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For the second year we are proud to publish a magazine in full colour that presents an overview of the many activities carried out here at Homebush Boys.

A desktop publisher, I rely on the contributors to supply all the articles and photographs. Once the articles are received, I place them into the publication safe in the knowledge that my teacher colleagues have proof-read all material. Occasionally something may slip by their keen eyes, but overall the quality of this magazine is excellent, considering that it is all done at the school with only the printing outsourced.

I would like to thank staff and students for their contributions and especially the ESL staff for their support during the many weeks of preparation required to get this publication ready for printing. **KM**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to the 2008 edition of the School Magazine of Homebush Boys High School. This valuable memento has a high standard to live up to and this current publication I believe exceeds all expectations in relation to previous editions and in terms of the included articles and related resources.

The year has been an exceptionally busy program of curriculum initiatives, extra-curricular ventures and sporting accomplishments. The magazine covers the period from Term 4, 2007 through to the corresponding time the following year and the HSC results published in late term 4, 2007 provided us with some magnificent achievements from many students including the four young men who attained the distinguished NSW Premier All rounder Awards as a result of achieving above 90 for their respective courses - Tandeep Singh, Ammar Awan, Oliver Pase and Ayush Sharma. Tandeep Singh was placed in the top 10 in Ancient History and Daniel Edgton in a similar place in Industrial Technology. Visual Arts student Htet Yan was chosen to exhibit his HSC artwork at the Art Gallery of NSW, as well as receiving the Major Sponsors Prize of \$1000.00 from Integral Energy for his dynamic photographic series. A total of 118 entries were included on the Merit list for NSW high achievers, signifying they achieved above 90 in a course of study. Approximately 70% of the total year has been offered university places in a large range of tertiary institutions.

Improving teaching and learning at the school is always a priority and this year saw some exciting research carried out by a small group of teachers who continued on with the federal government funded "Success for Boys" project of last year. Ms Dwyer, Mr Sheath and Mr Standen with assistance from Ms Swanson and Mr Sculthorpe conducted further investigations into quality writing within the context of their subject areas. In particular the team, known as the Team Leadership Challenge, developed a common learning sequence aimed at explicitly teaching information-report writing, targeting text structure and punctuation. Specific boys education strategies were selected and assessed for their impact on students engagement. These strategies included Information and Communication Technologies (interactive Whiteboard), co-operative learning strategies and embedding a sense of competition into learning activities. The scenes captured in the magazine highlight the distinct student engagement within the Team Leadership project and the sense of achievement experienced by students who had previously experienced only limited literacy success.

The school has a planned priority to advance ICT resources to enrich learning for all students and staff. This year the school received special state government funding to establish a state of the art connected classroom which will facilitate video and computer connectivity between the school and other NSW and indeed Australian and overseas schools. This technology opens up enormous potential to link local learners to real life opportunities which have similar technologies. Next year it is planned to explore links with US science resources like NASA and to link with European universities and museums.

The gymnasium construction is proceeding as planned and I must record my thanks to DET, Department of Commerce and Barker Constructions for the splendid work and communications which have been a feature so far of the establishment process. The construction will be completed before the start of semester 2, 2009 and it is planned to conduct the presentation night and similar large functions in this multipurpose facility.

The magazine includes many examples of students involved in extra-curricular activities and this year marks the tenth occasion when the school Drum Corps have participated in the Sydney ANZAC Day. The Corps also performed for Burwood and Homebush RSLs and was a credit to the school and to Mr Fernandez for the valuable tuition he provided over a considerable period of time. The South-West Sydney Schools Spectacular again featured the All Star Stage Band playing the theme from Rocky: "Gonna Fly Now" to a packed audience at the Sydney Opera House. This performance and others has firmly established this talented group of musicians and they are a product of consistent work and dedication from people like Mr Albertson, Ms Gobel and the very supportive parents.

Finally sport features in many sections of the magazine and numerous students have challenged themselves to achieve performance levels well beyond their previous personal best standard. These results are demonstrated in terms of the number of successful Homebush Boys teams and the individual students chosen in zone, regional, CHS, State and National teams. These performances reflect directly on the school coaches and the skill and enthusiasm they generate as well as the remarkable co-ordination of Mr Tedford. Public Education is so fortunate to have such committed people as part of the NSW education system.

Congratulations to the entire editorial team for such an exceptional production; special thanks to Ms Meucci, Mr Hilliard, Ms Horiatopoulos and Mr Attwood. The publication of this size and quality takes many hours to design, organise and subsequently produce and it is a credit to all those who have contributed and assisted the editorial team. Enjoy your reading and share the magazine with others in the community.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELFARE REPORT



Deregulation!
Financial Melt-down!
Global Credit Markets!
Derivatives!
Margin Loans!
Sub-Prime Mortgage

Crisis! Global Economy! Free Markets! Regulation! These are some of the words I learnt in 2008. Some say the world will never be the same. That may well be true, but I don't think the world has ever stayed the same. There is much more to our world than the production of goods. The quality of the people who live in the world and their values and humanity are much more significant than the cyclical fluctuation of the world economy.

The 2007 dux was Tandeep Singh with a U.A.I. of 99.55. Ammar Awan, Oliver Pase and Ayush Sharma joined Tandeep as recipients of the "Premier's All Rounder Award" for scoring above 90 in each of their ten H.S.C. units of study. There were a total of 118 entries on the Merit List for High Achievers. In addition the School Certificate results, the National Assessment (NAPLAN) in Literacy and Numeracy for years 7 and 9, and ESSA (Science Assessment) for year 8 were significantly above state averages with a concentration of boys in the top bands. This is the core activity of schools and the results were a credit to the teachers and students within our school community.

In January 2008, Peter Bijjani received the Auburn Citizenship Award and Joshua Hilliard was named the Canada Bay Young Citizen of the Year at The Australia Day presentations. The boys were representative of a large number of students who display their commitment to community service.

The Italian language students from years 9 and 10 returned from their holiday excursion to Italy. This was part of the job for the staff and a part of the learning for the boys. They all had a good time and were excellent ambassadors for the school with staff receiving many compliments on their behaviour in class and on tour.

One hundred and eighty-one year 7 students headed for their first high school excursion after only one week at the

Bush. Three days of sleeping in tents, cooking their own food and sharing the bushland with wombats and cockatoos, on the picturesque Shoalhaven River was a great introduction to new classmates

and the ethos of the school.

The enthusiasm of the boys for their sport continued as our squads performed well at the Zone, Regional and Combined High Schools Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals. Htet Yan's photographic major work was selected for display in Art Express. Term one was filled with Study Skills, Musical and Drama performances in the hall and vaccinations for year 7.

The Drum Corp celebrated its tenth anniversary of participation in the Sydney Anzac Day March. The members of the Corp had the opportunity to perform in front of 300,000 spectators, and see themselves on the national television coverage.

The competition term, term 2, saw record entries in the University of New South Wales events. Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics, Economics, Business Studies, History, Geography, Chemistry and Titration competitions saw the boys festooned with High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates. Jing Shun Ma received a medal in the Mathematics Competition as the best performed student in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. David Paterson was selected in the Combined High Schools First XI Cricket team, while our school team reached the quarter final of the prestigious "Alan Davidson Shield". This exciting fixture was played in Tamworth. First grade Water Polo were runners-up in the statewide knock-out. Matthew Robson was an outstanding leader in the First Grade Table Tennis team who won the C.H.S. championship. Team coach Caitlin Dwyer said it was "one of the most exciting moments in her life!"

A swag of summer and winter sport premierships came our way. Public Speaking, Debating, First Aid Courses, All My Own Work, provide both qualifications and skills for the boys. Leadership development is an ongoing process which is supported by several local Rotary associations. A group of year 10 potential leaders attended the RYPEN camp (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) while our MUNA representatives (Model United Nations Assembly) reached the state finals in Canberra.

Exit surveys completed by year 12 students reveal a high degree of satisfaction with their high school experience. In particular they regularly mention the preparation for post-school life they receive from the careers staff. The tertiary

studies information provided is coupled with socially responsible programs, such as the blood donations made by eighty of our senior students. Many have already received O.H.S. qualifications which help them gain casual employment while they attend University or TAFE.

The All Star Stage Band performed at the Opera House under the direction of Bandmaster, Mr Albertson. The Recital Evening and Art Exhibition showcased the creative abilities of the boys, with Rio Kang possibly the next Homebush Idol.

I have just completed reading over two hundred school references. It is refreshing to read of the achievements and range of activities the boys are involved in. It is the comprehensive and inclusive nature of the school which enables the boys to enjoy such a range of experiences.

Dr Paterson continues to be at the forefront of best educational practice. The executive team, the teaching staff, the administrative staff, the canteen ladies, the cleaning staff and the P & C each play their role in a large complex organization. It is an organisation run by people, for people, which seeks to develop better people. The relationships are strong. The "Trivia Night" run by the P & C was a fantastically enjoyable evening.... and it raised a record amount of funding.

Our student leaders Emre Mehmet, Mehran Modasser and Elison Furneaux-Bate maintained the high standards of previous years. Their Graduation Ceremony was outstanding with heartfelt speeches about their experiences.

We will survive the economic meltdown. Our children are our products. The quality of our products ensures the good times will continue.

Bill Hilliard



Mr Hilliard tries some fancy hand movements at the Prefects camp.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT



Homebush is a school with a plan but the effectiveness of this plan comes from the initiatives of the people who

are empowered to implement the plan. Homebush is fortunate to have staff with extraordinary talents and the energy to utilise their talents to move forward.

For example, in Literacy and Numeracy Michelle Degney coordinates the TAFE Peer Tutor Roll calls 19 and 20. The funding for TAFE support was reduced and this wonderful initiative appeared doomed until Michelle secured the support of Northern Beaches TAFE teacher, Robyn Darcy, and this popular and the important peer mentoring, leadership program was able to continue.

Peer Tutoring in the Multilit program continues in roll call 35 with Judith Edwards. So popular was this initiative that Judith trained Adrian Harrison and now Adrian's roll call 32 is also a thriving peer tutoring roll call. Multilit is so successful that Judith offered after school tutorials to many students who jumped at the offer and then staff volunteered to stay after school to help these young learners.

Caitlin Dwyer, HT Teaching and Learning, continued the excellent "Success 4 Boys" program in which she led a team of teachers developing and refining writing strategies for students in all courses from Year 7 to 10. Caitlin, Greg Sheath and Mark Standen took the essential features of the S4B writing team and engaged in a Professional Leadership strategy which formalised the action research on the writing strategies and presented their findings to a regional conference. The main results of their research showed that boys learn much more effectively when they are engaged in an active, quick paced lesson particularly one that involves ICT.

2008 saw "An Even Start" Federal government tuition grants distributed based on the results of 2007 ELLA and SNAP tests. Kerry Meucci ably led this program by coordinating a team of volunteer tutors from staff to support the needs of learners. This dedicated team of staff tutored students in Literacy and Numeracy before and after school in the ILC. The new Rudd government has indicated the program will be discontinued but Homebush will endeavour to implement our own version in 2009.

The Premier's Reading Challenge

is a popular program and once again this has been coordinated by the dedicated ESL teachers Jenelle Horiatopoulos and Sathya Kumaralingam. Sathya stimulated interest by running a poster competition with dozens of excellent entries. Another extremely popular spin-off from the PRC is the "Battle of Brains" competition with Birrong Girls High School. Caitlin Dwyer organised this actively by selecting students from Year 7, 8 and 9 who were organised into 2 teams. These students were chosen for their active participation in the PRC. They "battled" the girls from Birrong in Trivia Quiz competitions and then were treated to workshops aimed at developing literacy skills. At Homebush we were treated to Tug Dumly who ran a poetry workshop. He is a very well known poet, comedian, writer and social commentator. This highly successful competition ran over 2 days produced a win for Birrong. We will do better in 2009. Thanks to Caitlin and Sathya Kumaralingam who took the teams to Birrong on both days.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) continue to provide more of the day to day tools of learning used by our students. We at Homebush were excited when we were chosen for one of the first installations of a Connected Classroom in the region. This installation involved an Interactive Whiteboard (IWB), speakers, ultra short throw projector, flat screen TV monitor, 2 cameras, microphones and computer equipment being installed in room 30. This project now enables us to connect with other connected classrooms and involve in video-conferences or live virtual excursions.

An example of the use of this exciting technology was demonstrated when 5 Year 11 science students were part of video conference involving 4 schools and CLi (Centre for Learning Innovation). These schools were able to interview Professor Fred Watson and Professor David Malin, expert Astronomers. Another student Mohammed Holali of Year 11 co-chaired with a Sydney Girls High School student a video conference involving 3 schools with an interview with visiting scientist and skeptic Michael Shermer. This latter conference involved Year 10 Science A students asking questions of the scientist from room 30.

The Homebush ICT structure is constantly being upgraded and improved. The ICT team is fortunate to have the talents of Greg Sheath (HT Computing), Ryan Chadwick (network Engineer) and Raman Kirubakaran (Network Engineer)

who continue to problem solve and improve our ICT infrastructure. Their talents were put to the test when we suffered a major network outage in September. They passed with flying colours.

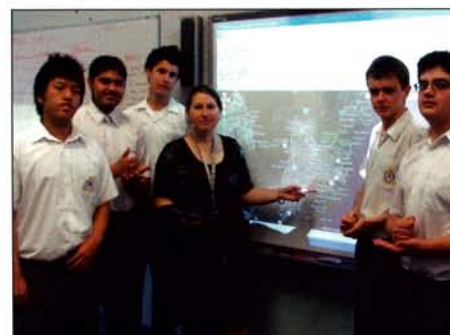
Tom Pinkey (Careers) and Ryan continue to ensure our Website and Intranet are up to date and well used. Greg Sheath has introduced the Moodle technology and this continues to grow as a way ICT makes lessons more individually tailored to student needs. The Homebush on-line facilities continue to grow.

Hardware at school will improve in 2009 with more IWB installed, improved staff work stations and 300 laptops for student use. We will continue to ensure that student learning is enhanced by this hardware as staff training is planned to be an integral part of this infrastructure development.

2008 saw a new reporting system introduced successfully by Nadine Faust who was ably assisted by Paul Koff. The production of 2 student reports for each of 1250 students involving up to 10 subjects is a huge task and Nadine did this effectively and efficiently.

We look forward to 2009 with confidence and know that the happy smiling faces of the students will be the yard stick of our success.

Tim Jurd



The interactive whiteboard in the connected classroom.



Mr Jurd samples the delicious food on 'Back to School Day'.

ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENING

17th December 2007

FACULTY AWARDS ENGLISH

Year 7	First in English	Riley Curran
	Second in English	Aleks Wynne
	Third in English	Cameron Kopecny
	Outstanding Effort in Wide Reading Program	Cameron Kopecny
		Yianni Spathis
Year 8	First in English	Peter Brimfield
	Second in English	Jack Jones
	Third in English	Rany Hassan
Year 9	First in English	Shivayan Saravanapavananthan
Year 10	First in English	Sajeeb Roy
Year 11	First in Standard English	Joshua Lott
	First in Fundamentals of English	Jing Ma
	First in ESL English	Ian Banerji
	First in Extension 1 English	Li Yuan Chen
	First in Advanced English	Li Yuan Chen
Year 12	Equal First in Extension 1 English	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
		Oliver Pase
	First in English (ESL)	Tommy Tsui
	First in Standard English	River Cheung
	The Rhonda Roberts Memorial Award for First in Advanced English	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
	Equal First in Extension 2 English	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
		Adrian Clement

HISTORY

Year 7	First in History	Cameron Kopecny
	Second in History	Jason Ou
	Third in History	Phillip Siomos
Year 8	First in History	David Brimfield
	Second in History	Jack Jones
	Third in History	Brandon Lam
Year 9	Equal First in History	Michael Lam
		Vignesh Iyer
		Shivayan Saravanapavananthan
Year 10	First in History	Ali Latash
	First in History Elective	Ibad Ur Rahman
Year 11	First in Ancient History	Elison Furneaux-Bate
	First in Modern History	Elison Furneaux-Bate
	The Ian W French Memorial Award for Excellence in Preliminary HSC Ancient & Modern History	Nicholas Siomos

CREATIVE ARTS

Year 7	First in Visual Arts	Ali El Kheir
	First in Music	Phillip Siomos
Year 8	First in Music	Benjamin Eisikovich
	First in Visual Arts	John Wu
Year 9	First in Music	Kai Lin
	First in Photo, Digital Media	Simon Kumar
	Equal First in Visual Arts	Tony Lai
		David Wang
Year 10	Equal First in Music	Tully Ryan
		Peter Yang

First in Photo Digital Media	Aaron McCullam
First in Visual Arts	Lachlan Irvine-Brown

Year 11	First in Music 1	Colin Lu
	First in Visual Arts	Joseph Giannone
	First in 1 Unit Photography, Video & Digital	Pavi Shamnuganathan
Year 12	First in Visual Arts	Adrian Clement
	First in Music 1	Sudhagar Sivabalan

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 7	First in Geography	Lachlan Foster
	Second in Geography	Cameron Kopecny
	Third in Geography	Phillip Siomos
Year 8	Equal First in Geography	Andrew Depta
		Joel Todd
	Third in Geography	Siddarth Raghuraman
Year 9	Equal First in Geography	Tony Lai
		Phillip Stapleton
	First in Commerce	Vignesh Iyer
Year 10	Equal First in Geography	Ayush Gupta
		Sajeeb Roy
		Daniel Armitage
	First in Commerce	James Yoon
Year 11	First in Business Studies	Naman Bhandari
	First in Legal Studies	David Paterson
	First in Economics	David Paterson
	First in Studies of Religion	Deepak Chand
	First in Geography	Ibrahim Kerem
Year 12	First in Business Studies	Ankit Sharma
	First in Legal Studies	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
	Equal First in Studies of Religion	Joshua Tarrant-Windt
		Jas Singh
	Equal First in Economics	Tandeep Singh
		Ankit Sharma
	The John Taggart Memorial Award for Excellence in Social Sciences	Joshua Tarrant-Windt

LOTE

Year 7	First in Languages	Phillip Siomos
Year 8	First in Italian	Bruno Terzariol
	Equal First in French	Jimmy Chen
		Manish Chandra
	First in Chinese	Michael Zhang
Year 9	First in French	Divyesh Nambiar
	First in Chinese (Background Speakers)	Ivan Chen
	First in Chinese (Beginners)	Andrew Chun
	First in Italian	Joshua Natale
Year 10	First in French	Adrien Mardaga
	First in Chinese (Background Speakers)	Chuan Fu
	First in Chinese (Non- Background Speakers)	James Yu
	First in Italian	Sajeeb Roy

Year 11	First in French (Beginners)	Stuart Holbrook
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MATHEMATICS

