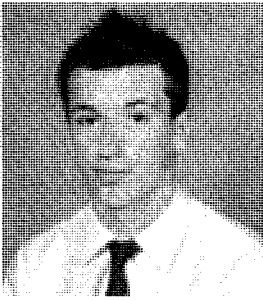
Mina WANIS

SRC 05; Peer Tutoring TAFE 04; School debating 03; History debating 03; Tournament of the Minds 03; School Anzac Marching Band 02. Credit in Chemistry Riotinto Australian Science Olympiads. Participation in Biology Olympiads. Zone Official Regional Swimming 04; Zone Premiers 2nd Grade Volleyball 03; 15's Soccer 02. Charity: Exodus Foundation; Fundraising for School Gym.

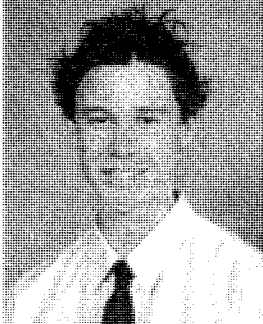


Simon WATSON

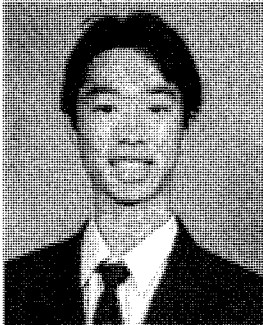
Vice Captain 05. Assisted Drum Corps 05. 1st Legal Studies half yearly 05. 2005: 1st Grade Cricket Premiers; 1st Grade Quarter Finalist Davidson Shield Cricket; 1st Grade Soccer Runners-up. Anzac Day Marches: Homebush, Burwood and City Services.



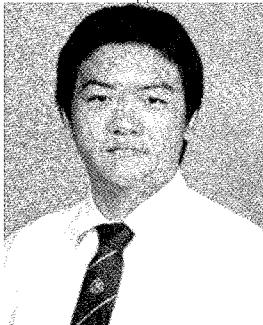
Liam WEBSTER
Literacy Tutoring; Senior First Aid Royal Life Saving Society of Australia; Kids Universe - Australian Scholarships Group. 3rd Grade Rugby, 15'b V/C 03 Premiers, Senior Baseball. Cricket.



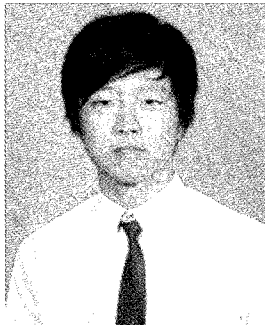
Cameron WEST
SRC representative yr 9, School Prefect, Public Speaking. 1st in PDHPE yr 11; 1st in History yr 10; Various credit awards. Captain 1st Grade Rugby and Senior Oz tag; North-west Rugby representative; Zone premiers - volleyball. Charities: Cancer Council; Bandage Bear. Cleanup Australia Day.



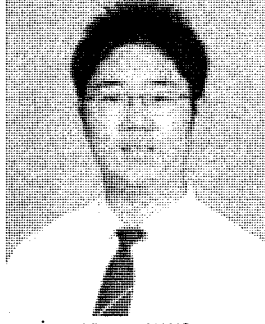
Kenny WONG
Variety Night 02-05. Recital Night 00-04. Piano tutor at school 03. Distinction: Maths comp 02 and computing comp 04. Red Shield Appeal 04.



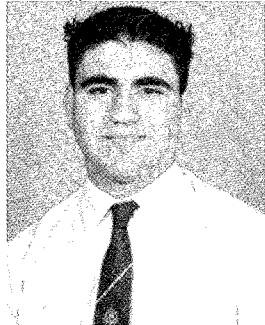
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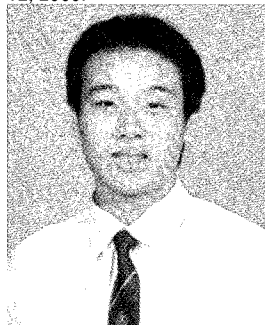
James XU
Debating Yr 10. Distinction: Maths comp Yrs 7 and 9. Credit: Maths comp Yrs 8,10 and 11. 3rd in Yr 8. Charity: Red Shield Appeal. Fundraising School gym.