Year 7	First in Mathematics	Phillip Siomos
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	Equal Second in Mathematics	Joshua Chen Kelwin Tang		Year 9	First in Physical Activity & Sports Studies First in PD/H/PE	Dennis Griffith-Colls Mitchell Beattie
Year 8	First in Mathematics Second in Mathematics Third in Mathematics	Joel Todd John Wu Justin Ju Ho Kim		Year 10	First in Physical Activity & Sports Studies First in PD/H/PE	Aaron Russell Tyson Parcell
Year 9	Equal First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics First in Stage 5.1 Mathematics	Owen Huang Phillip Nguyen Chi Yu Lu Ryan Sutton		Year 11	First in Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation 1Unit First in PD/H/PE	Mehran Modasser Ibrahim Kerem
Year 10	First in Stage 5.3 Mathematics First in Stage 5.2 Mathematics First Stage 5.1 Mathematics	Omar Noori Timmy Yick Ellis Curran		Year 12	First in PD/H/PE	Aayush Sharma
Year 11	The UNSW Prize for First in Extension 1 Mathematics First in Mathematics First in General Mathematics Scholarship Award	Tony Lee Kerim Kedicioglu Ibrahim Kerem Ibrahim Kerem		TECHNICAL & APPLIED STUDIES		
Year 12	First in General Mathematics Equal First in Mathematics First in Extension 1 Mathematics First in Extension 2 Mathematics	Orest Danylak Khoder El-Ahmad Tandeep Singh Sudhagar Sivabalan Tommy Tsui		Year 7	Excellence in Junior Technology	Cameron Kopecny
	SCIENCE			Year 8	Excellence in Junior Technology	Patrick Gallagher
Year 7	First in Science Second in Science Equal Third in Science Equal Third in Science	Phillip Siomos Cameron Kopecny Hamish Campbell Kelwin Tang		Year 9	First in Graphics Technology First in Industrial Technology (Timber) First in Food Technology First in Industrial Technology (Electronics)	Joshua Natale Ken Ko Tony Lai Ha Eun Song
Year 8	First in Science Second in Science Third in Science	Omar Ibrahim Joel Todd Peter Brimfield		Year 10	First in Industrial Technology (Timber) Junior Craftsman Award First in Food Technology First in Industrial Technology (Electronics) First in Graphic Technology	Daniel Armitage Daniel Armitage Daniel Armitage Ayush Gupta Brandon Chang
Year 9	First in Science	Jackson Hua		Year 11	First in Hospitality Operations First in I/T – Timber & Furniture Equal First in I/T – Multimedia Industries First in Engineering Studies	Nicholas Siomos James Shute Vasili Kougoulos Andrew Brimfield Roger Liu
Year 10	First in Science	Omar Noori		Year 12	First in Hospitality Operations First in Industrial Technology (Timber Products & Furniture Industries) Most Outstanding Design Project First in Industrial Technology (Multimedia) First in Engineering Studies	Daniel Nassif Daniel Edgton Daniel Edgton Jonathan Ng Krishna Rubadass
Year 11	First in Biology First in Chemistry The UNSW Prize for First in Physics	Bakr Bardouh Tony Lee Tony Lee		YEAR AWARDS		
Year 12	First in Chemistry First in Biology First in Physics	Luke Pun Adam Imer Luke Pun		YEAR 7	Principal's Medals Mohammed Abdul-Rahman Sarankan Suresh-Kumar	Denis Sylvester Rio Kang
	COMPUTING STUDIES			Gold Awards Johnny Chen Mohammed Abdul-Rahman (2) Raymond Xian Bonny Maruthuamalayil Rio Kang (2) Raghav Sareen Krishneil Kumar Alan Lam Sam Zhang Sarankan Suresh-Kumar (2) Saif Ali William Tran Frank Jiang Kelwin Tang Jacob Hill Hassan Koussan	Alan Lam Mohamad Dahbache Mikail Ozdemir Shinoy Jacob Jason Kung Cameron Kopecny Muhaimen Rahman Phillip Siomos Abdullatif Holali Joshua Chen Enver Kerem Aldous Crangle Joel Perik Denis Sylvester (2) Myat Minn	
Year 9	First in Computing Studies Excellence in Computing Studies Excellence in Computer Robotics	Oliver Buckley Harley Merzi Umair Awan		Academic Excellence Academic Excellence Academic Excellence	Mikail Ozdemir Cameron Kopecny William Tran	
Year 10	First in Computing Studies	Sajeeb Roy		Dux of Year 7	Phillip Siomos	
Year 11	First in Software Design & Development First in Information Technology VET 4 Unit First in Information Processes & Technology Excellence in Information Process & Tech First in Information Technology VET 2 Unit	Ronald Pai Ronald Pai Alan Tran Matthew Sheath Gordon Tan		YEAR 8	Principal's Medals Benjamin Eisikovich Mohammad Nabil Ramlee David Brimfield	Nabil Edelbi Jimmy Chen Peter Brimfield
Year 12	First in Software Design & Development Information & Communication Technology Award First in Information Processes & Technology	Danan Thilakanathan Raymond Hoang Jason Tran				
Year 10	Gifted and Talented in Computing Award	Emre Aral				
	PD/H/PE					
Year 7	First in PD/H/PE Second in PD/H/PE Third in PD/H/PE	Enver Kerem Brian Griffin-Colls Riley Curran				
Year 8	First in PD/H/PE Second in PD/H/PE Third in PD/H/PE	Joel Todd Benjamin Eisikovich Peter Brimfield				

Lachlan Clement Kokulnath Puvanendra Johnson Pang Paul Cho Andy Chu	Mohamed Omran Mathew Fischbeck David Baek David Zou	Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies Xiao Ma University of Sydney Excellence in the Junior School Award Thomas Kopecny
Gold Awards Henry You Jimmy Chen (2) Jad Merhi Winston Wong Akshay Sudarshan Peter Brimfield Antonio Kim Dhuva Nades Parathan Mathew Fischbeck (2) Lachlan Clement David Brimfield James Lewinton Mohammad Nabil Ramlee Mohamed Omran Kokulnath Puvanendra Johnson Pang (2)	Youssef Latash Benjamin Eisikovich Benjamin Eisikovich Ahmad Al-Jubouri Tosh Payne Vernon Lam Sinan Topcu Nabil Edelbi Andy Chu (2) Paul Cho David Baek (2) David Zou (2) Erkan Altun Adam Lawler Siddarth Raghuraman	Most Improved Student Fredrick Xiao Academic Excellence Daniel Armitage Academic Excellence Omar Noori Dux of Year 10 Sajeeb Roy
Academic Excellence Academic Excellence Academic Excellence	Jack Jones Peter Brimfield Youssef Latash	Principal's Medal Ronald Pai Joseph Giannone Steuart Macallister Hari Rajaji Gold Awards Ronald Pai Joshua Lott Joseph Giannone Steuart Macallister (2) Hari Rajaji
Dux of Year 8	Joel Todd	Third in Year 11 David Paterson Second in Year 11 Elison Furneaux- Bate
Principal's Medals		UWS Outstanding Year 11 Award and Dux of Year 11 Tony Lee
Daniel Ferguson Kevin Pathirane Owen Huang Umair Awan Bassam Alam Stephens Thomas Yu Wang	Fahim Zaman Safwat Hossain Vicgnesai Tharmarajah Quazi Manajir-E-Shafi Kabilan Bascaran Faisal Khan	The following Year 12 Awards were presented at the Year 12 Dinner on 27 th September 2007
Gold Awards Fahim Zaman Faisal Khan (2) Vimalan Kanagalingam Zhi Yuan Ma Yu Wang (2) Sakib Alam Chentduren Aumkaran Umair Awan David Wang Erik Borrelli Aidan Kirvan Syed Khalid Harley Merzi	Safwat Hossain (2) Daniel Ferguson Vicgnesai Tharmarajah Alex Chan Owen Huang Kevin Pathirane Yianni Spathis David Wang Alexei Bernard Quazi Manajir-E-Shafi Shawneil Kumar Kabilan Bascaran Theeran Suntheradas	Principal's Medal & 2 Gold Awards Asef Islam Orest Danylak Arslaan Khan Stephen Jackson Joshua Tarrant-Windt Navneil Nadan Jason Tran
David Son Peter Liang	Ha Eun Song	Principal's Medal & 1 Gold Award Sudhagar Sivabalan Aarun Puvanendiranathan
Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Studies Academic Excellence Academic Excellence Academic Excellence	Owen Huang Vignesh Iyer David Hristoforidis Jackson Hua	Principal's Medal Tandeep Singh Aayush Sharma Clifford Luu
Dux of Year 9 Shivayan Saravanapavananthan		Gold Award Oliver Pase Ankit Sharma
Principal's Medals	Piresath Sivapatham Sheharyar Hamayun	Most Improved Student Daniel Edgton Peter Lai
Michael Tran Daniel Armitage Vimal Sivakumar		Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment Ethan Rizos
Gold Awards Michael Tran Rasheeq Mahmood Daniel Sit Daniel Armitage James Yoon	Ben Worthington Sheharyar Hamayun Piresath Sivapatham Abraham Baek	Equal First in Year 12 Oliver Pase Equal First in Year 12 Tommy Tsui Equal First in Year 12 Tandeep Singh
		CO-CURRICULAR, CITIZENSHIP & SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS
		Chess Awards Dhuva Nades Parathan Year 8 Gordon Tan Year 11
		Junior Debating Award Shivayan Saravanapavananthan
		Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Award Elison Furneaux-Bate Tyson Parcell Joshua Hilliard

School Band Awards

Peter Brimfield
Luke Dassaklis
Abraham Jack

Stage Band Awards

Joshua Ho
David Brimfield
Evan Moorcroft

Bandsman of the Year

Daniel Armitage

Bandsman of the Year

Tom Gallagher

Services to Drum Corps

Ben Worthington
Robert Polec

Drum Major Award

Elison Furneaux-Bate

Senior Debating Award

Joshua Tarrant-Windt

Senior Public Speaking Award

Oliver Pase

Services to Drum Corps

Oner Kasap
Clifford Luu
Oliver Pase
Ethan Rizos
Sudhagar Sivabalan

Old Boy Prize for All Round Merit

Raymond Hoang
Aayush Sharma
Joshua Tarrant-Windt

Churton Family Shield Best All Rounder

Ryan Beattie
Joshua Hilliard

Exemplary School Performance

Luke Pun
Tommy Tsui

Soros Family Award for Public Relations

Tandeep Singh

Outstanding Contribution to the School

Oliver Pase

Strathfield Rotary Citizenship Prize

Stephen Jackson



Mr Albertson's baton directs the band.



Joel Samway



There is plenty of class in the brass.



Evan Moorecroft



Daniel Armitage



The Band Maestro



Paul Avery



Alexei Bernard



Principal's medals

The ADF Leadership Awards

The academic awards were presented to a large number of boys who received acknowledgement for their work in each of the faculties.



The organisers of the event.

Principal's medals

Public Speaking success

The acknowledgment of academic success continues...



The Governor is welcomed to the school.



The outdoor assembly, where the school body welcomes the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO.



SPEECH AT VISIT TO HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, HOMEBUSH
Friday 23rd November 2007

HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR MARIE BASHIR AC CVO
GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES

DR IAN PATERSON, *Principal*
SCHOOL CAPTAIN EMRE MEHMET
VICE CAPTAIN MEHRAN MODASSER
RICHARD AMARASINGHAM, *President of the Student Representative Council*
MS JENELLE HORIATOPOULOS, *Prefect Advisor*
MS LOUISE SWANSON, *Student Representative Council Advisor*
TEACHING STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Thank you for your warm welcome, and thank you Mr Tom Pinkey for your gracious invitation to visit Homebush Boys High School.

I am delighted to have been invited. Indeed, I am always grateful to find myself amongst our young people of Australia, to hear about their concerns, their dreams and their hopes for the future — hopes for themselves and for our nation, and beyond.

First, I wish to record my respect for the traditional owners of Darug land, and to their descendants, and indeed to all Aboriginal Australians who have nurtured our great continent for tens of thousands of years.

I am glad of this opportunity to share some thoughts and feelings with you, for rarely a day goes by when I am not speaking to some individual or some group about the wonderful rich resources of our nation — its richest resource, in fact — that is our young people and our the splendid education system.

Indeed, when I think with a great sense of pride about our public education system today, I am always reminded of that grand man, Sir Henry Parkes, three times Premier of New South Wales, who passed the first public schools bill in 1867, — 140 years ago. And public education began with the model Fort St school on Observatory Hill, near the toll gates on the Harbour Bridge, where the National Trust stands today.

This district is an impressive example of Australia's multicultural society which gives every one of us the opportunity to learn from one another.

No matter how different we may seem at first, we learn how much we have in common, and experience the joy of sharing ideas and information in an environment of peace and harmony.

All our young people growing up in such a society which is respected and supported by our teachers, will go out into the world as young adults with an open and wise and generous way of observing and understanding other people. And wherever young Australians travel across the world, they are fine ambassadors for our country because of these qualities.

Homebush Boys High School is an integral part of an important and dynamic learning community, sustained by an enthusiastic and loyal band of teachers who are dedicated to making an important contribution to the every day lives and to the future of yourselves — our young people.

We must remember that our nation's growth and its considerable achievements have been the result of a great public education system. It is certainly an integral part of our democracy and the Australian way of life which values social justice, which includes everyone and provides such wonderful opportunities to each of us to make a contribution.

Reading about your school, I learned that your curriculum — and student achievement — are indeed impressive.

- Homebush boys are consistent achievers in the hsc, with 30% of students scoring in the high 90s
- Your literacy rating is well above state average
- You have an awesome Table Tennis team, and are a force to be reckoned with in Rugby
- Your list of notable alumni is represented in administration (John Coates AO), the arts (Neil Armfield), politics and law (Bohdan Bilinsky), science and education (Stephen Leader), and sport (Rodney Blake, Gordon Bray)

And it is always a great privilege to lead the Anzac Day march through the streets of Sydney, with the Homebush Boys High School Drum Corps in participation.

Homebush Boys High School can indeed be proud of its great contribution over the past 71 years to the education and sporting excellence of its students.

It can also be proud in its inclusive philosophy which welcomes children and families from all walks of life and all groups of Australia's cultural and ethnically diverse society.

The principal, past principals, teaching and support staff, the students — past and present — as well as the parents who support their children's endeavours, have all contributed to this success.

Parents, thank you for the support you give your sons. This is the greatest gift, other than love, which you can give them — the gift of education.

Indeed, education is the greatest right, the greatest gift and the most empowering acquisition of all. Winston Churchill understood this when he said "the empires of the future are the empires of the mind".

This chapter in your life experience is a priceless education in its own right, which will enrich your capacity to become true citizens of the world, and certainly valuable citizens of our nation.

Whenever I travel abroad, people always ask me about the harmonious and optimistic character which, for the most part, typifies Australia today. It may seem immodest to say that we are truly the envy of the world.

These great advantages also carry a significant responsibility on our part to make a contribution to others, to be tolerant and accepting, and free of prejudice.

There is much that your generation of young Australians can do, and will do. I have no doubt about that.

I am sure that you are aware of the key issues to be faced —

- Getting the best education which you possibly can, and go on learning all through your life
- Commitment to reconciliation, and to respect and learn from one another and contribute to a harmonious society
- To protect and care for our precious environment
- To do what we can to rectify social inequality

And most importantly, thinking beyond our beautiful shores, to build bridges of friendship, support and harmony with our neighbours.

Your generation of young Australians give me great occasion for optimism. I know that you will use your education, your resilience, and your humanitarian ideals to advance the common good, and contribute significantly to an even better Australia — and to a better world.

My best wishes are with you all for the wonderful challenges ahead.



The official party enters the Hall.



James Sun



Elison Furneaux-Bate



Emre Mehmet



Kaan Sozen



Matthew Pluis



Mehran Modasser



Alex Burjan



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The Prefect body 2008



Wayne See



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PREFECTS and SRC 2008



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Matthew Pluis-Prefect



Ibrahim Kerem-Prefect



Michael Hua-Prefect



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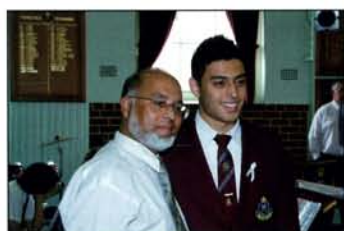
Elison Furneaux-Bate-Senior Prefect



James Sun-Prefect



Nick Siomos-Prefect



Meheran Modasser-Vice-Captain



Elijah Chan-Prefect



Nick Ivassi-Prefect



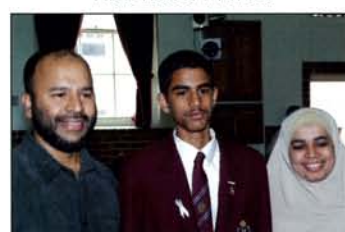
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Thomas Ng-Prefect



Ronald Pai-Prefect



Alex Burjan-Prefect



Richard Arumasingam-SRC



Li Yuan Chen-SRC



Luke Dassaklis-SRC



Chris Yoon-SRC



James Yoon-SRC



Michael Talarico-SRC



Janis Lucis-SRC



Camryn Cooper-SRC

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Aaron Russell-SRC



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Bassam Allam-SRC



Patrick Le-SRC



Mohammed Holali-SRC



Pavithran Shanmuganathan-SRC



Joshua Chen-SRC



Jackson Hua-SRC



Erkan Altun-SRC



Vicesai Tharmarajah-SRC



Sam Hayward-SRC



Phillip Siomos



Hassan Koussan-SRC



Omar Noori-SRC



Jibraan El-Ahmad-SRC



The Governor and Radwan



The reception was catered for by the Year 11 Hospitality group.

GRANVILLE DISTRICT SPECTACULAR 2008

Each year a concert is held at the Opera House to showcase the talent of students from public schools in the Granville District. A theme is selected for each year. This year's theme was "Magical Movie Moments". All interested groups are auditioned by a visiting panel of judges. Following selection a further dress rehearsal at school is scheduled to ensure that all is right for the big night.

Homebush Boys High School has applied to be involved three times in the past five years. Each time we were successful in being included in the event. In 2005 the School Band were invited to perform a selection of pieces in the Northern Foyer of the Concert Hall during interval. Last year and this year the All Star Stage Band was selected to perform in the actual concert itself.

To have the greatest chance of being selected we offer to perform our piece from memory, without music stands and not conducted. This ensures that movement on and off stage is rapid.

The selection of music is critical. It must fit the theme for that year's concert. We tend to select pieces which are (i) well known, (ii) popular, (iii) have an irresistible foot-tapping beat and (iv) are "in your face". Last year's item, Born To Be Wild, and this year's Gonna Fly Now meet all these criteria.

This year the All Stars were the first group to perform on stage. Two "boxers", Scott Madycki and Mathew Penfold (Yr 7), provided choreographed action while the band played the Rocky theme.

The boys performed confidently and looked great in their new band uniforms. They received a wildly enthusiastic response for the audience.

Thanks to Ms Barbara Gobel for accompanying the group throughout the day.

Ian Albertson
Bandmaster



Aidan Kirvan solos on tenor sax.



iPhone - the new toy



Botanical Gardens wildlife



Ready to go on stage



Daniel Speed - a head of the rest



Scott and Mathew hit it off



In the dressing room



Where's the food?