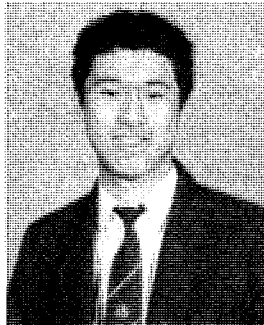
Vincent YANG
Distinction: Geography and Writing 03; Credit: Science and Maths 03 & 04; Participation in English and Chemistry comps 03; Distinction: Science and Maths 02; Credit: Geography 02, Maths Challenge 01, Chemistry and Maths comp 05. Captain 4th Grade Soccer 04. Charity: Red Shield Appeal 04-05.



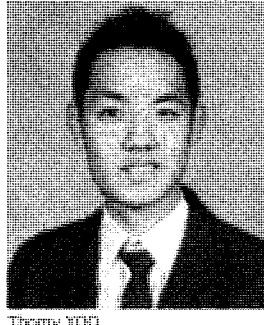
Ibrahim YASSINE
Most Improved student in Year 12, 2005.



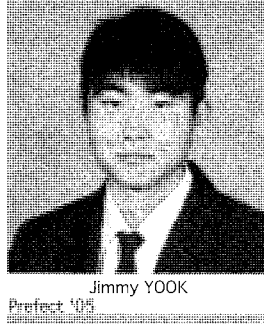
Nathan YAU
Credit in Business 04 and Maths 03. Charities: Red Shield Appeal 04. Exodus Foundation 03. Clean up Australia 02-03.



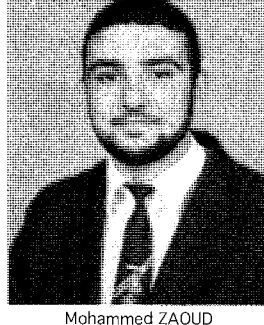
Bentley YIP
High Distinction: Maths comp 03, Science comp 02; Distinction: Geography comp 02, Maths comp 00-02 & 04, Science comp 00, 01 and 03, Credit: English comp 03. Charities: Red Shield and Salvation Army 04; 40 hr Famine 04. Fundraiser for School gym.



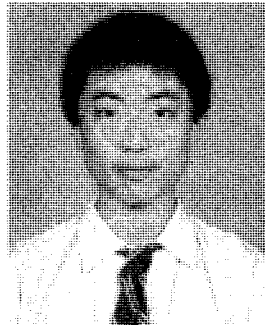
Timothy FONG



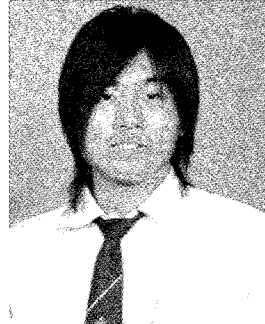
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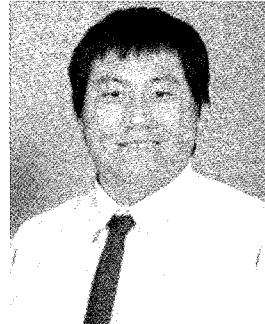
Mohammed ZAOU
School Captain 05. Sec Vice President 04. Peer Mentor, tutor, mediator 03-05. 2003: Rotary Youth enrichment program. Years 10 & 11 Debating. 2004: Co-facilitator Granville District Mentoring Program. 2005: Above 90% in 3u Maths/Modern History. 2004: UWS Most outstanding student in yr 11. 2003: Ruben F Scarf - Award for Commitment, Merit Award TAFE. 2002-03 TAFE Qualified Literacy tutor. 2005: Manager Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. 2004: House Captain - Hayes House. 1st Grade Rugby 03-04. Auburn Young Citizen of the Year 2005. Winner Burwood Lions Youth of the Year Quest - Public Speaking. NSW representative - 05 National Constitutional Convention in Canberra. Member Auburn Youth advisory Committee 04-05. 2004: Speaker at Auburn Youth Forum, Model United Nations Assembly. Charity: Red Shield Appeal.