Just hangin' out



Ms Gobel gives directions



Final Dress Rehearsal

RECITAL NIGHT AND ART EXHIBITION

Recital Night has been a regular event at Homebush Boys for many years. It aims to provide an opportunity for students who learn a musical instrument to perform before an appreciative audience. In recent years sound and lighting have been added to enhance the visual and aural experience for performers and audience.

The Concert began at 7.00 pm with the Concert Band performing Aeolian Winds and You're The One That I Want. Soloists included Owen Huang, Rio Kang, Misha Burjan, James Ha, Gursager Singh, Patrick Le, Alex Burjan, Burney Wong, Aswin Shanmugalingam, Dinesh Kamanithy, Daniel Armitage, Emir Elayoub, Zhiyan Ma, Kai Lin, James Sun, Peter Brimfield, Noah Essaghir, Chris Yoon, Colin Lu, David Wang and Joshua Ho. The newly formed rock group, "The Enzymes", largely featuring Yr 11 and Yr 9 Elective Music students, made their Homebush Boys debut. The band has been participating in the School Of Rock workshops and can be heard performing at the Annandale Hotel. The lead singer is Thomas Stefoulis, the School Captain for 2009. The concert ended with the All Star Stage Band performing Final Countdown and Gonna Fly Now.

A raffle in aid of the school band program was run on the night in lieu of admission fees. \$255 was raised which helped subsidise Our Spectacular t-shirts and dinner for All Star members. We thank the local businesses (Rochester Street Quality Meats, Homebush Take Away, Homebush Newsagency, Ricoza Caff , Classic Kebabs, Homebush Bendigo Bank) for their generous sponsorship. Mrs Marlene Doran, local identity and instigator behind the opening of the Homebush branch of Bendigo Bank, was present to present the major prize – a \$50 start up account with the bank.

We were delighted to have 60's singing sensation Patricia Amphlett AOM (Little Pattie) present on the night. Patricia tutors Yr 11 Elective Music student Chris Yoon in voice.

Student art works were on display prior to the Concert and throughout the evening.



David Wang on tenor sax



Lead trumpeter David Brimfield



All Stars finish the concert on a high note



Lead alto saxophonist Peter Brimfield



Sax Ensemble

Ian Albertson Bandmaster



Frank Day on keyboard



Lead Guitarist Aaron Russell



Tenor saxophonist Aidan Kirvan during solo

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

On the last day of Term 1 Matthew Plus opened the school assembly with the the statement, "Friday 25th April will mark the 93rd anniversary landing of Australian and New Zealand troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. During the eight month campaign the AIF suffered 28150 casualties, a figure which includes 8709 dead, while New Zealanders had 7463 of which 2721 died."

Elison Furneaux-Bate, Senior Prefect gave his views on Anzac Day and school captain Emre Mehmet then read the words attributed to Ataturk in 1934 that are inscribed on a memorial at ANZAC Cove. The Words of Ataturk are:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives;
 You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country.
 Therefore rest in peace.
 There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us
 where they lie side by side here in this country of ours.
 You, the mothers, who sent their sons from far away countries,
 wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom
 and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have
 become our sons as well.

Alex Burjan of Year 12 recited what has become known as 'The Ode' from the poem by Laurence Binyon 'For The Fallen'.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young.
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
 They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted:
 They fell with their faces to the foe.
 They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning
 We will remember them.

The school band was led by Elison Furneaux-Bate, and Abraham Jack gave a very passionate rendition of the Last Post.



The Drum Corps and student leaders took part in a large number of ANZAC commemorations in the local community.



They Drum Corps marched in the Sydney ANZAC Day march.



The ANZAC Day march consistently draws over 300,000 spectators.





PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

BIRRONG GIRLS V HOMEBUSH BOYS

AIM: To promote the joy of reading
 Term 1 PRC Event: Battle of the Brains Quiz

A reading extravaganza was held on the last day of term one, with readers from Homebush Boys engaged in friendly competition with students from Birrong Girls High School. The libraries of both schools hosted a nail-biting PRC Literature Challenge.

With three teams from each school

competing for the trophy, all were totally engaged and the audience were surprised at the knowledge and enthusiasm of the groups as they fought for the honour of winning the Battle of the Brains. It was a close finish at BOTH venues with one point between the two schools at the final tally, Homebush Boys High School being the winners at BGHS, while Birrong Girls took the trophy at the HBHS venue.

The teams consisted of a mixture of Years 7, 8 and 9, those competing being chosen for their enthusiasm for reading! Quiz questions covered a mixture of

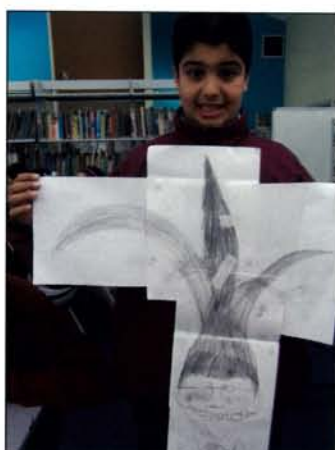
spelling, vocabulary, quotes from literature, picture stimulus, literature and open questions.

Following the intense competition, the participants enjoyed a lovely lunch on the Senior Lawn.

We are using this and other joint events to encourage students to participate in the PRC, with future student participants being chosen from their PRC entries.

Wow! We couldn't imagine how successful it was going to be. All went away well fed and inspired.





BATTLE OF THE BRAINS AT BIRRONG GIRLS H.S.

On the last day of term two, Year 7, 8 and 9 went to Birrong Girls High School for the Battle of the Brains competition as part of the PRC promotion.

At the library we had recess and had intro about visual and written literature. We had a mini debate that Mr Davidson, the Librarian, conducted. The debate was on which mode was easier to explain, Visual vs Written.

Homebush Boys High School students sat on the left side of the hall and Birrong Girls High School students sat on the right side of the hall.

One of the purposes of our visit was to give us a chance to interact with the girls, but we were too shy to say anything until just a couple of minutes before we left. We bid goodbye and that is when the girls spoke to us and we were also able to say a few words to them.

After the workshop was started by an artist who has received a few Bold Archie awards who is also an actor. We were taught how to draw a caricature. We were amazed by the results we got. We were able to draw some amazing caricatures by the end of the day.

The artist showed us some of the caricatures he had received a prize for in the Archie Bold Competition.

It was interesting to listen to the tricks that he showed us. The tricks were about how to draw some amazing pictorial caricatures so quickly and perfectly.

Overall I learnt some new techniques about caricaturing and also discovered a new talent and a passion in me.

We had a lunch break and the quiz began. I was once again surprised at how much we knew when we were put into competition. Our group came first within our school but we lost by two points because we lost 4 points for giving the wrong answers.

Once again it was a pleasurable day and I look forward to another day like this.

Ragav SAREEN Year 8

The last day of every term may be one of the most exciting days in a student's diary but for a few students the last day of the first term was rather exciting not for the above fact but for the fact that there was a tournament of the minds competition being held.

The competition was held at Birrong Girls High School and as the team arrived they found that the competition was relatively uncompetitive and moreover to have a friendly match of students.

The competition was mostly comprised of trivia questions related to literature of all subjects, with a large amount of variation between the authors. Some of the books were timeless classics whilst some were modern fiction with everything else between.

There were many different types of questions with some such on vocabulary, our understanding of books and some on general knowledge of books. There was only one Homebush team that travelled to Birrong Girls, as another team stayed at school and challenged Birrong Girls in the library. The questions were much the same for the home team.

The away team won and the home team, unfortunately, lost. The day was very much enjoyed for both sides and the results were inconsequential as the competition was very enjoyable for all.

Scott WORTHINGTON Year 7



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The highlight for 2008 was certainly Donald Chung's completion of his Bronze Award, the school's first. The pressures of the Higher School Certificate are often a necessary interruption which prevents students from finishing their awards, so Donald is to be congratulated on his outstanding efforts and commitment. His certificate was presented at the Year 12 Farewell at the end of Term 3.

This year, we also undertook another of our memorable bushwalks on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th July. Fourteen hardy students, most of them fresh and enthusiastic new recruits, set out on this 24 km epic adventure, from Mt Kuring-gai Station to Brooklyn.

Fine rain provided some early minor inconvenience as we descended from Mt Kuring-gai through rainforest into the Berowra Valley. The hike is graded Moderate, with some Hard sections – but the route was deceptively gentle at first. We followed Calna Creek till we reached the bridge. We paused for the obligatory photo, before proceeding on a section of boardwalk heading towards Sams Creek. After crossing this, we endured the first of many steep uphill climbs: it was soon obvious that these were the “Hard” sections!

We lunched at the Naa Badu Lookout, with its panoramic views over Berowra Creek, before winding our way back down to the foreshores, heading towards Berowra Waters. Increasingly picturesque views and a few isolated boatsheds soon heralded our proximity to this small but quaint settlement, with its scattering of weekenders, moored boats, classy restaurants, seaplane and car ferry. We were able to refill our water bottles here, for the inevitable climb out of the valley to the top of the ridge. A superb view looking back over Berowra Waters was our reward for this expenditure of energy, but most hikers were now only

concerned with reaching the camp site, which involved yet another steep uphill section!

In fading light and with equally fading stamina, we pitched the tents and dinner was soon cooking on our compact fuel stoves. There seemed to be oodles of noodles on most menus. The night temperature was fairly mild - but when all the roasted marshmallows were eaten, the fire was only a fleeting diversion from the overpowering need to sleep and recover from the day's exertions.

We stirred around 6 am to a fine morning. After breakfast we packed up and headed off about 9 am. The track soon had us climbing another steep hill but after this it was fairly level till we reached the highway at Cowan. After a lengthy stop at the local shop, we crossed over the railway, following The Great North Walk Track down to Jerusalem Bay, another very scenic spot.

Its beauty was soon just a passing memory as we tackled another very steep ascent, before a late lunch break, then more climbing to reach the top of the ridge, which overlooks the Newcastle Expressway. The final six kilometres were now mostly downhill but the gravel fire trail made this tough going – even the stunning views over the Hawkesbury River seemed only a small compensation.

We reached the finish just after 4 pm, exhausted but feeling a sense of accomplishment. A miscalculation meant we missed the 4.34 pm train home and had to wait an hour for the next one, so it was after 6 pm before we arrived at Strathfield to conclude our adventure. Stay tuned for the next exciting instalment!

Michael Thomson and Mark Standen
Teacher co-ordinators



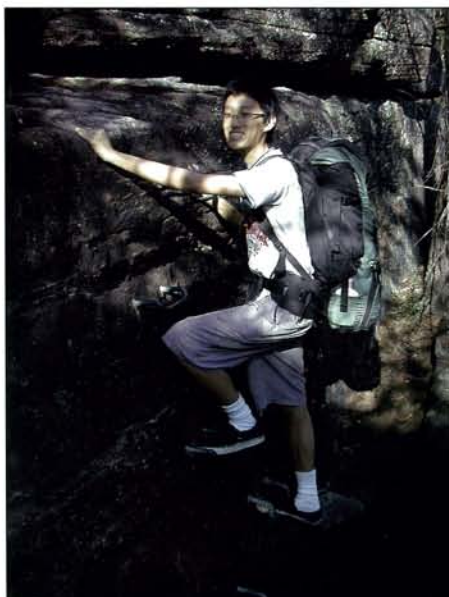
Lunch break 12.56pm



Surya at another panoramic viewpoint 2.36pm



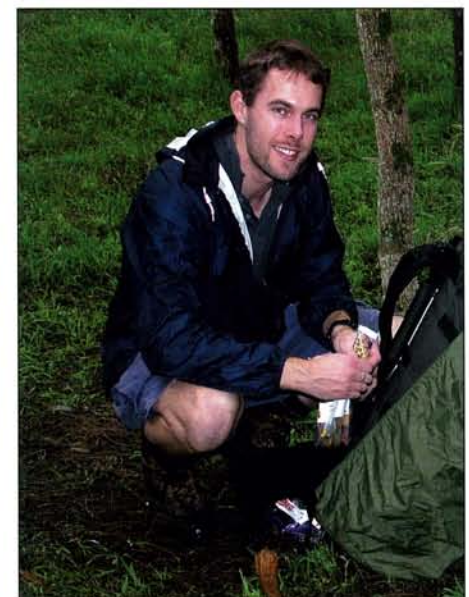
Still on the fire trail 2.59pm



Donald Chung on his bushwalk in 2007.



The trek begins - down the steep tarred section 8.41a



Mr Standen

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME



Group shot on Calna Creek Bridge 11.03am



Looking up Berowra Creek Estuary from the Lookout 12.



Rest just before Berowra Waters 2.10pm



A view of the Hawkesbury River from the track 3.00pm



The view looking back to Berowra Waters 3.10pm



Pitching the tents 4.16pm



Jerusalem Bay 11.50am



Nitesh, Sid and Dhananjay at the finish 4.27pm

MUNA Representatives Descend On Canberra Yet Again!

Homebush Boys' High School has always had a tradition of success in the 'Model United Nations Assembly' (MUNA), and this year the boys weren't planning to disappoint.

For those of you 'unenlightened' to the Model UN experience, MUNA is an annual initiative both organised and sponsored by Rotary Australia, in which students from all over Australia participate in a mock United Nations Assembly. The event, aims at developing international, political and cross-cultural understanding, requires students to represent a UN member nation and both advocate and defend their nation's perspective in a global debate.

Homebush's MUNA journey began on the 26th of July with six boys competing in the Rotary district 9690 Model UN assembly. Two teams were sent, with three Year 10 boys (Ashvin Ashok, Shivayan Saravananathan and Vignesh Iyer representing Canada and three Year 11 boys (Ali Latash and MUNA veterans Thomas Gallagher and Sajeeb Roy) representing Iran. After weeks of exhaustive preparation, the boys made their way to Kingswood UWS (and in less than welcoming 7°C temperatures...) to commence the weekend's debate. As teams from all over the Inner West and Western Sydney arrived, the lecture hall filled with light chatter and cheerful greetings.

Then the Canadians spoke first, breaking the friendly atmosphere and commencing the first of many fervent debates on global issues, such as the Middle-Eastern conflict and internet censorship. Each team was well prepared, with many adorned in their nation's national dress (unfortunately, no fur-hat this year for Homebush) and equipped well for contentious argument. The memorable team from the Ukraine lifted some of the tension as the event progressed, sipping vodka (which had a remarkable likeness to ordinary tap water...) and proposing global communism as a means of World peace.

The event provided a valuable experience for all the boys involved, who were able to improve their public speaking and debating skills, and as the event came to a close, the Year 11 boys were awarded runner up debaters. (A just reward, considering the extent of the manipulation and deceit undertaken by Iran – the Year 11's would like to apologise for being consumed by the spirit of the debate and (repeatedly) 'betraying' the Year 10 boys!) This is the second year in succession that our Year 11 teams have come runners up.

With second place under their belts, the Year 11 boys were given the chance to represent a nation at the National Model United Nations Assembly, held annually at Old Parliament House, Canberra. The boys were ecstatic – due not only to the continuation of Homebush's success, but also for the chance

to spend three days in the nation's capital.

The boys were selected to represent Myanmar, and Mr Fernandez was selected as the (unlucky?) teacher to travel with the boys on Friday 15th August. The boys' fortune in MUNA continued as Mr Fernandez was able to secure a meeting with the Ambassador of Myanmar, a rare and unique experience that would prove to be a great asset to them.

Upon arrival at the Bush Capitol Lodge, where the boys would spend the weekend with the other teams participating in the event, the boys registered and looked immaculate for their consultation with the ambassador of Myanmar, who was keen on learning about MUNA and the boys' role as Myanmar. The boys emerged from the embassy with a feast of knowledge and three traditional Burmese 'Longyis', as a token of consideration from the Embassy staff.

National MUNA presented a completely new level of debate, and with the opening of the event on Saturday morning, the boys were feeling the pressure of debating alongside many of Australia's brightest minds. Nevertheless, they were able to successfully represent Myanmar, in spite of the recent cyclone and the presence of resolutions regarding global humanitarian assistance. As usual, strong alliances, both political and personal, were forged – often with 'confectionary incentives' – and as the event came to a close on Sunday, the boys were rewarded for their efforts, achieving 'highly commended' for their diligence in representing Myanmar.

The MUNA experience proved to be invaluable to the boys, who were able to experience the culture and history of Old Parliament House and Canberra, and establish links with students from all over Australia. The boys would like to thank Strathfield Rotary and the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise for organising the event and sponsoring Homebush to participate, and also Mr Elaro and Mr Fernandez for guiding the boys' efforts and putting up with them for days on end (a formidable task indeed!).

Homebush's MUNA success will undoubtedly continue in future, and the boys urge all students interested in global affairs, politics and culture to become involved in this invaluable experience.

Sajeeb Roy, Year 11



KRYSTAL KELLER INSPIRES YEAR 12

Year 12 were greeted on their return to school following their Trial HSC by Krystal Keller.

Krystal is a musician and along with Ricky Ponting is an ambassador for the Children's Cancer Institute Australia. She put her heart and soul into her singing for the boys at Homebush.

Krystal performed several songs and told the boys of her experiences as a 'blind person' struggling for independence and a career. Her focus was to motivate the boys for the forthcoming examination. Year 12 showed their appreciation by donating almost \$500 to the Children's Cancer Institute Australia (CCIA).

Year 12 are impressed with not only Krystal's singing but also her advice

To find out more about Krystal and the "New Mountain to Climb Program" that raises funds for the Children's Cancer Institute Australia go to the school's web page to get the link.

**Mr Tom Pinkey
Careers**

RYDA

The RYDA program is a road safety education program aimed at reducing death and injury amongst young people on Australian Roads. The Program targets 16 to 17 year olds who are at the stage of their lives where they start to drive or ride in a vehicle driven by their peers.

The Rotary Club of Silverwater kindly offered to sponsor Homebush Boys' High to undertake the Program and fifty-five Year 11 students participated in the inaugural Rotary Youth Driver Awareness course run at the Tennis Centre Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 31st March.

Previous courses for schools in the area had been held at Penrith but we expect following this trial that Homebush Boys and other schools will be able to access this new venue in future years.



SHAVE FOR A CURE

The SRC raised funds for CanTeen, a charity that works for young people with cancer.





Assembly time...



Music time...



Listening time...



Year 7 students relate their experiences of High School to the Old Boys.



Year 7 students relate their experiences of High School to the Old Boys.



On Back to School Day the Old Boys return to visit their school.



Primary Students help on Clean-Up Australia Day with the Monastery.



Mayor of Canada Bay presents Josh Hilliard with his award of Young Citizen of the Canada Bay Municipality for 2007.



At the Burwood Girls fashion parade.



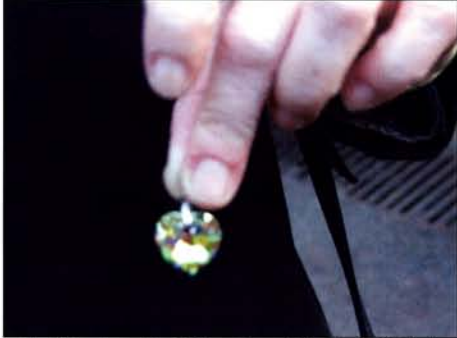
School Assembly on the 4th April 2008.



Teachers supervise their charges.



Our students are a polite and attentive bunch.



Mrs Edwards and the SRC made crystal hearts for Mother's Day to raise funds for resources.



A visitor on school assembly.



Students listen patiently on assembly.



Students participated in the Clean-Up Australia Day.



Proud teachers congratulate their award winning students.



Award winners.



Alex Patrulescu - champion swimmer.



Mr Sculthorpe has his say.



African musical performance for Year 7.



UTS Technology awards.



Premiers all-rounders awards.



Year 10 students participate in the 'School to Work Program' that assists them to develop skills required for work.



Each year over 150 boys volunteer to assist the Sunday morning door-knock appeal for the The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. In 2008 over \$20,000 was raised.

COMPUTING STUDIES



G. Sheath

Head of Department



A. Abbou



N. Betts



R. Kirubakaran Venkata

Another outstanding year for computing studies. Our students competed in Uni NSW Computer skills and Sydney Uni programming competitions this year. We also had 2 teams compete in the NSW open division state titles of Robocup Robotics competition finishing 2nd in the state, see separate report.

This year the school had 4 classes in yr 9, 3 in yr10 with an increase next year of 4 classes in both years 9 & 10. Senior classes are still strong with 2 Information Processes & technology (IPT) in both Years 11 & 12, we also have a software Design & Development (SDD) in both years 11 & 12 with Information Technology still offered as an on-line course delivered concurrently by our teachers and Tamworth TAFE. Overall a net increase in classes and student numbers in all courses.

The U NSW computer skills competition results this year were pleasing, with the boys receiving 3 distinctions, 25 credits from 56 entries.

The junior (9 & 10) program is very strong with robotics still being very popular. This year we bought more lego robots to allow teaching of concurrent classes. Computer programming using Crocodile ICT (new software program from England) has again been extremely popular. This software teaches the boys to create computer programs in flow chart method by dragging objects on to the screen, setting variables and values, the software has a large amount of in built functions and sequences and is designed for 1st time computer programmers. A highlight of the software is the pre programmed dance routines for 2 dancers to perform

A new topic on games and artificial intelligence has been taught for the 1st time this year to year 10, the use of game maker software and a Nintendo wii proved very popular with all boys.

The continued and extended use of moodle, on-line learning environment offering a virtual classroom has allowed some computing classes to be taught as a mostly paperless classroom. Moodle allows all classes the ability to have content , tests and assignments accessible at all times 24/7, thus allowing all boys easy and extended access to learning material. All junior and a lot of senior courses are available via moodle.

I hope that next year our boys access the learning opportunities that computing studies offers as much and more than the boys have this year.

Mr Greg Sheath
Head Teacher

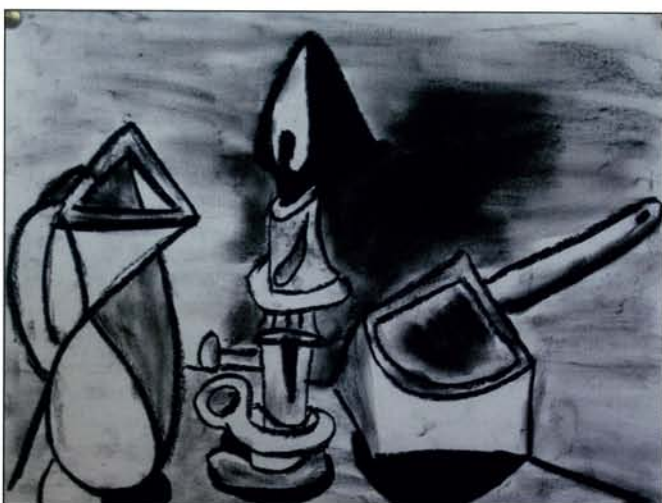
STUDENTS' ART WORK



Year 10



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CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS



K. Attwood

This year in CAPA has again been a very productive and successful one for both Visual Arts and Music. Again there have been some major achievements from the students, which continue to demonstrate the talent in our school. There have been a variety of activities that have given the students the opportunity to develop and improve their technical skills and understanding within the creative and performing arts. In Music and Visual Arts there have been some excellent visiting musicians and artists that have inspired the students with their demonstrations and performances in the hall. These visits are essential in providing the students with a unique educational experience that the students would not normally have and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support.



A. Juska



I. Albertson

There were many outstanding achievements during the year. One in particular was that of Yr 12 Visual Arts student Htet Yan whose artworks were firstly selected for the prestigious Artexpress exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW and he was also the recipient of the major sponsors prize of \$1,000 from Integral Energy. Another outstanding achievement for the year occurred on the 15th of September, where 21 members of the Homebush Boys' All Stars Stage Band performed Gonna Fly Now from the film 'Rocky' before a large and wildly appreciative audience in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. Like last year the music was performed from memory and also uncondacted. The tenor sax solo by Aidan Kirvan (Yr 10) and drum fills by Richard Kim (Yr 11) were outstanding. This year drama was an added feature. Scott Madycki and Mathew Penfold delighted the audience with choreographed "boxing" action in sync with the music. This was a night which will be long remembered. The success of this highly talented group of students is due to Mr Albertson's passion, dedication and professionalism that is now recognised throughout the region.



M. Thomson



S. Menzies

The Band Camp also assists in giving students the opportunity to develop their skills and techniques, which demonstrate the high standard of musical talent that continues to show that our school profile is highly respected across the regions. This year our Guest Conductors were Ralph Pyl (leader of the Sydney All Star Big Band) and Mark Brown (conductor of the Lane Cove Youth Orchestra). The annual Recital night concert and art exhibition was again a roaring success that highlights the many talents of students within the creative and performing arts in the school. Organised this year for the first time by Mr Albertson the Recital night again proved to be a feature on the schools calendar. His role as MC made for a very entertaining evening where he made the students feel at ease in their performances as individuals and in small groups, in front of their parents, friends and their teachers. There were many outstanding performances on the night, which were all appreciated from an enthusiastic audience. A special guest who came along to hear one of her students perform was the well known Australian rock 'n' roll performer 'Little Pattie' who also praised many of the students for their excellent performances.



D. Ilea



A. Smith

Our second major event of the year for the CAPA faculty which continually proves to be a popular one is the School MAD (music, art & drama) Variety night performance, which also included a fantastic exhibition of artworks from Mr Attwood's Yr12 Visual Arts class. This event always unearths the hidden talents within the school, which gives students the opportunity to freely express their musical, dance, comedy and artistic talents. This major event was again organised by the energetic and hard working music teacher Mr Smith who was ably assisted by Mr Thomson, Ms Juska, Ms Menzies Mr Albertson and Mr Attwood. The CAPA staff would also like to acknowledge the assistance from other teachers from different faculties that have supported these nights. Not only does this event manage to harness the talent within the school but it also gets together a keen and dedicated working crew of students that control the lights, sound and back stage to help make this night a complete success.

In Visual Arts students in Year 12 have recently completed their HSC Body of Work. This was both a stressful and rewarding time for both Mr Attwood and the students, who put in many late afternoons and a few Saturdays which in the end resulted in some strong bodies of work and we are hopeful of some excellent HSC results. The completed artworks were then exhibited in the common room so that parents, staff and students could view them when the MAD Variety night was held. It was good to see all the student work put up for display and resulted in many favourable comments and even some possible purchases from some shrewd art critics!

On the HSC front in Music Mr Andrew Smith has done a sterling job in raising the standard and pushing the year 12 students to attain their full potential to maintain the high standard of previous years in the HSC. This year there have been some standout performances that deserve mention. They include Joshua Ho and Noah Essaghir who have amazed all with their guitar skills, as was demonstrated on Variety Night, and Colin Lu the maestro on the grand piano. Mention should also be made of Dinesh Karunanithy, Joel Theverajah and Alex Burjan who all made excellent progress through the year. We wish them all the very best for the HSC.

Visual Arts has also had some exceptional achievements this year with a number of students being involved in regional art activities. Four Yr10 students attended Campbelltown Arts Centre at the beginning of term 4 for the annual Artsmart workshop, which is four days of intensive artmaking. These students were given the opportunity of working with practicing artists in a studio like environment. The resulting artwork that was produced from this workshop was outstanding and resulted in the following students, Zach McCowage, Surya Venkatesan, Aiden Kirvan, Nicholas Alley, Ragavan Pahirathan and Konrad Ilolahia having their artwork chosen for the prestigious 'Director's Choice' exhibition that will be held in December at Homebush Olympic centre. Another achievement in Visual Arts saw Ambrose Hill of Yr 7, Enver Kerem and David Jesuthasan of Yr 8 and Jerry He of Yr 9 having their artwork selected for the annual Operation Art exhibition for Westmead Children's Hospital at the Penrith Regional Art Gallery. Jerry He and Enver Kerem have also had their artworks chosen for a select exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW which is a great honour that reflects the excellence and talent in this subject and they should be commended for their efforts. And last but not least we had success in the Photography and Digital Media course with Yr10 students having their film and animation artworks selected and recognised for the inaugural Connected Learning Awards through the Centre for Learning Innovation. All students are to be congratulated for their efforts and also received certificates from their teacher Ms Juska.

There have been many new student artworks from Y7-12 that have been put up for display both in the common room and in the corridors and stair wells around the school this year to highlight the many talented students in Visual Arts. This also creates a welcoming and friendly environment for students, staff, parents, community members and visitors where they can get to see work done by the students.

After another successful and rewarding year the faculty looks forward to 2009 with a renewed enthusiasm to evaluate and develop programs that stimulate and engage the students to further raise the already high standard that exists at Homebush B.H.S. The CAPA faculty are keen and enthusiastic to meet the challenges to ensure that all students reach their potential in a positive learning environment.

Mr K. Attwood
Head Teacher



Top left: Enver Kerem stands beside his artwork, which was selected for the annual Operation Art exhibition for Westmead Childrens Hospital at the Penrith Art gallery. Above is his painting. At left: Jerry He who also had his artwork selected for hanging.



Marlene Doran, Patricia Amphlett ("Little Pattie"), Ian Albertson & Kim Attwood



All Stars Brass section



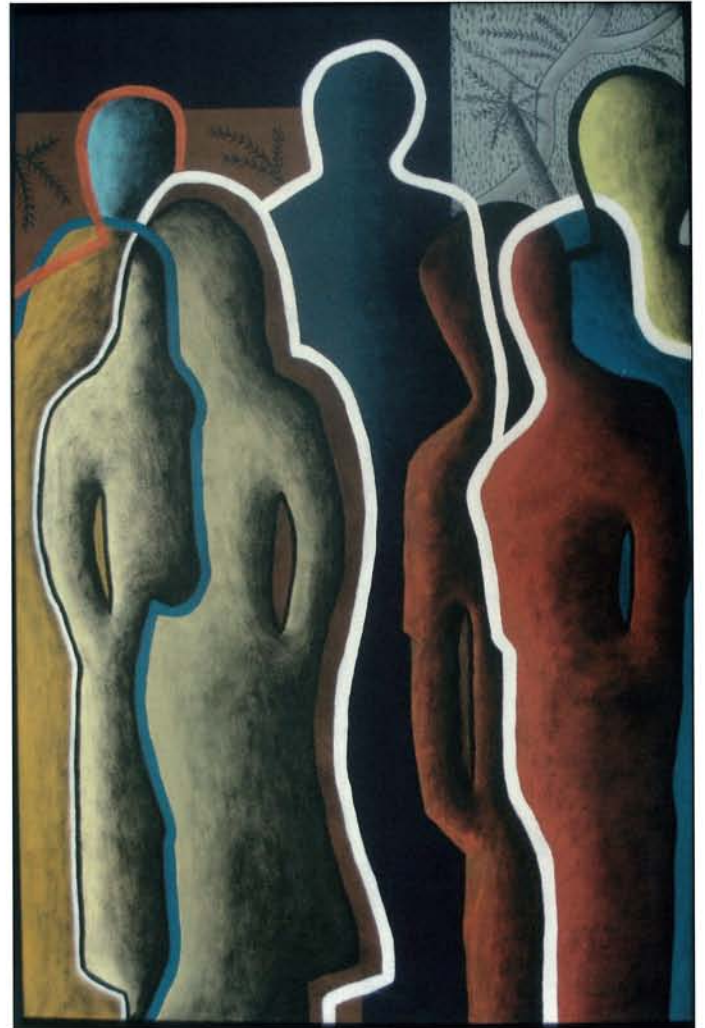
Mr Mark Brown directing Concert Band at Band Family Concert



The gang's all here on the steps of the Opera House.



Eason Lin



Joseph Giannone



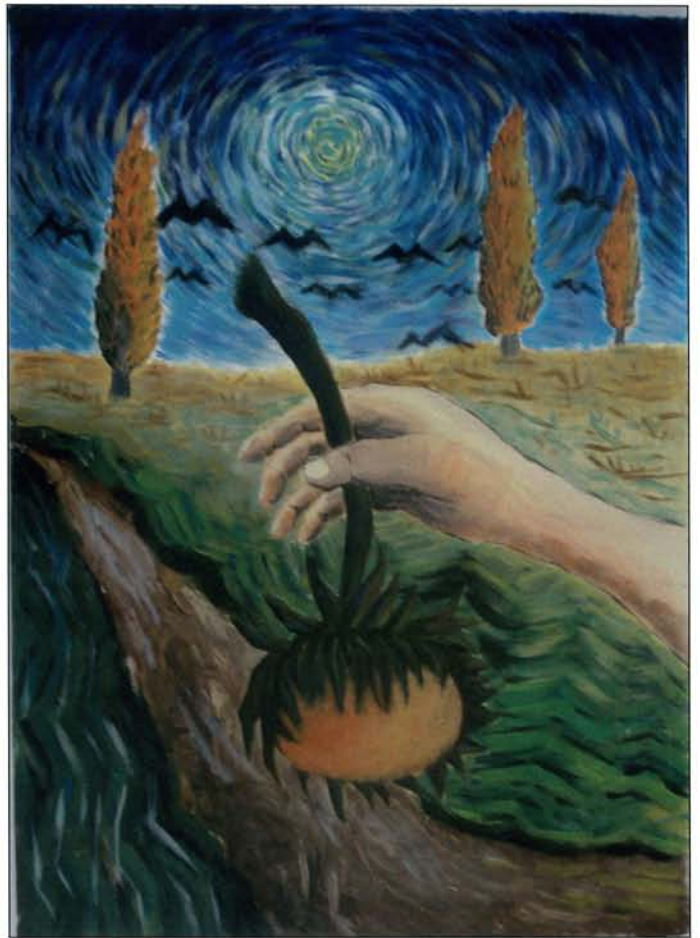
Kayne Lees



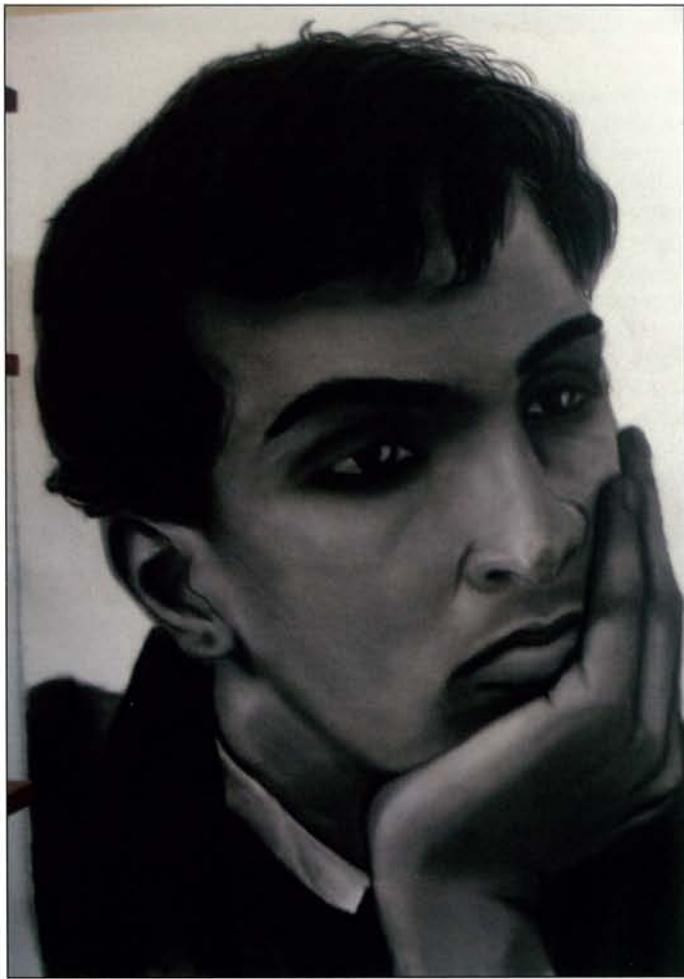
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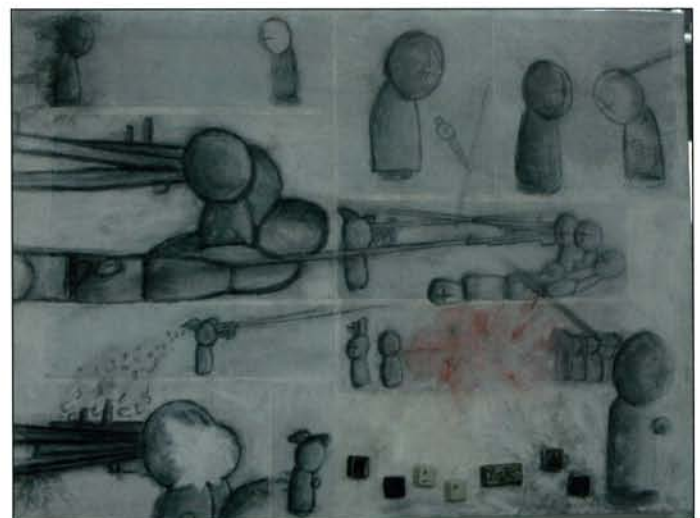
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Elmir Elayoubi



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Head of Department



J. Carrasco



A. Fairley



J. Fernandez



N. Goulden



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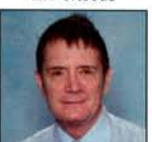
D. Mirkova



K. Morey



E. Porteous



R. Wills

The English Faculty had a couple of fresh faces grace our classroom in 2008 after a static 2007 regarding staff turnover. Ms Joanna Carrasco was appointed as permanent replacement for the vacancy left by Ms Bowe, whose place was filled by Mr Fernandez in 2007. As well, Ms Narelle Goulden was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Ms Rani Sen at the end of term 2 in 2007. Joanna and Narelle have ensured the level of enthusiasm continues in the faculty. I welcome both to the Homebush community. Mr Fernandez continued in the faculty as the replacement for Ms Ball who had taken 2008 as maternity leave.

With a great deal of hard work and perseverance, 2008 has been a successful and rewarding year for the faculty and the students of English at Homebush Boys High School. Whilst the Stages 4 and 5 programmes have been stable in their implementation, the faculty is well into meeting the challenges of the significant changes in the HSC English courses. As a Faculty, we are all looking forward to teaching new texts and new concepts in all the 4 courses available to the students.