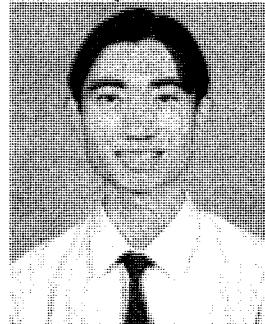
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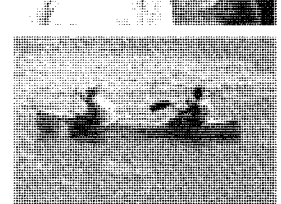
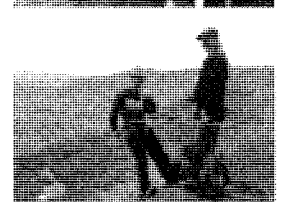
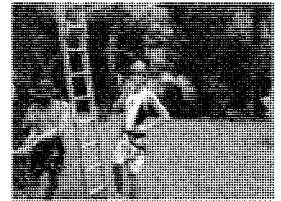


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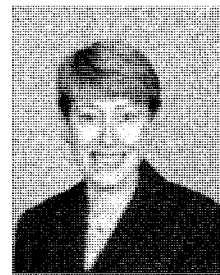
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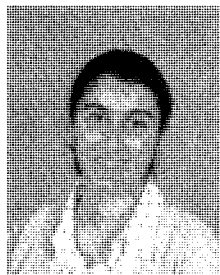
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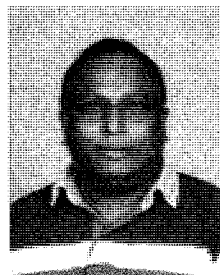
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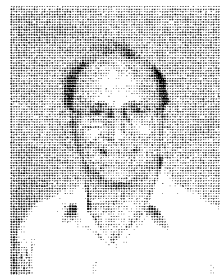
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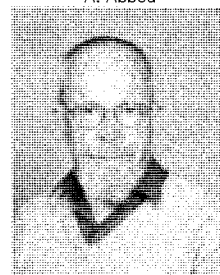
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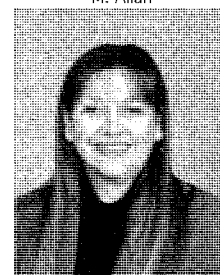
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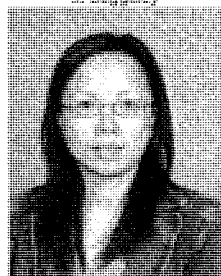
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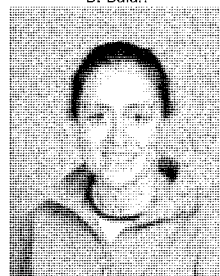
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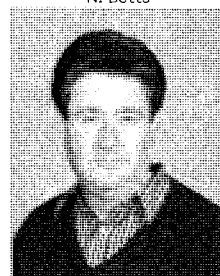
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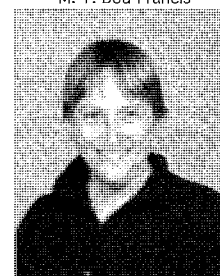
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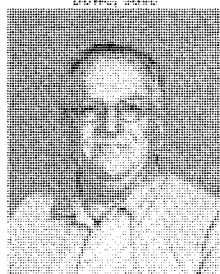
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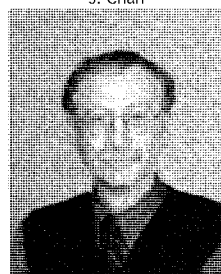
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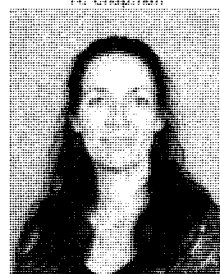
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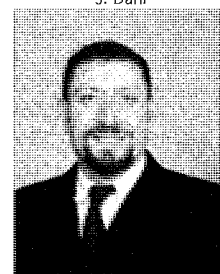
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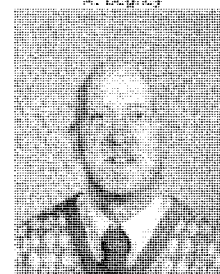
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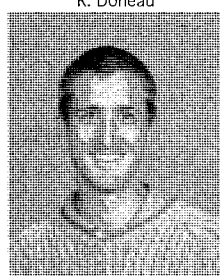
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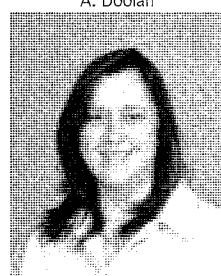