The proud tradition in debating has continued with the usual large number of debating teams in the various debating competitions. We had 6 teams represent the school and congratulations to Mr Fernandez's Year 9 team for reaching the regional finals – a just reward for 2 years of hard work by both the team and the coach. All students involved benefited enormously from their experiences in the various competitions. It takes a colossal amount of time and energy to organise and coach each team. I am grateful for every coach's patience and the organisational skills in ensuring the debates were scheduled smoothly and their team was ready. Thanks to Mr Fernandez (Year 9 coach); to Ms Porteous (Year 10 coach); to Mr Wills (coached the Year 11 team); and to Ms Mirkova (Year 12 coach); for their continued hard work and commitment to debating. Yours truly had the honour of coaching the Year 8 team, which won the zone.

The 2007 Higher School Certificate and School Certificate results were outstanding, being well above the state averages. In the HSC Advanced English course, the results were 4.4% above the state average. 7 students were placed in Band 6, which was over 5% above the state average. 34 students, nearly 70% of the candidates in the course, achieved a Band 5, which was 30% above the state average for the band. This translates into nearly 85% of the students achieved a mark of 80% or more in their HSC – a phenomenal result. Results in the HSC Standard English course were also outstanding, with the overall average being 4.42% above the state average. 6 students achieved Band 5 (the top band in the course with a mark of 80% or greater), which was nearly double the state average for this band. 66 students performed at Band 4 levels, which was more than 27% above the state average. Thus just over 68% of the group attained a mark of 70% or more; a level



that has a profound positive effect on the students' UAI. This excellent trend in the HSC results was maintained in the extension courses. All 6 students in the Extension 1 course achieved results in the top 2 bands, with the overall course average being 4.51% above the state average. The extension 2 students achieved the top band in the course, which was 6.67% above the state average. Congratulations to all the students for sustained efforts and application.

The overall School Certificate results were also excellent. There were 7 students who performed at Band 6 standard; which was 3.16% of the cohort, compared with the state average of 5.95%. This was a slight improvement on the previous year. 35% of the students attained a Band 5, above the state average of 27. This was a big improvement for the school on the previous year's results. As well, 39% of the year cohort attained Band 4, which was on par with the state average of 38.5%. Thus, over 77% of all the students achieved a Band 4 or better, or a mark of 70 or above. This was an improvement on the previous year, indicating further strong development of literacy skills of the students in year 10.

The fantastic support for the English and Writing Competitions, and the Year 7 Spelling Competition continued in 2008, with the school attaining some outstanding results. Nearly half of the students who entered the Year 7 Spelling Competition received a credit or better – an outstanding effort. Congratulations to Dean Bardas, Jimmy Elbourne-Carey, Bavithran Indrakumar, Leandros Pandoulis and Sheng Wong for their distinction certificates. In the Writing Competition over 30% of all students attained a credit certificate or better. The students who achieved distinctions were Sheng Wong and Scott Worthington from Year 7 and Aleks Wynne from Year 8. In the English competition, we had the most impressive results by far. Nearly 40% of all the students achieved a credit or better. Congratulations to the following students for their Distinction certificates – Jimmy Elbourne-Carey and Kevin Yin from Year 7; Frank Day from Year 8; Rui Xiao Sha from Year 9; Vignesh Iyer, Simon Kumar, Kai Lin and Shivayan Srarvanapavanthan all from Year 10. As well, Sajeeb Roy, Year 11, continued his high achievement by attaining another Distinction in the English competition. Congratulations to the 280 students who entered all these competitions and I hope they will support them again in 2009.

The annual English Week was held in the middle of term 2 and as per usual, it lasted much longer than a week. All activities during English Week were well received by both staff and students. I believe the activities associated with English Week in 2008 were some of the best I have seen. Year 7 students saw a highly entertaining play called Hot Pies and Potato Chips; Year 8 watched a wonderful production of Soldier Boy at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta; Year 9 were entertained by a slam-poet;



Many activities take place in the Hall. Music, Drama, Dance, Poetry and medieval enactments make learning enjoyable and relevant.

Year 10 watched a hilarious mixture of Shakespearean plays; and Year 11 were again entertained by the nationally-renowned satirist Tug Dumbly in the school hall. Thanks to you, the parents, for supporting the school in widening your son's perceptions of the world.

I would like to thank all members of the English staff for their commitment to the students and for continuing to embrace change with enthusiasm. I thank each and every one of them for their continued patience and for their camaraderie. I am proud and privileged to work with such professional and hard working teachers.

Cheiban Elaro
Head of Department

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We have had a very eventful calendar so far and finally, we have finished all the external competitions!

We began with Rostrum which was held in term One. Unfortunately, only one student entered the Senior Division as the Year 11 and Year 12's were having Assessments or Exams. Shivayan Saranapavanathan came out a winner and qualified to enter the Regional level. He did not get placed in this round as he was competing with the students in Year 11 and 12.

Cameron Kopecny, Vignesai Thamarajan and Kabilan Bascran who entered the Junior Division were commended for their effort but were not placed. We wish them all the best in future competitions.

Ashvin Ashok, Satyajeet Marar and Pavi

Shanmuganathan were among other students who were highly commended for their efforts in the Eisteddford.

Elison Fernaux Bate and Emre Mehmet represented the School in the prestigious Plain English Speaking Award. This competition tested the candidate's ability to deliver a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Emre did an outstanding job in both the section and he progressed to the next section. Unfortunately due to pressures at school and other commitments, he did not perform as well in the Regional Finals.

Elison needs to be heartily congratulated for his contribution to Senior Public Speaking. He did the school proud earlier this year when he took part in the prestigious Youth of the Year competition organised by the Burwood Lion's Club.

On a similar note Frank Day and Phillip Siomose need to be thanked for taking part in the Junior Legacy Comp earlier this term. They bravely replaced Alex Wynne and Hamish Campbell who could not take part due to their sporting commitments.

No doubt all students who make the effort to take part in such rigorous competitions all come out winners and need to be congratulated every step of the way. Students find their own means of transport to and from the venues for some of these events and we thank the parents for their help with this regard.

All boys Public Speaking

Last year's competition was a resounding success. We had more than twenty classes who were part of an enthusiastic audience. I am sure they benefitted from this experience.

We are all looking forward to this year's competition in term 4. Keep a lookout for details.

Ms Sahay
Public Speaking Coordinator



Donald Chung-Yr 12



Wen Cheng-Yr 12

HISTORY



R. Doenau



S. Tsouloukidis



M. Degney



L. Symonds



E. Martinez

2007/2008 has been a bumper year as History has continued to grow and prosper through the enthusiasm of its teachers and especially the eager approach of students.

Ms Bowe relinquished her position to be replaced by Ms Carrasco from Macquarie Boys. Ms Carrasco has settled in most impressively and has enthusiastically taken on Ancient History.

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 Carrasco, Mrs Degney, Mr Koff, Ms Martinez, Ms McGuinness, Ms Porteous, Ms Symonds and Miss Tsouloukidis are all key players in the life of the School and its students.

2008 has been a year of consolidation in the curriculum area following the successful implementation of new syllabuses in all subjects at the 2006 public examinations. The School Certificate is now based strictly on Australia in the post-war period and is essentially the units covered in Year 10. Ancient History 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 with one class studying Conflict in Europe 1935-1945. History Extension remained unchanged. Results in these subjects were most impressive.

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. In 2009 there will be elective classes in both years 9 and 10.

Students have enjoyed many and varied activities in 2007 with Year 7 enjoying James Adams' Ancient show and Year 8 participating in his Medieval program. Year 9 were enthusiastic in their response to a show on World War I. Year 10 visited the Rookwood Necropolis as their site study and attended a show on Australia and the Vietnam War. Senior students have been to the movies and HSC Study Days.

The 2007 School Certificate results were sound as 70% of candidates secured Band 4, 5 or 6 compared to the State results of 60%. Band 6 awards were achieved by 5.42% of our students (state 6.28%). The successful students were: Abraham Baek, Sheharyar Hamayun, Ali Latash, Timothy Lui, Kenneth Luu, Omar Noori, Tyson Parcell, Raad Qureshi, Sajeeb Roy, Aaron Russell, Fredrick Xiao and James Yoon

Ancient History results at the HSC were outstanding with 11 (37.93%) students achieving a band 6 and a further eight (27.58%) a band 5. the bands state wide were 11.26% and 24.64%. these results must be attributed in no small part to the dedication, perseverance and deep knowledge of Miss Tsouloukidis who devoted many of her waking hours to encouraging and cajoling all 29 students. Congratulations to Garth Andrews, Nathan Crighton, Daniel Edgton, Clifford Luu, Lindsay Owen-Taylor, Oliver Pase (98), Ethan Rizos, Aayush Sharma, Tandeep Singh (98 and 16/11,401 in the state), Jean-Paul Watson and Htet Yan.

Modern History results were very good with Stephen Jackson, Oliver Pase, Aayush Sharma and Hayder Shkara all gaining a Band 6. A further 25 students achieved Band 5s. Overall 49% of Modern Historians scored 80 or more at the HSC.

Oliver Pase and Joshua Tarrant-Windt achieved a Band E4 and nine others a Band E3 in History Extension including Lindsay Owen-Taylor and Tandeep Singh who were one mark shy of an E4.

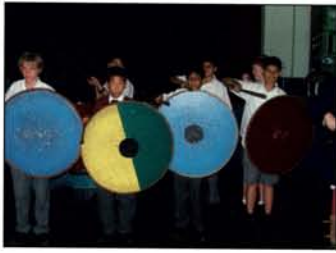
The 2008 HSC results look promising with the talents of James Filippoy, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Charlie Gray, Joshua Lott, Stuart Macallister, Adrian Nugent and Prajesh Shrestha in Ancient History, Camryn Cooper, Li Yuan Chen, Brandan David, James Filippoy, Elison Furneaux-Bate, Kerim Kedicioglu, Ibrahim Kerem, Paul Kim, Janis Lucis, Stuart Macallister, David Paterson and James Sun in Modern History and James Filippoy and Elison Furneaux-Bate in History Extension all completing outstanding work.

Is History bunk? I think not. Everyone has an interest in history in some way shape or form and it is not about to go away anytime soon. Those who decry the value of history are destined to forget and be forgotten.

Roger Doenau
Head of Department



At right: World War II Dramatic representation



Medieval Day is the highlight of the History calendar for the juniors and for the staff.

L.O.T.E. (Languages other than English)



E. Gabor

2008 has been another busy year with temporary staff changes occurring during terms 2, 3 and 4. Mrs Gilchrist took on a relieving position for one term as Senior Curriculum Officer with the Saturday School of Community Languages while Mrs Gabor and Ms Lay took leave. The Lote staff were replaced by Mrs Cepparano, Ms Su, Ms Paras, Mr Fu, Mr Zhang and Mrs Scerri and we would like to acknowledge their hard work during their time at the school this year.



L. Gilchrist

Term 4 2007 saw the return of participating Year 9 and 10 students from their Study Tour in Italy as well as outstanding achievements in the ACER Australian Language Certificate Exams. The Study Trip, while exhausting for all, involved a tour of major Italian cities such as Rome, Florence and Venice followed by a week of intensive language lessons in the city of Rimini. Interest has already been expressed by students and parents for a study tour to Italy in 2009. Excellent results were attained by students who sat the ACER Language Certificate Exams in 2007. Unfortunately, we are still waiting for the 2008 results and these will be published at a later date.



L. Lay

This year, Year 7 had a "taste" of French, Italian and Chinese and enjoyed cultural activities in class to celebrate Chinese New Year and French "Carnival". Year 8 explored their chosen language and culture in more depth as well as furthering their literacy skills in English. Years 9 and 10 French and Italian are composite classes due to student numbers and are labelled as European Language classes. While this is a very challenging arrangement for the students and Mrs Gilchrist each group continues to learn their chosen language with the added benefit of being able to explore the similarities and differences across three languages and their cultures. Year 12 French students will face the first HSC exam under the New French Beginners Syllabus this year. Mrs Gabor has worked hard to help students prepare and improve their performances especially in the lead up to their HSC Oral Exam which was held during term three.

Many students across years 7 - 12 chose to study their home language via the Saturday School of Community Languages in 2008. Several new languages have been included for study over the last two years including Hindi, Persian, Dari and Portuguese.

Finally, we would like to thank Ms Juska (Head Teacher Admin) for her guidance and support as Head Teacher assigned to our faculty.

Mrs L. Gilchrist
LOTE Teacher

WHEN I WAS A LAD

When I was a lad, a young kid at school
I believed it was wrong to act like a fool
To disrespect elders, to give teachers cheek
Just couldn't grasp why graffiti occurred
Or theft of a car or teasing the nerd
For that was all foreign to a young lad like me
Brought up in a world to respect honesty.

They give youngsters a rather bad name
Though most kids around me played a fair game.
But sometimes for reasons a life comes unstuck
For those with few morals or down on their luck

Is it the parents that led them astray
Or friends that cause them to go the wrong way
Or the lure of the dollar, the easy way out
That turns a pure child into a lout

Not that I'm cynical, believing the worst
All people have goodness, hunger and thirst
Yet some solve problems with a gun or a knife
And ignore others rights and the beauty of life.

We've all seen it before, the bullies, the crime
Some walk away and some do the time.
Can't imagine the feeling of breaking the law
Then running forever, nerves open and raw

Nothing has changed but the hair on my head
Have grown up children, so much to be said
In a world that remains an interesting place
For my children to grow in this fast human race

Will they make right decisions, do the right thing,
Work hard in the winter, reap rewards in the spring?
How will they view their time in the sun?
Imperfections acknowledged, the battles not won.

Baron Gold

SRC



Below: photos of the progress of the building of the new Gymnasium were taken by Mr Phillip Morehouse.



Work has begun for the new gym.



The new entrance for the builders.



Entrance and gates.



Safety fencing in place.



Facilities for the builders.



Workmen remove 'picnic' tables.



Old seat comes out.



X marks the spot.



A view of the site.



Another view of the site.



The remains of a tree.



A pile of mulch.



The wall has to go.



The wall has gone.



Digging the trenches.



More concrete to pull up.



A pile of concrete.



The machine is busy.



Still digging.



Trucks dump dirt.



The basketball court.



The trenches are prepared.



What is happening here?



The next stage in the process.



Concrete poured on footings.



Strange metal monster.



Crane works on frame.



Work in progress October 2008

LEARNING SUPPORT

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



K. Meucci

Head of Department



J. Horiatopoulos



M. Lacek



M. Altundag



S. Kumaralingam



E. Conomos

The ESL Department has enjoyed a very productive and satisfying year in 2008.

Our English (ESL) HSC students received very pleasing results, and were thankful for the efforts of the teachers who prepared them for the very important and daunting exam. Ms Horiatopoulos oversees our senior English program, which includes morning and afternoon classes as part of the timetable.

As ESL teachers, we are aware of the varied learning needs of our students, some of whom often have a limited vocabulary and a general lack of proficiency in written and spoken language skills (Though their Maths skills may be advanced.) To access texts and to have a chance to develop, they need support and guidance. Eventually, it is hoped that they will succeed.

This year we have teamed up with our colleagues in Science, Mathematics, TAS, History and English to assist in the development of resources to build language skills. The various professional relationships have been rewarding and fruitful.

Mrs Lacek has run her Wide Reading Program for the Year 7 students and as usual we've seen the steady stream of enthusiastic boys dropping off and picking up their assignments. (See a sample on the facing page) In fact the ESL staffroom can be a noisy place at times but we are used to it and if it means the boys are busy, we actually like it.

The Learning Support team has also had a very productive year. It is always a pleasure to work with Mrs Edwards, Ms Sorensen, Mr Jurd, Mr Fairley and Ms Allan. Mrs Talarico, Mrs Avery, Mrs Churchill and Mrs Michaels have made the learning experiences of their students much more positive.

Ms Altundag went on maternity leave in August and Ms Magoffin is replacing her until next year. The Aboriginal Studies boys were all delighted to see the new baby girl when Ms Altundag visited us at the end of Term 3.

Ms Conomos and Ms Kumaralingam have played key roles in supporting the language and social development of our students, especially the junior students in 7G and 7H - two of their favourite classes. Ms Conomos will be taking time off next year to pursue her script-writing projects. She will be missed.

We can all be pleased with the progress of our students in 2008 and The ESL Department looks forward to another year of challenges and opportunities next year.

Kerry Meucci

REAL TEAM PLAYERS

At HBHS, there is a team that doesn't play against any other school and includes members of different age groups. The goal of the members is to encourage others and to help them achieve their goals. These are the participants in the school's Literacy Team!

The Literacy Volunteer Team is comprised of trained volunteer students who work one-to-one with younger pupils who need help with their literacy. These students are trained to implement MULTILIT Word Attack Skills (a phonics program), speed-reading and comprehension materials.

There are currently two MULTILIT peer-tutoring roll calls; one hosted by Mrs. Edwards the other by Mr. Harrison of Social Science. Mr. Madycki is planning to host his own MULTILIT roll call in 2009.

As well as the roll calls, the Literacy Volunteer Team offers a before-and-after school-tutoring program. Teachers from PDHPE (Mr. Sculthorpe, Ms Chapman, Mr. Madycki), Social Sciences (Mr. Harrison, Mr. Connell), English (Mr. Fernandez) and Languages (Ms Lay) give up their time to help students improve their reading and comprehension skills. Student volunteers from the SRC, tutors from the roll calls and other students interested in the welfare of others often join these teachers.

Being a volunteer in Roll Call 35 by Parth Upadhya Year 12

In the one year I have been in this roll call, never have I once felt that I was bored doing this job or that it was tedious. I have seen a young boy develop his language skills from seed to sapling and that has been the most worthy contribution that I have made to this school community.

From Mrs Edwards

A special thanks goes out to all the Year 12 tutors of Roll 35, including James Sun and Thomas Ng (pictured above). Thomas has been a keen volunteer who also participated in the two afternoon sessions each week. The contribution of these tutors will be missed.



J. Edwards

STLA



M. Allan

ITSV



M. Talarico



V. Michaels



Year 12 ESL students and MS Horiatopoulos celebrate the end of the first HSC exam.



Thomas Ng - Peer tutor



Valued Volunteers of Roll 35
(Back) Parth Upadhyay, Alan Xing, Rajit Gilhotra, Sai Gaddipati
(Front) Stevens Thomas, Kishor Sirikrishnabala, Zhi Yuan Ma, Depak Chand



Valiant Volunteers of Roll 32
(Back) Erik Borrelli, Nicholas White, Michael Lam, David Brimfield, Phillip Stapleton, Peter Brimfield, Nicholas Alley (Front) David Hristoforidis, Simon Kumar, Aidan Kirvan



The Public Speaking boys at the end of 2007.



Boys admire the SRC crystal heart jewellery.



Winners of the Premiers Reading Challenge comp.

BROKEN WINGS

When I was a boy
I dreamed to fly
Over the earth
On the sky
Light as fur
Free as bird
Every night
My wings of freedom are purely white
My heart of love is full of light.
No pain to carry,
Nothing to worry
Friends and family
Is my memory.

But days are short,
Time is quick.
Once I grow,
Life turns to a show.
I am a candle
Burning slow
Money and fame become my ambition
My wings of freedom are broken
I don't fly in dreams anymore

God, I want to fly
Fly high
Across the earth
On the sky
I really want to fly
Once more, in my dream
At night

Kevin Song
Year 11

LOCAL BOY CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Earlier this week a local boy was caught in the act of spray-painting his sister's wedding dress.

Further investigations conducted by his family uncovered the boy's secret. Bailey is the famous 'Scribble Boy' who painted many large buildings including the old theatre on Pharlap Street.

Bailey started a secret society based on the work of Scribble Boy. The police say when he is found he will be prosecuted for trespassing on the Heritage Theatre. His close friend says, "If I knew what was happening to Bailey I would have stopped the club. I feel so bad."

At the scene of the crime we interviewed the parents. "We never thought that he was capable of this. Bailey never seemed like that type of boy", said his mother and father. They were so shocked about the incident that they started a campaign against vandalism.

After the incident Bailey fled in fear. Based on the recent events psychologists suggest that it was a case of severe stress. The sister said, "I wish he told us the pain he was going through. We would



Scribble Boy's graffiti on the wedding dress.

have found a solution. Bailey please come home!"

Police investigators believe that the air ventilation system was the route Bailey took ruining the very expensive dress that the sister had bought for her wedding.

The search for Bailey continues and the police are advising everyone to keep a sharp look out for him. A neighbourhood watch is being conducted by Bailey's family.

Koray Cetindag 7A

Above is a newspaper report based on the book 'Scribble Boy', written by Philip Ridley. Koray completed this activity as part of Mrs Lacey's Wide-Reading program for Year 7.

MATHEMATICS



G. Carrozza



C. Halkidis



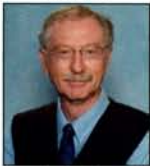
M. Shadwick
H.T Administration



S. Arundavaraja



J. Chen



A. Doolan



B. Gobel



H. Ha



J. Kaur



S. Martin

This has been another busy year for the Mathematics faculty as we endeavour to provide better opportunities for our students to improve already sound results.

The year also saw changes to staffing with the arrival of Mrs Rizos from Randwick Boys and the appointment of a new graduate, Mrs Fattouh, who went on maternity early in term one. Mr Wilson replaced Mrs Fattouh for the rest of the year and contributed positively to the faculty and to the progress of his students.

The two main areas of concern this year were how to best assess the Stage 5 year 9 and 10 courses and how to best place students in their courses. We altered our assessment program and the format of our exams in years 9 and 10 hoping to gather more reliable information on our students. Mathematics is the only subject in the School Certificate where students study at three different Stages but then are tested and awarded grades across the entire year 10 group. It is also the only subject which awards 9 grades ranging from A10 down to E2.

The other major problem for the faculty is the high number of students in year 11 who choose inappropriate courses for the HSC. Their results in the HSC reflect the poor subject choice made by many seniors. It is disheartening to see students perform so poorly throughout their senior years but still refuse to change courses. It is obvious that many students ignore the advice and experience of their teachers and so the faculty is going to adopt a more formal approach to the counselling of students and their parents.

Our results in the State wide examinations continue to show that our best students can match the best. The faculty's School Certificate results for 2007 were extremely gratifying with marks well above most of the other subjects in the school and well above the State's averages. 66% of the year gained a band 5 or 6 and only 12% of the students were in the lower bands D and E. The table below summarises our results compared to other schools in the State.

BAND SUMMARY ON A 6 BAND SCALE				
BAND	SCHOOL	%	STATE	%
A	44	20	11530	14
B	102	46	18942	23
C	21	21	25531	31
D	11	11	17806	22
E	1	1	20590	7
N	0			

Last year's HSC results again revealed some outstanding results, and some students require a special mention. In the 2 Unit Mathematics course, 11 students achieved a mark of 90 or higher with Ryan Beattie and Ethan Rizos gaining a mark of 96 in the exam (which equalled last year's best mark). In Extension 1 Mathematics, 23 students achieved a mark of 90 or higher with Tommy Tsui gaining a mark of 98 in the exam while in the Extension 2 course 7 of the 38 students achieved a mark of 90 or higher with Tommy Tsui gaining a mark of 94.

This year SNAP was replaced with the NAPLAN exam and in a changed format years 7 and 9 sat for the exam. Again results showed that most of our Year 7 and 9 students have a good understanding of basic mathematics and displayed an



I. Wilson



T. Sivasothy



C Rizos

above average level of numeracy skills when compared to the rest of the State. The tables below summarise the percentage of students in each band for both years:

YEAR 7		Number, patterns and Algebra	Measurement and Data	Space and Geometry	Numeracy
BAND 9	State	18	22	12	16
	School	35	38	18	30
BAND 8	State	15	9	21	18
	School	20	10	30	21
BAND 7	State	23	28	25	24
	School	23	29	32	27
BAND 6	State	24	18	24	24
	School	13	11	14	14
BAND 5	State	15	15	15	16
	School	6	8	6	6
BAND 4	State	4	9	3	3
	School	3	4	1	1

YEAR 9		Number, patterns and Algebra	Measurement and Data	Space and Geometry	Numeracy
BAND 10	State	13	17	10	13
	School	22	29	20	24
BAND 9	State	14	17	17	15
	School	26	28	23	23
BAND 8	State	23	20	28	25
	School	24	21	30	26
BAND 7	State	26	21	25	24
	School	18	12	18	18
BAND 6	State	16	15	14	19
	School	8	7	6	8
BAND 5	State	7	10	6	5
	School	2	3	3	1

The faculty has tried to make mathematics more relevant to our students and to make them appreciate the importance of the subject in the "real" world. To that end we were pleased to have been the only Sydney school selected by the Australian Maritime College based in Tasmania to be visited by their Associate Professor Norman Lawrence. On the 2nd of July the professor spoke to our some of our year 10 classes about the importance of studying mathematics particularly in his sphere of maritime engineering. The top two year 10 mathematics classes, with the assistance of Mr Doolan and Mr Betts, were also involved in the first Maths in Surveying Field Day at the Bicentennial Park held on Friday 29th of August. Our boys participated in a day of practical activities with students of the UNSW. We hope this will become a regular event run in conjunction with the Institute of Surveyors of NSW. It is our hope that in 2009 we will be able to provide more students with opportunities to see the application of mathematics in situations outside of the classroom.

The faculty also took another positive step with the introduction of the Mathletics software package into our classes. This very powerful package provides students from all years with a multitude of questions and worked solutions covering all aspects of every course. We hope to be able to incorporate this package into our teaching program and so provide students with another avenue for improved learning outcomes.

I wish to thank all students and the members of the Mathematics faculty for their cooperation and support throughout the year.

G. Carrozza
Head teacher

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The students at Homebush Boys continue to participate in many mathematical competitions and enjoy great success in these. Here is a summary of our achievements in the past year.

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac awards

On the 31st of July close to 700 students from our school participated in the largest mathematics competition in the world, the Australian Mathematics Competition. I would like to thank all students and staff for their cooperation and patience on a day full of disruptions. The table below summarises our results.

	Year	No.	Prize	High Dist.	Dist.	Credit
Junior	7	122			9	52
	8	114		1	11	44
Inter-mediate	9	90			10	31
	10	113		1	15	35
Senior	11	85			13	29
	12	92	2	2	15	27

The following students (in order of merit) need a special mention as they were recognised as the top students in our school:

Year 7: Zaheer Imraan Ebrahim, Michael Xu, Gary Le

Year 8: Jiacong Xu, Manovarman Selvanathan, Anthony Yao

Year 9: Dean Ren, John Wu, Siddharth Raghuraman

Year 10: Charles Zhang, Ming Feng Lin, Haeun Song

Year 11: Wenqi Zhang, Albert Nguyen, Stanley Nghi

Year 12: Jingshun Ma, Samuel Che, Duncan Trinh

The Prudence Award winner was Jingshun Ma of year 12.

The following students received merit certificates. The names appear in order of merit.

Year 7

Distinction: Zaheer Imraan Ebrahim, Michael Xu, Gary Le, Justin Cheng, Daniel Yao, Henry Liang, Sheng Wong, Tony Tran, Galen Feng

Credit: Bavithran Indrakumar, Hassan Faour, Keshavan Manokaran, Nayan Bhatela, Ainharan Subramaniam, Benjamin Chiu, Jin Park, Haiwai ho, Stivy Tran, Ansaf Ahmed, Davis Jesuthasan, Kiieren Sritharan, Sai Dixit, Edwin Guo, Jerry Miao, Min Kim, Sai Ng, Michael Au, Simon Huang, Ambrose Hill, Leonard Shen, Abobaker Sadiqi, Anthony Zhu, Leonardo pane, Niruban Sivendra, Daniel Kim, Ibrahim Al-Atyyia, Raymond Cai, Burney Wong, Mahmoud Ayish, Steven Luo, Victor Tam, Yinan Wu, Adrian tang, Eshwar Elamurugan, Kangmin Choi, Quentin Yeung, Aathi Thirunanthakumar, Darren Zhang, Scott Worthington, Adrian Talevski, Harshardeep Singh, Taeyoon Kim, Mark Shen, Christopher Wale, Harry Kim, Henry Tran, Prahshanth Sivapalan, Ayman Hill, Edmund Vuong, Peter Totidis, Rowan Castro

Year 8

High Distinction: Jiacong Xu

Distinction: Manovarman Selvanathan, Anthony Yao, Phillip Siomos, Alan lam, Andy kim, Leo liang, Hamish Campbell, Jason Luo, Joshua Chen, Cameron Kopecny, Victor Le

Credit: Andrew Zhang, Kelwin tang, Kevin Le, Thomas Goth-Towney, Calvin Cheung, Anthony Tang, Kieren Tran, Niroshan Jude John Peter, Senthoran Thangavel, Shinoy Jacob, Achintya Chavan, Aswin Shanmugalingam, Neel Sengupta, Andrew Cho, Clinton Cheung, Johnny Chen, Martin Lee, Matthew Truong, William Wu, Dylan Wijesekera, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Nicholase Zeng, Saif Ali, Donald Nguyen, Zhenyu Zhang, Andrew Truong, Frank Day, Hurstan hu, Cahyanta Nugraha, Lachlan Foster, Sisney yi, Andrew Finch, Abdullatif Holali, Karl Somanandana, Lachlan Chisholm, Raymond Xian, Samuel Kim, Eddie Kadayifci, Jason Sung, William Tran, Frank Jiang, Jason Ou, Riley Curran, Simon Xin

Year 9

Distinction: Dean Ren, John Wu, Siddhath Raghuraman, Akshay Sudarshan, Bohan yu, Christopher Chiang, Ju-Ho Kim, Minhyug Hong, Nikhil Joshi, James Cheng

Credit: Michael Zhang, Sai Abhishek Bhonsle, Siddhartha Thete, Soohon Lee, Hareesh Karunanithy, Jimmy Chen, Albert Ta, Joel Todd, Rory Peters, Brandon Lam, Dhuvana Nades, Ruixiao Sha, Amman Morgan, Rohit Buthapaty, Thushanth Yohendrarajah, David Zou, Jason Qiu, Vivek Singh, Hammond Sun, Monther Al -Hinti, Leon San, Youssef Latash, Dinesh Kunasegaran, Lachlan Clement, Aaron Phan, Doo-Ho Park, Vernon Lam, Aaron Kwok, Khalid Derbas, Quoc-Duy Hua, Yousef Ayish

Year 10

High Distinction: Charles Zhang

Distinction: Ming Feng Lin, Haeun Song, Kai Lin, Philip Cho, Ye Chen, Robert Rafael, Varunan Balaraju, Owen Huang, Roberto Speranza, Brandon Chun, Vicnesai Tharmarajah, Zhiyuan Ma, Jong Yun Lee, Brett Chen, Ken Haohan Ko

Credit: Kabilan Bascaran, Shunhua Wu, Divyesh Nambiar, Advait Junnarkar, Joseph Lee, Daniel Rosen, Nitesh Dhanekula, Vishnu Thirumurugan, Ahmad Faizi, David Wang, Ronald Mu, Sobidan Sivakumaradas, Daniel Lee, James Ip, James Simpson, Jason Chang, Shivayan Saravanapavanathan, Steven Xu, Andy Chun, Vignesh Iyer, Alexei Bernard, Ivan Chen, Chentduren Aumkaran, Nicholas White, Phillip Stapleton, Surya Prakash Venkatesan, Ziyad Hussain, Andy Ho, David Li, Hammad Iqbal, Peter Liang, Shakti Rathore, Shawneil Kumar, Sunthertheeran Suntheradas, Vimalan Kanagalingam

Year 11

Distinction: Wenqi Zhang, Albert Nguyen, Stanley Nhi, Darusan Nagaratharajah, Raad Qureshi, James Yoon, Jason Zong, Emre Aral, Xiao Ma, Daniel Zhuang, Patrick Chen, Haowei Alex Lu, Tomithy Lui

Credit: Chun Yang Liu, Vimal Sivakumar, Jeffrey Quach, Jun-Kyu Kim, Muntasir Shams, Sajeeb roy, Imran Maarabani, Intesar Ali, Kyuchang Chung, Fredrick Xiao, Vincent Luu, Aakash Mahajan, Rasheeq Mahmood, Sheharyar Hamayun, Shinho Park, Daniel Speed, Arham Soomro, Asritha Chintamani, Kapilan Arunthavanathan, Peter Jackson, Dharshaan

Vasanthan, Matthew Nguyen, Victor Lin, Adam Ajaj, Arunvarman Selvanathan, Avinash Singh, Matthew Iwanczuk, Vitin Duong, MingYang Zhou.

Year 12

Prize: Jingshun Ma, Samuel Che

High Distinction: Duncan Trinh, Tim Zhang
Distinction: Chris Shin, Eric Au, Jason Deng, Peter Ayre, Mehran Modasser, Alan Tran, Eray Kedicioglu, Hyungkyu Mun, Gordon Tan, Philip Truong, Tony Lee, Ronald Pai, Rushil Chhibber, Hao Ni, Simon Chung

Credit: Jeff Ni Wong, Depak Chand, Wayne See, Bakr Bardouh, Indrajit Banerji, Lam David, Parth Upadhyay, Sai Gaddipati, Joshua Ho, Roger Liu, Colin Xiao Lu, Harichandra Rajaji, Julius Kang, Branavan Arumugaiyer, Heejo Choi, Thomas Francis Ng, David Xiang, Jimmy Yi Zhao, Li Yuan Chen, Paul Kim, Rukshan Paheerathan, Hareeshan Elankovan, Christopher Parkee, Jimmy Jiayang Zhao, Pavithiran Shanmuganathan. Timothy James Mercer, Michael Hua

All of the above students deserve our special congratulations. Mr Halkidis and Ms Gobel also need a special mention as they accepted the challenge to organise this competition.

2008 is also the year in which we saw the best performance ever achieved by any student at this school in the history of this competition. Jingshun Ma of year 12 was awarded an AMC Medal in the Senior division of the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is the highest award in this prestigious competition, with only six Australian students receiving this award in 2008. Jingshun was presented with the medal by the Governor of Western Australia in a ceremony held in Perth.

MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Following last year's Australian Mathematics Competition, some of our top year 8, 9 and 10 students were invited to participate in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians and I am pleased to announce that of the 13 competitors, 5 were awarded Credit certificates, 2 received Distinction certificates and 2 gained High Distinctions. This is a summary of the results:

Credit: Jason Luo, Kelwin Tang, Nicholase Zeng, William Lu

Distinction: Manovarman Selvanathan, Varunan Balaraj

High Distinction: Owen Huang, Zhi Yuan Ma

This is an outstanding result for the boys and the school as fewer than 1000 students Australia wide participate in this event. Special thanks must go to Mr Abbou and Mr Arun for coordinating this demanding competition. Jun Kyu Kim of year 11 has also been invited to apply for the National Mathematics Summer School to be held in Canberra during the Christmas school holidays. This invitation is only made to students who achieved outstanding results in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION



Year 8 High Distinction & Distinctions



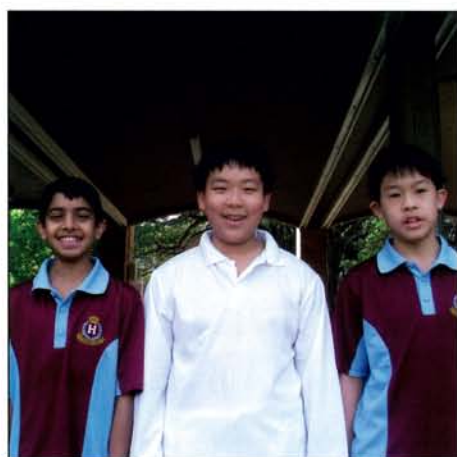
Year 9 High Distinctions & Distinctions



Year 10 High Distinctions & Distinctions



Year 11 High Distinctions & Distinctions



Year 7 High Distinctions & Distinctions



Samuel Che : Prize



Jing Shun Ma :Prize



Maths in the outdoor classroom.



Maths in the playground



Maths Challenge winners

CHESS

Mr Alan Doolan for Mr John Evans (Head Teacher Mathematics and Chess 1975-2005)

Three teams - Senior A (Years 12 & 11), Intermediate A (for years 9 & 10) and Junior A (for Years 7 & 8) were entered in the Secondary Schools Chess Competition in Term 2.

Further details of competitions conducted by the NSW Junior Chess League can be found on www.nswjcl.org.au.

This year's competition was played after school on Friday afternoons for seven weeks from the 9th May to the 20th June.

All competitions consisted of eight teams. The boys' entry fees were paid out of the school welfare fund – thanks to Mr. Hilliard.

The teams and the results for the competition were as follows-

Senior A:

The Senior A team, consisting of Duncan Trinh (captain), Jeff Wong, Li Yuan Chen, Gordon Tan and Jing Ma, finished third on 19.0 points. The Senior team was defeated by Sydney Girls (1.5-2.5) , drew with Newington (2-2) , defeated Canterbury Boys (4-0) , drew with Trinity A (2-2),defeated Fort Street B (4-0), defeated Holy Spirit (3.5-0.5) , and drew with Sydney Grammar B (2-2).

Intermediate A:

The Intermediate A team consisting of Brent Xie (captain), Kalai Jeyamanokar , Dhruva Nades Parathan, Venkatesh Sriharan , and Sai Abhishek Bhonsle finished seventh on 7 points. The Intermediate team lost to Newington C (1.5-2.5), were defeated by Sydney Technical B (0.5-3.5) defeated Sydney Technical D (3-1), lost to Newington A (0-4) , lost to Sydney Grammar A (0-4) , were defeated by Fort Street (1-3) and lost to Trinity B (1-3).