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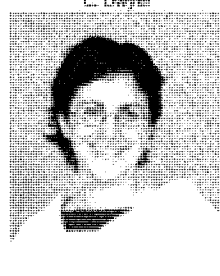
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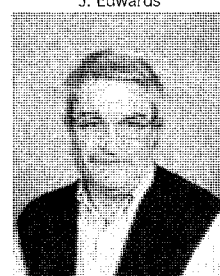
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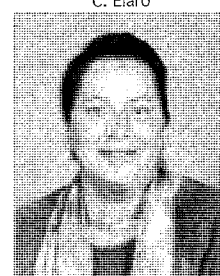
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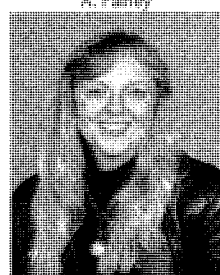
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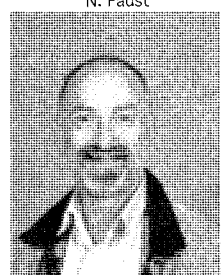
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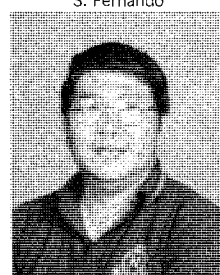
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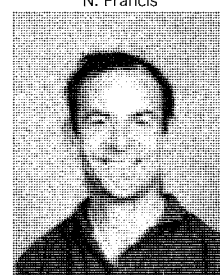
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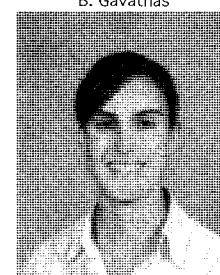
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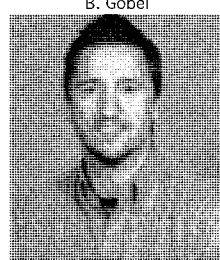
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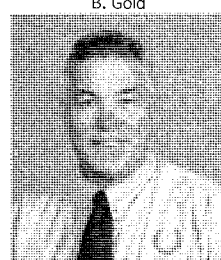
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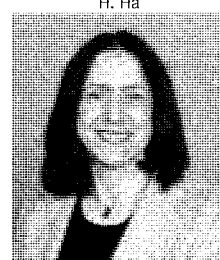
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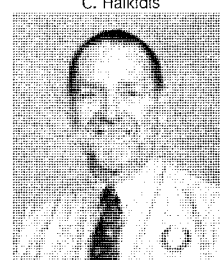
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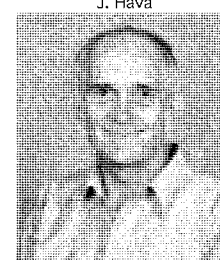
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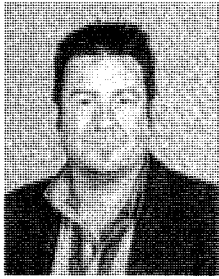
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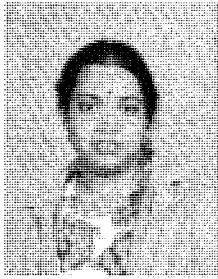
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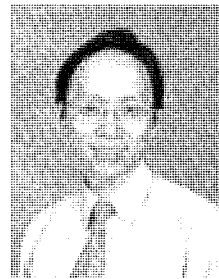
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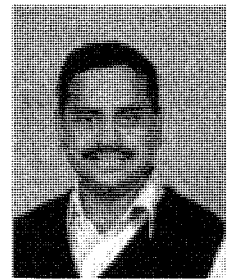
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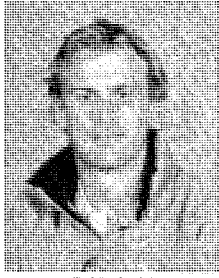
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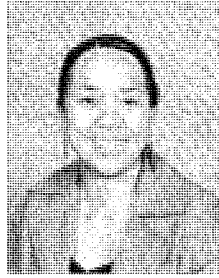