Junior A:

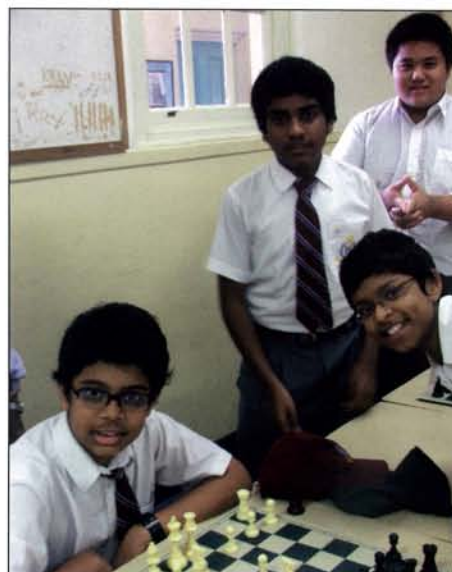
The Junior A team consisting of Keshar Bhrugubanda , Hardikumar Patel , Eric Zhang , and Henry Liang finished fourth on 16 points. The Junior A team defeated Fort Street C (2.5-1.5), drew with Newington B (2-2), drew with Sydney Boys C (2-2), defeated Trinity A (2.5-1.5), were defeated by Trinity C (1-3), beat Meriden (3-1) and defeated Fort Street A (3-1).

Miss Chan, Mr Hilliard, Mr Sivasothy and Mr Doolan miss Mr Evans and his excellent organisation but we enjoyed looking after the chess teams; visiting other schools and hosting chess teams at Homebush. We look forward to an even more successful competition next year.

Members of the Chess Club meet at lunch-time except Wednesdays, in Room 52 for practice. Interested boys are most welcome.



Above: Surveying activities
Below: Unusual Maths



School chess players on competition day.

THE MARITIME COLLEGE

Associate Professor Norman Lawrence from the Australian Maritime College, whilst visiting Sydney, chose our school to hold a seminar to promote the study of mathematics particularly aimed to students interested in maritime engineering. The Maritime College is based in Tasmania and so the choice of our school was particularly special for us.

Five year 10 classes attended the seminar and were exposed to some of the challenges maritime engineers face and some of the mathematics required to solve these problems. Students appreciated the talk and took an active interest in the discussion.

Professor Lawrence also spoke to students of the need to continue studying mathematics in their senior years and of some of the career paths requiring higher mathematics. The prospect of earning more than \$100 000 per year certainly interested some of our boys!

Mr Carrozza with the new member of the family.



PD/H/PE

(Personal Development/Health/Physical Education)



J. Sculthorpe



S. Belgre



A. Chapman



S. Madycki



R. Tedford



B. Wilson

The PDHPE faculty said goodbye to Mr. Bill Gavathas at the end of 2007. This allowed for Daniel Carrozza to help out in a temporary capacity while waiting for a replacement for Mr. Gavathas. Daniel's expertise was welcomed and we are much appreciative of his assistance. Mr. Scott Belgre came into the fold and has proven to be a valuable asset to the faculty and the school. The faculty now comprises of Mr. Ron Tedford (Sports coordinator), Mr. Stephan Madycki, Ms Annabel Chapman (Year 8 Adviser), Mr. Brett Wilson, Mr. Scott Belgre and Mr. Jon Sculthorpe (Head Teacher PDHPE).

Year 7

Year 7 students have involved themselves well in PDHPE this year. They have been looking at a variety of issues in their Health classes, such as Self and Relationships, the meanings of health and Physical Activity and have delved into gaining an understanding of all the changes and challenges they will face in the near future. They have experienced the Brainstorm production of 'Sticks and Stones' dealing with bullying and adolescence and have looked at this issue extensively in their Health classes.

Within the boys practical Physical Education lessons, they have had the chance to experience a variety of sports and activities, gaining knowledge and developing skills in many key areas, such as in invasion games, target games and striking games. Coming into high school has also allowed them to experience the fitness testing at the beginning of the year, in particular, the 1.6km runs and the Beep Test. Congratulations to all the boys and in particular those that ran the 1.6km in less than 6 minutes and/or made it to level 10 in the Beep test.

Year 8

Year 8 have been busy developing their knowledge and skills in terms of the changes and challenges they face as teenagers, being able to categorise and say no to drug use, pedestrian and passenger road safety, mental health and dealing with bullying. The year had the chance to experience the Brainstorm Production of 'Verbal Combat', emphasizing the seriousness of bullying and ways of combating the issue.

Year 8 has also delivered some excellent assessments on community health and water safety. We as a faculty are working towards ensuring the students deliver their own work, which has been upheld by a majority of the students.

Their practical activities have revolved around several sports and physical activities, with a renewed focus on skills shared between sports, rather than individual sporting skills in isolation. The boys had a chance to improve on their results from last year in the beep test and 1.6km run, which many did. Congratulations to those that did improve on their results from last year.

Year 9

Year 9 have involved themselves in learning and applying content surrounding issues such as Drug education, Nutrition, Physical activity and Mental Health;

in particular, Depression. Their reports on local health support networks were outstanding, highlighting the great abilities possessed by many of the boys here at Homebush.

Year 9 has worked well in practical areas, with many boys showing improvement in their skills applied to a variety of activities.

Year 9 PASS have been exploring issues of coaching and have had the chance to apply the theory learned to practical scenarios. They have also experienced golf sessions in the Life-long leisure and recreation units.

Year 10

A majority of Year 10 students have shown their maturity in PDHPE this year. Many realising it will be the last time they can participate in practical PDHPE during their schooling. For the most part, the students have participated with enthusiasm and endeavoured to improve on the performances of their past years.

The boys have been exploring health issues such as; Mental illness, stress, Driver Education and sexual health. There has been a major focus on report writing for year 10 and they have produced many fine reports on Driver safety.

Year 10 PASS have extended their knowledge of nutrition and Drug use in Sport and have participated in many physical activity opportunities, such as Wheelchair Basketball, Rugby League and Golf. They have shown great development in their knowledge and skills to do with physical activity, health and sport and have a good foundation to lead into Stage 6 PDHPE if they have chosen to do so.

Year 11 and 12

Our Stage 6 PDHPE students have demonstrated development in their expression of understanding of health. The Year 12 cohort has performed well in all assessments, with many achieving at a high standard. The Year 11 students are encouraged to prepare themselves for an increase in their workload and to gain knowledge of the HSC syllabus prior to the Year 12 syllabus starting.

The PDHPE faculty thanks all parents and caregivers for their support, especially in ensuring the students have their full PE uniform and workbooks for each theory lesson.

Mr. Jon Sculthorpe
Head Teacher



Year 10 PASS had first hand experience in the skills required for wheelchair basketball.

SCIENCE



A. Everett



J. Baggaley



S. Brown



M. Catalano



B. Gold



N. Mawassi



K. Pathan



L. Puran



F. Rodi



M. Standen

A busy year and they keep getting busier. Highlights include our very successful Science (two) week; various competition results; field studies in year 7 (zoo), year 8 (rock platform), year 9 (powerhouse museum and aquarium), Biology (Bicentennial Park).

Exciting news that our school is on the "list" to have all our laboratories rebuilt sometime in the next two years. This will give our students and staff a great boost as wear and tear on the old labs is starting to affect the quality of education we can offer. (A rebuilt staffroom would also be of great benefit but we can only hope!)

Finally, good luck to all our HSC students. We know we will achieve some excellent results.

Quotable quotes from year 9 essay assessment task about the impact of nuclear energy in Australia.

"inside of a nucleus is made of protons and neutrons and is very smelly"

"Australia doesn't have the right soil to grow nuclear plants"

"this would affect us by having extra neutrons floating everywhere and producing a lot of electricity"

"the world is lucky because we have the ozone layer protecting the world from nuclear energy so that the human race doesn't get wiped out completely"

Australian Science Competition

High Distinctions: Kai Lin and Haeun Song of Year 10.

Distinctions:

Year 8: Frank Day, Frank Jiang, Manovarman Selvanathan, Anthony Yao

Year 9: Soohon Lee, Doo-Ho Park

Year 10: Nitesh Dhanekula, Owen Huang, Kerem Karaoglu, Zhi Yuan Ma, Fletcher Rowe

Year 11: Hao Ni,

Year 12: Jing Ma, Jun-Kyu Kim

Credits awards are too numerous to mention. Remember, to enter this competition is to compete against the best students in the state. So, congratulations to all those who entered.

Australian Titration Competition

Three teams of senior students entered this prestigious chemistry competition with excellent results.

A certificate of excellence was awarded to the team of Jing Ma, Parth Upadhyay and Tony Lee as well as earning entry to the national competition.

A certificate of merit was awarded to the team of Alan Tran, Ian Chan and Hao Ni

Australian Chemistry Competition

A small candidature but excellent results:

High Distinctions:

Year 8: Frank Jiang

Year 10: Zhiyuan Ma

Year 11: Daniel Armitage, Sajeeb Roy

Year 12: Tony Lee, Jing Ma, Gordon Tan



P.Thanabalasingam

Distinctions:

Year 8: Hamish Campbell, Kelwin Tang

Year 11: Mohammad Wasef

Year 12: Ian Chan, Li Yuan Chen, Hao Ni,

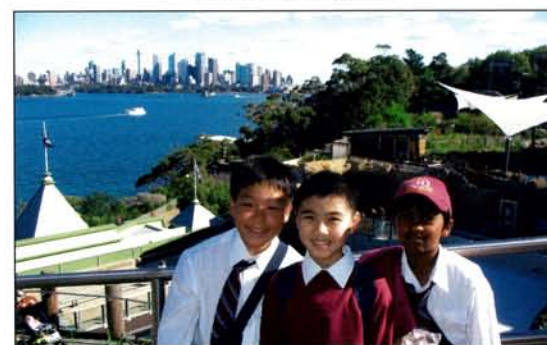
William Shanthikumar, James Sun, Duncan Trinh.



Which one has the long neck?



What is he looking for?



Sydney Harbour is a great backdrop.



The Zoo is fun but work must be done.



There is always time for an experiment.

The Canberra Science Week excursion, The Blue Mountains excursion and Science Week activities.



SOCIAL SCIENCES



J. Pearson



C. Dwyer



J. Connell



A. Harrison



A. Legge



L. Swanson



M. Tawbe



J. Uhlen

2008 was a very successful and rewarding year for all teachers and students involved with faculty activities.

Outstanding HSC Results in 2007 - Excellent results were achieved with all our HSC subjects, with a special mention to Legal Studies, Business Studies & Studies of Religion where the total results for the HSC were well above the state average for these subjects. With Economics the overall HSC results were slightly lower than previous years but still there were outstanding individual results in this subject.

The overall HSC results for the Social Sciences Faculty have been generally much higher over the last 4 years in all our subjects and congratulations must go to all the teaching staff for their hard work, pedagogy and professionalism not only in the senior years but also to all teachers who had students throughout the junior years.

The School Certificate results for 2007 were also well above the state average in Geography & Commerce. Congratulations to all staff and students involved to end up with overall positive outcomes to all the hard work put into the School Certificate process.

Every year there are different staffing needs and arrangements that are part of a dynamic large faculty. This year Ms Anton took one years maternity leave, she is now the proud mother of a baby girl, Ms Anton will be back at Homebush Boys High School in 2009. Mr Connell replaced Ms Anton in 2008 and next year he will be pursuing a career in law. The rest of the Social Sciences Faculty consist of Mr Hilliard (Deputy Principal), Ms Dwyer (Head Teacher Teaching & Learning & Success For Boys Coordinator), Mr Harrison (ICT Committee & ABW coordinator), Ms Tawbe, Ms Swanson (SRC Coordinator, Success For Boys Team & Connected Classroom Committee) & Ms Uhlen. All staff members of the faculty work hard as a team to coordinate the many assessment tasks, excursions and other extra curricula activities which make up the normal but always very busy year.

Excursions are an important enrichment activities that we offer for most of our students Year 7 geography study World Heritage sites and they have their field study at Katoomba, where they look at management issues associated with the Blue Mountains World Heritage site.

Year 8 Geography looked at water management issues and they visit Penrith Lakes and Warragamba Dam.

Year 9 Geography visit Homebush Bay Wetlands to look at management issues and the effect of urban & Industrial development has had on this area. Year 9 Commerce visited Luna Park to look at how it is managed



Year 7 geographers in front of a large Turpentine tree in the rainforest.



Year 8 students visiting Penrith Lakes.

as a business and develop a marketing approach for Luna Park. While Year 9 Commerce & Geography students were part of the Snowy Mountains Excursion which involved visiting a sheep station at Goulburn, Skiing at Thredbo, visiting The Snowy Mountains Authority at Cooma and The Electoral Commission, Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, The sound & Film Archive and the Museum of Australia in Canberra.

The Year 10 geography excursion was to look at coastal management on the Cronulla area, While the Year 10 Commerce classes visited State Parliament House & the Police & Justice Museum.

Other excursions were where Year 11 Legal Studies visited Burwood Local Court & Year 12 Legal Studies visited the Parramatta Drug & District Courts. Year 12 Geography visited Towra Point Field Study Centre (on Botany Bay), While Studies Of Religion visited The Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Penrith. Year 12 Economics visited the Reserve Bank.

Students from Homebush Boys High School were successful in entering The Australian & Pacific Region Economics and Business Studies Competitions. Students also entered into the Australian Geography Competition and the Year 8 Geography quiz.

2008 has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year for the Social Sciences Faculty. Thank you to all staff for their hard work, support and comradeship. It would not be possible without your efforts. Thank you to all the students and families for your part in making work and education at Homebush Boys High School so enjoyable.

John Pearson
Head Teacher





Year 10 Commerce on Parliament steps.



Cronulla Beach excursion.



Snow business.



The team is off again exploring the country.



Doug



The boys enjoy themselves at Cronulla.



Zac



Goulburn Sheep station



On the dunes.



Ski and apres-ski.



At the beach.



Taking a break to catch up.



Varun the Cool Dude.



Mr Connell at the shearing demonstration.



Mr Pearson and Mr Harrison doing it tough.



Sydney beaches are beautiful.



An attentive bunch of boys.



More 'work' at the beach.



Surveying



Students check out the vegetation.



Taking it easy on the sand.



Let me have a turn!

S.A.Officers & LIBRARY

S.A.O.

The students report a high degree of satisfaction when their enquiries and transactions are handled at the front office. The helpful and cheerful approach is coupled with a 'can-do' attitude which each of the twenty members of the school administration office has.

They are the first point of contact for public enquiries and implement systems for the smooth flow of information, finance, written and electronic communication, orders and uniform sales amongst a myriad of activities.

Annually they process over forty thousand financial transactions, one thousand enrolment enquiries, one thousand requests for medical support, mail twenty thousand letters, answer ten thousand 'phone calls and keep one thousand three hundred other people on site happy. All of this happens with a smile and without a mistake!

No wonder Marie Reardon, the boss, accepted a Rotary "Pride of Workmanship" Award in recognition of the work completed by this effective team.

Our library assistant, Kay Whalan, retired during the year after more than twenty-five years at Homebush Boys. We are grateful for her hard work and her friendship.

Bill Hilliard
Deputy Principal Welfare



E. Perry-Windhorst
Teacher Librarian



C. McKinnon



K. Whalan



L. Chadwick



P. Morehouse



A. Di Val



P. Droudis



C. Scanlon



Y. Ferrier



M. Tyrrell



L. Donohue

LIBRARY

At the end of August we bade farewell to Mrs Whalan who had been my full-time assistant for eight years. Prior to that, she had worked in the front office for sixteen years. Kay had a wonderful rapport with both staff and students, and her great sense of humour, her caring and helpful attitude endeared her to all. She will be sorely missed, particularly by me as she was such a supportive and tireless worker.

We now welcome Mrs Ferrier as Mrs. Whalan's replacement and hope she will enjoy her work in the library as much as Mrs. Whalan did. I still have Mrs. McKinnon (3 days) and Mrs. Dippert (2 days) who provide such indefatigable and excellent support to me at all times and who have become expert in adapting to new technology such as Clickview.

Students have become very proficient at using the DET portal. Consequently, the library is a hub of activity before school, at recess and lunch time with students using the computers to submit their assignments online or to download lessons from the school's intranet. The library is also a popular place with teachers who bring their classes to do wide research accessing a variety of resources. The senior students have also been using the library in unprecedented numbers and availing themselves of the many supporting resources that I have purchased for the senior curriculum. Our Senior Stack is the most heavily used section of our collection.

Each year The Premier's Reading Challenge sees an increase in the numbers of participants. This year the students have been reading in a greater variety of genres than previous years. Lately, fantasy, historical fiction and Manga comics have been the most popular.

Our new video system, Clickview, is being more widely used by staff. It enables them to provide the most current and appropriate educational programmes available to enhance students' learning.

I am conducting a thorough review of the whole collection during stocktake at the end of the year. Next year students can look forward to many new and exciting resources.

Elizabeth Perry
Teacher Librarian



M. Reardon
Senior Officer



K. Ray



L. Black



K. Glasby



D. Fiscaro

Below: Photographs taken by Mr Phillip Morehouse during his steam train travelling.



TEACHING & LEARNING

Engaging students in writing

As part of the South West Sydney Region Team Leadership Project Challenge, our school has been involved in an action learning project: engaging boys in writing. Three Year 7 classes and two Year 9 classes each undertook a unit of work specifically targeting punctuation. Each class learnt about punctuation and report writing in the same way – just the content was different! Science, Geography, PDHPE, Commerce and Computing Studies classes were involved in a wide variety of lessons, for example, using Interactive Whiteboards, card games and even punctuation bingo. Students completed pre-tests, post-tests and surveys, which revealed significant literacy improvement and positive responses to the teaching strategies used. The action group, Mr Jonathon Sculthorpe, Mr Greg Sheath, Mr Mark Standen, Ms Louise Swanson and myself would like to thank our students for their excellent participation!

Budding Business People

Australian Business Week was held very successfully in December 2007. Now in its second year, the week-long, discovery learning program revealed a sense of initiative and enterprise amongst our Year 10 students. Running a simulated hotel business is no piece of

cake, the students realised – but it is a lot of fun. The week culminated in a Trade Display extravaganza, and a public viewing of the video advertisements the teams created. Very impressive! Congratulations to all participants, and in particular, congratulations to our Business Person of the Week, James Yoon. Thank you to the wonderful staff, who enabled the week to run – from Hospitality, Social Science, Maths, Computing and especially to Mr Tom Pinkey, our tireless Careers Adviser.

Curriculum Matters

Each year is involved in the Study Skills program which is integrated with the School to Work program for Years 9, 10 and 11. Students are guided through various skills, emphasising organisational skills, motivation and action planning. Many thanks in particular to our former Year 12s who came back to share their experiences with the Year 12s of 2008.

Keen readers were part of a new initiative this year – the Battle of the Brains competition with students from Birrong Girls High School. At the end of Terms 1 and 2, selected students in Years 7, 8 and 9 participated in a whole day workshop (poetry or visual literacy), which then culminated in fun quiz. Both schools hosted workshops concurrently. We were very

fortunate to engage the performance poet, Mr Tug Dumly, in Term 2 – a very energetic and humorous performer.