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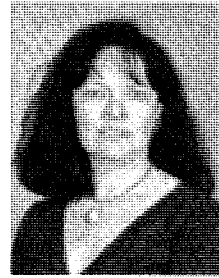
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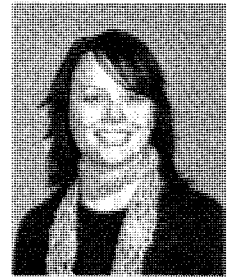
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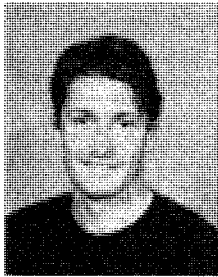
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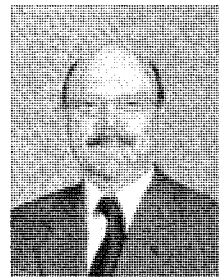
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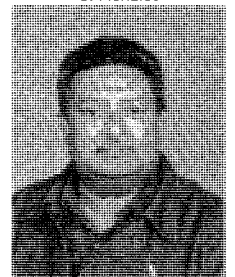
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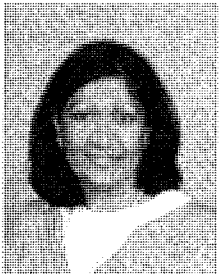
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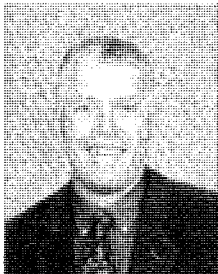
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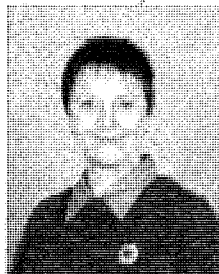
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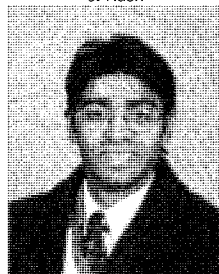
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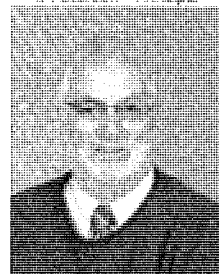
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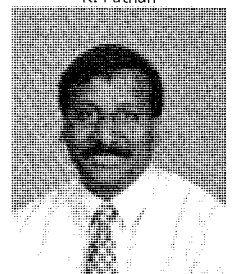
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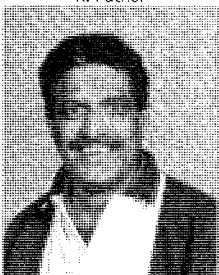
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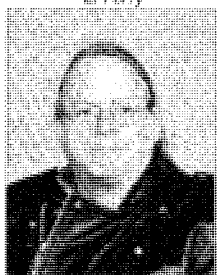
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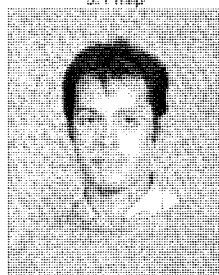
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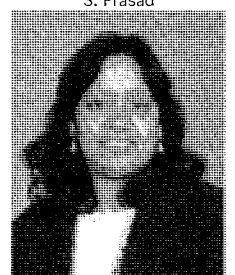
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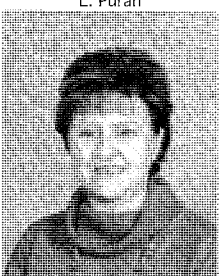
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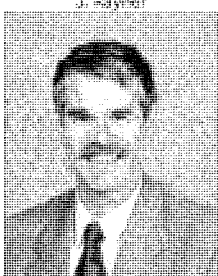
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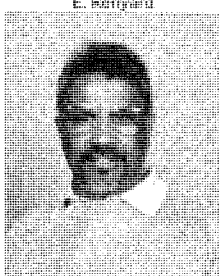
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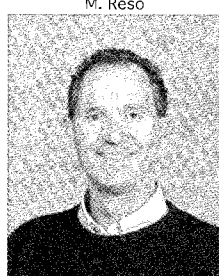
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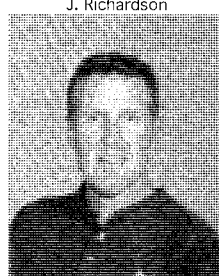
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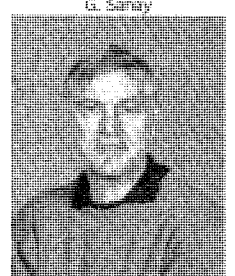
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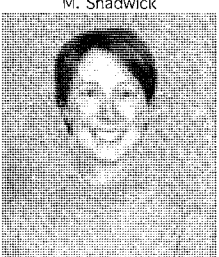
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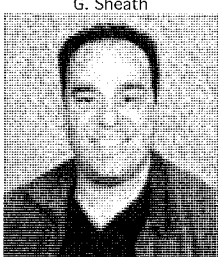
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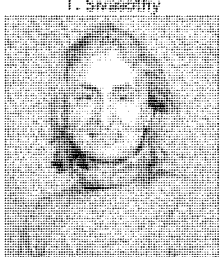
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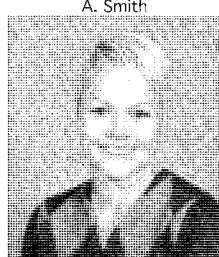
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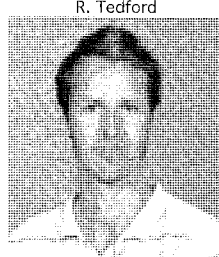
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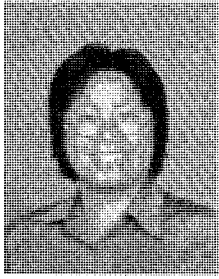
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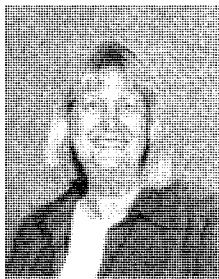
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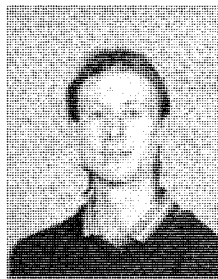
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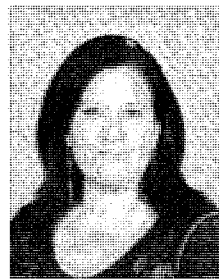
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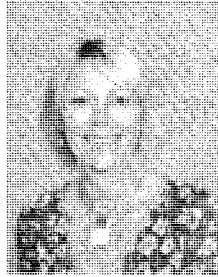
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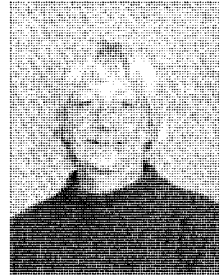
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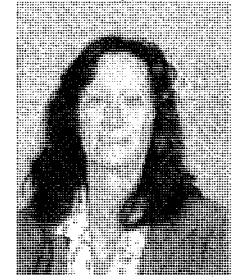
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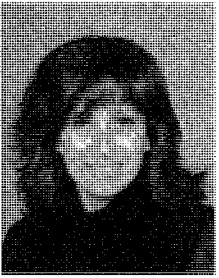
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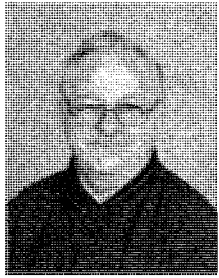
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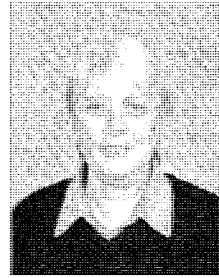
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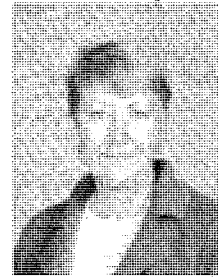
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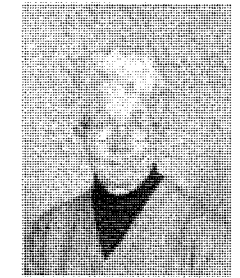
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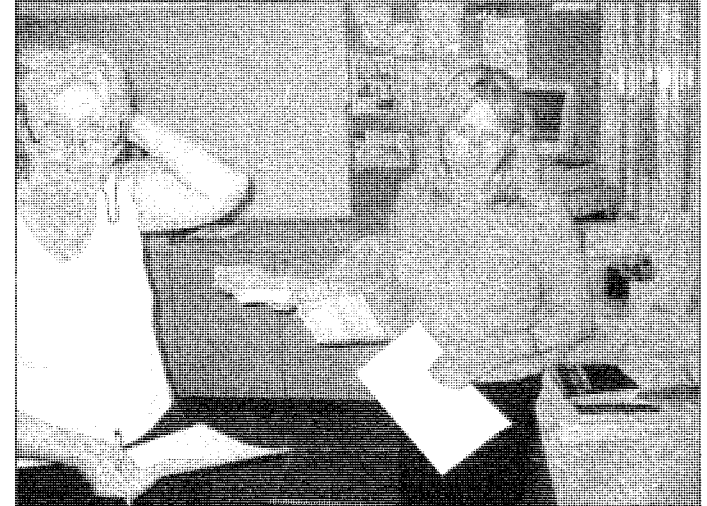


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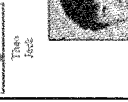



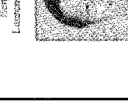

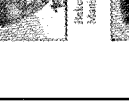


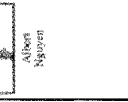











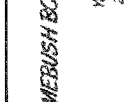

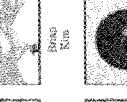
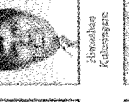








































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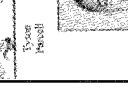



















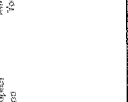











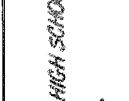





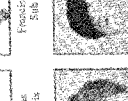





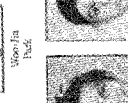


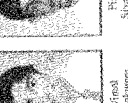

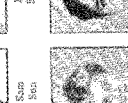















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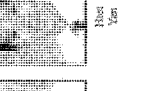

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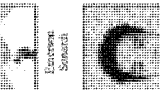








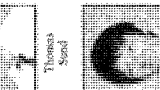








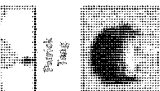
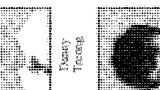







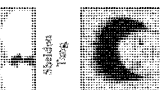
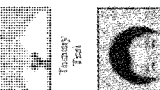



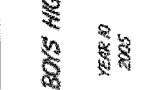








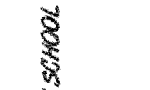



































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