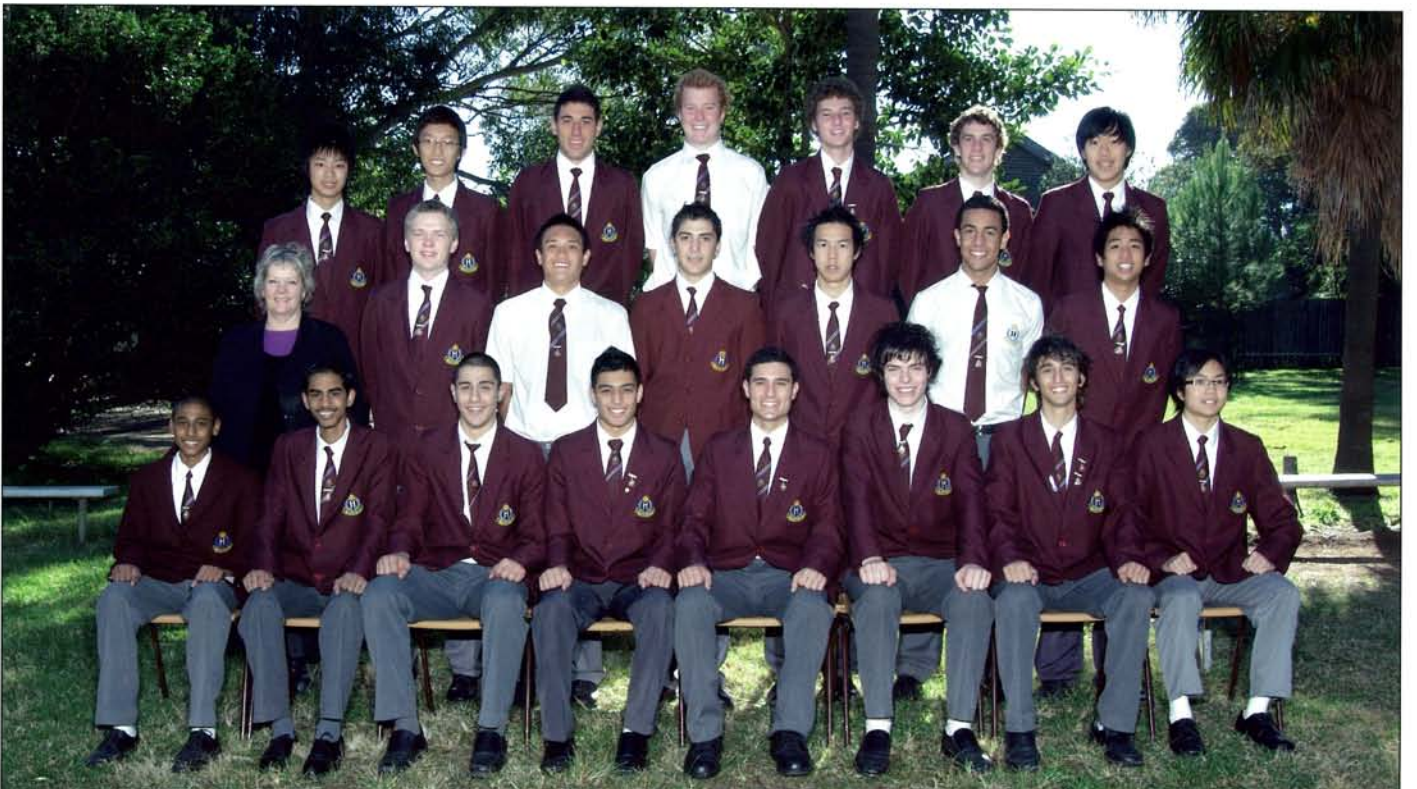
The Independent Learning Centre has had another busy year, staffed by Mr Stefan Madycki and Ms Sarah Menzies. The Athletics program, introduced midway through the year, has proven to be very popular with the lunchtime crowd. The individual reading comprehension program has also helped build confidence and skills for a number of our Year 7 and 8 students.

Ms Caitlin Dwyer Head Teacher

Ex students come to the Year 12 Study Skills Day.



THE PREFECTS 2008



T.A.S. (Technology and Applied Studies)



S. Prasad
Head of Department



J. Coskerie



N. Faust



M. Kaul



S. McFarlane



N. Madakasira



S. Tserpes

The implementation of Technology syllabus aligns strongly with the schooling philosophies, and in particular aims to provide students with transferable skills and knowledge for real life situations. Technology has its focus on design, providing an opportunity for the students to work collaboratively in groups, individually and in teams across the whole school community.

This year we provided challenges to accommodate individual differences in varied learning styles, recognising them for their talents through initiatives such as Gifted and Talented enrichment programs and having hospitality lessons across the boarder at Nara Sea World resort. Due to emerging technologies our area of study is dynamic; therefore we introduce new technologies to keep abreast with the changes.

The TAS faculty has been fortunate enough to have stable staffing throughout the year, which has seen excellent programs been developed and introduced in key areas such as teaching and learning, ICT skills and a broader range of curriculum being delivered in senior schooling. Success for boys' initiative has seen vast improvement in literacy implementation in stages 4 and 5 and we will endeavor to continue with this to broaden the scope.

The school certificate and higher school certificate results in 2007 have been extremely pleasing and it is worth mentioning that two of the candidates from Industrial Technology Timber and Furniture Industries received high recognition from the examiners, thus their major projects chosen for state display. Congratulations to the boys and Mr. Crossweller on their achievement. Five projects from the Technology mandatory subject in Stage 4 had been selected and sent for Ministers Young Designer Awards. It is pleasing to report that all the entrants received the finalist award and gladly received their certificates at the school assembly from the Office of the board of studies delegate.

Year 12 Hospitality students flew to Nara Sea World resort earlier in the year with Ms. Faust and Mr. Koff, spending a week refining their skills in the industry. They learnt the practicalities of the subject across the full spectrum of the industry and received a special certificate recognising their efforts. Year 10 Food technology and Year 11 Hospitality students will be doing Barista course later in the year to attain certification to work in Cafes while 60 students from years 10 and 11 successfully completed their RSA (responsible serving of alcohol) and RCG (responsible conduct of games) courses in term 3. Our hospitality students have been continually engaged in practical services such as catering for prefect induction, world teachers' day and year 12 formal luncheons to display their fine art of the industry. Our new challenge for 2009 will be implementation of new hospitality course and currently the teachers are preparing for the transition.

I express my appreciation to all the well wishers and corporate associations who gladly provided work placement opportunities to our hospitality students, and let me assure you that without their support and partnership this vital component of the course would not be accomplished. May I take the opportunity to congratulate the parents and caregivers for their support and understanding for allowing the students in taking extra lessons during early mornings, late in the evenings as well as holidays and weekends to accomplish the high standard in the completion of HSC major projects.

The team of professional teachers and ancillary staff associated with the faculty has been tremendous and their dedication and hard work has made teaching and learning a pleasant experience for the students and staff alike. I wish to extend my personal gratitude for the continued support rendered and looking forward to this relationship. Good luck and best wishes to all those who are appearing for external examinations and remember to give your personal best effort to realize your dreams.

Satendra Prasad
Head Teacher



BLUE RIBBON FOR WOODWORK

Daniel Armitage, a year 12 student received First Prize Blue Ribbon for his round table at the Royal Easter show in the Under 17 category.

As part of his Industrial Technology Timber project, Daniel constructed the table and entered it in the junior category of the show. He has been an excellent woodworker since his junior years at the school and was delighted to see the Blue ribbon placed on his project. He also received a certificate from the Royal Easter Show officially acknowledging his excellent achievement.

Daniel developed fine woodworking skills and talents by working in his home workshop and has excelled by taking the appropriate course at school. Credit also goes to Mr. Crossweller for his coaching and guidance in this area of curriculum.

The year 12 students worked hard on their major design projects and these can be seen on the opposite page.

It is pleasing to see in the age of technology that some of the older crafts are still alive and well, albeit with some of this technological assistance.

Congratulations to Daniel for a huge success in woodworking and achieving such recognition for himself and the school.



ROYAL EASTER SHOW

The Easter show visit was really good. I liked the food presentation and the making of sausages. This is the first time I saw a large mincing machine. I liked the fresh pies sold and it was really tasty. I also learnt about the different breeds of cows and the life they go through to produce milk and yoghurt. I liked the different animals kept for breeding and the hatching of chicks. The cows and other animal sections were really smelly. I tasted different sausages and some were really hot. The chilli sauce burned my tongue and I was uncomfortable for a really long time. The vegetable and fruit art work was really interesting. That was the only time I saw a really big pumpkin and large amounts of fruits and vegetables.

Kalaichelvan Jeyamanokar Year 9

The sausage show was quite good because there was some humour in it. I learned how to make sausages. The milking of the cows was very boring and didn't pay much of my attention but I ate a lot of food samples.

Kevin Rao Year 9

We had to walk a long way for the bus. Then we waited for 20 minutes for the bus. But once we got into the Easter show everything thing was fantastic. We went to the show and learnt a lot. We learnt how to make sausages, and the right procedure of making it. We also learnt about

FIRST CLASS TRIP

During the last week of Term One, sixteen Year 12 hospitality students, Ms. Faust and Mr. Koff went to Sea World Nara Resort on the Gold Coast for four days Hotel School. The boys learned and experienced the full aspects of hospitality from catering to room services.

The experience has been an overwhelming one and the breadth of knowledge and experience gained during this excursion has certainly given these young men a new dimension to hospitality industries.

At right: Our fabulous in-house caterers, The Hospitality Team stepped up to the plate again for the Prefects and SRC Induction ceremony. Parents and students were provided with these delicious treats by the cheerful and competent group.



YEAR 12 MAJOR WORKS - INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY



Dean Atchan



Mark Iwanczuk



Dean Atchan



James Shute



Will Parker



Matthew Plus

CAREERS ADVISER

SRC 2008 SRC Members for 2008

Year 7	James Yoon
Michael Au	Year 12
Trae Chamma	Li Yuan Chen
Year 8	Camryn Cooper
Joshua Chen	Eray Kedicglu
Hassan Koussan	Janis Lucis
Year 9	Pavithiran
Erkan Altun	Shanmuganathan
Sam Hayward	Jibraan El-Ahmad
Beau Russell	President
Year 10	Richard Amarasingham
Bassam Alam	Vice President
Luke Dassaklis	Jibraan El-Ahmad
Jackson Hua	Treasurer
Patrick Le	Omar Noori
Vignesai Thamarajah	Secretary
Michael Talarico	Li Yuan Chen
Year 11	Assistant Treasurer
Richard Amarasingham	Hassan Koussan
Omar Noori	Assistant Secretary
Aaron Russell	Bassam Alam
Christopher Yoon	Mohammed Holali

This year a wide range of activities have been undertaken by the Student Representative Council. Sam Hayward was elected as a part of the State SRC, and Sam and Richard Amarasingham were both part of the SRC Regional Council. The boys have taken part in a range of training activities about how to best support and represent the school community.

Term 1 was a very busy time. A Planning Day was held to organize the year's events and to get a head-start on some of the activities. Strathfield Council held an environmental awareness day which involved bike riding, tree planting, and learning about composting. Luke Dassaklis, Michael Talarico, and Patrick Le attended the day and brought back a range of environmental ideas. Also in Term 1 Bassam Allam attended the Muslim Youth Leadership challenge. On March 14th the SRC boys led a couple of Year 7 classes in picking up rubbish around the local area on Clean-up Australia Day. On the same day Mr Pearson had his head shaved into a very fashionable mohawk for the World's Greatest Shave. All money raised was donated to aid Cancer Research.

In Term 2 the SRC stepped up their fundraising efforts. Swarovski crystal earrings and pendants were sold as Mother's Day gifts. The SRC constructed and packaged the earrings on the Planning Day and sold the items during roll call and lunchtimes. A total of \$1800 worth of jewellery was sold. All proceeds of the sales went to the Multilit Reading Group. Following the fundraiser the SRC also began peer tutoring the Multilit group. Towards the end of the term a collection was also taken for the World Vision Burma Appeal, and a fundraiser was held for Stewart House.

The SRC's hard work continued in Term 3. Some of the students were involved in creating an environmentally themed video for the Enviro Inspiro competition. The video earned a Highly Commended – a great effort! A mufti day was held in Term 3 to raise fund for the Fred Hollows Foundation. Nearly a thousand dollars was raised to benefit this worthy cause.

All SRC students have worked very hard throughout the year. Congratulations on a great job.

Ms L. Swanson
SRC Co-ordinator



T. Pinkey
Careers Adviser

EXCELLENCE FUND

During the year Wests Ashfield donated \$1,000 to the schools Excellence Fund. The cheque was presented to school Principal Dr. Ian Paterson at a full school assembly by School captain Emre Mehmet.

This is the sixth year that Wests Ashfield has made a grant to the school to help our Gifted and Talented students participate in extra curricular activities. Over fifty students were assisted in 2007 to participate in a diverse range of activities from theatre, art, music, sport, debating and leadership camps. A full list of students and their activities can be seen on this website under communities.

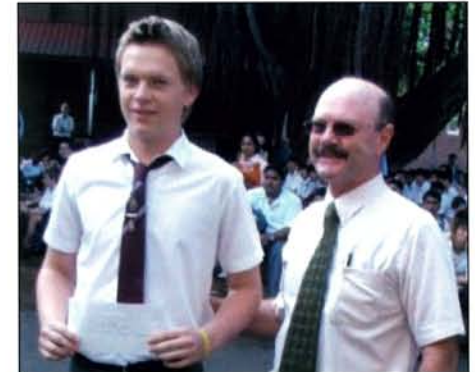
The first beneficiary for 2008 was David Paterson who was selected to represent the North Sydney Region at the New South Wales Combined High Schools Cricket Championships in Armidale. This the second year that David has been selected to represent the region. The championships also act as selection trials for the New South Wales Combined High Schools Cricket Teams. David performed exceptionally well and was justly rewarded with selection to the New South Wales Combined High Schools 1st XI.

School Vice-Captain Mehran Modasser and Year 12 student Timothy Chan were also rewarded for their performances in Volleyball by being selected to the North Sydney Regional team to contest the NSW Combined High Schools Championships to be held in Sydney later this term. They too were supported by the Excellence Fund.

All students who have been chosen in any Gifted and Talented program are eligible to obtain funding by applying to the Principal, Deputy Principal Mr Bill Hilliard or Excellence Fund Coordinator Mr Tom Pinkey.



Brodie is a champion golfer.



David was selected for the Combined High Schools First XI cricket team.

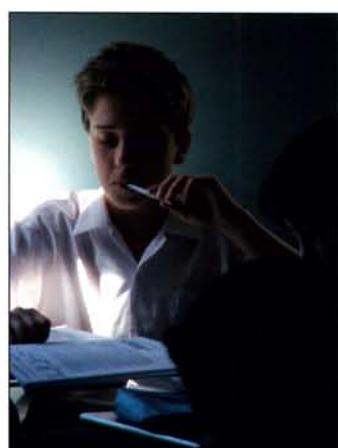


Emre presents the cheque.



Year 12 help organise and participate in the Tertiary Careers Expo.

YEAR 7



2008 has been a year of profound change for Year 7. Discovering new friends, learning how to make the journey from school to sport and managing to organise their school bag are just a handful of the experiences the boys have had in their first year of High School.

Every day at Homebush Boys is a chance to learn, grow and have fun. Tough as school might have seemed at times, in five years time they will be wishing they could go back and do it all over again.

Enjoy your time and make the most of it.

Mr Andrew Fairley
Year Adviser

YEAR 7 CAMP

Cooperation, teamwork, learning new skills and having fun were the goals of the Year Seven students, at their three day camp on the Shoalhaven River. One hundred and fifty-seven boys discovered much about their new classmates as they challenged themselves in the environment of the Australian bush lands. The boys were responsible for setting up their own camp site, which included pitching their tents, establishing a camp fire and preparing and cooking their meals. White water canoeing, mountain biking, archery, high-ropes, flying fox and bush walking were some of the new experiences. The night was time for camp fires, barbecues and the singing of Australian songs. Wallabies, goannas and wombats ventured from the bush to wander through the camp sites as they became more familiar with the young campers.







YEAR 8

It's amazing what one year group can achieve in a 12 month period. Everywhere you look, a year 8 student is following the Olympic Motto "Faster, Higher, Stronger", not just in sporting endeavours but in academics, music, extra curricula and also the wider community.

Some of the Academic achievements include a high percentage of students attaining an Academic Excellence Certificate (above 90% in at least one subject), great achievements by the debating teams with Philip Siomos and Daniel Fielding. The Premiers' Reading challenge was popular again this year with a competition against Beverly Hills Girls' High School. Students were also involved in the Westpac Mathematic Competition, Science and English Competitions.

A few highlights in the sporting arena.

Leo Liang – Opens Table Tennis State Champion

Brian Griffin-Colls – Athletics age Champion

Jack Codd-Miller – came in second

Hamish Campbell – Best and Fairest 14A Cricket

Eddie Kadayfici - Best and Fairest Indoor Soccer

Rio Kang - Best and Fairest 15's Table Tennis

Abdullatif Holali - Best and Fairest 15's Volleyball

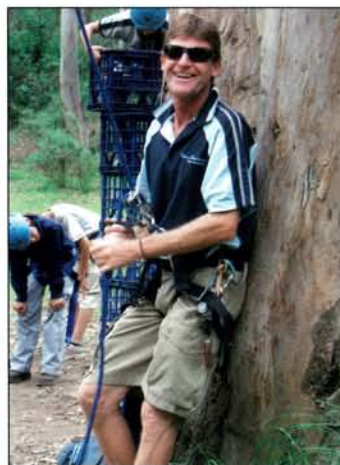
Year 8 students are also noted for their musical abilities, with representatives in the All Stars Stage Band – Frank Day and Luke Sheehan, the Drum Corp and Variety Night performances.

If all that wasn't enough, Year 8 have been excited by many excursions/incursions from Long Reef for Science to Warragamba and Penrith Lakes for Geography. A detour to Parramatta to see 'Soldier Boy' and Concerts by Terry Murray and Drum Beat. They were involved in an historic Medieval Day and Verbal Combat for PDHPE.

Extra curricular activities undertaken this year are public speaking and Tournament of the minds (Daniel Parkee and Thomas Goth-Towney). Our SRC representatives were Joshua Chen and Hassan Koussan and lead well throughout the year.

Congratulations on making it through a busy year, full of memories and achieved goals. I would also like to thank all the parent for their support and look forward to the upcoming challenges of year 9 and beyond.

Miss A. Chapman
Year 8 Adviser



At Left: More photos from the Year 7 camp.

YEAR 9

2008 has been an outstanding year for the success of Year 9. In aspects of schooling, the boys have excelled in sport, debating, social and academic pursuits. A mention of those students whom seem to work tirelessly in all facets of schooling is not possible as so many of them do and I would hate to make the mistake of forgetting to mention any one of you. You are the foundation on which Homebush projects itself and the role models for the future of this school. I'm sure you will be pleased with your achievements this year and happy with the individual comments of your teachers in your development into bright young men.

Most boys are meeting the requirements of the school certificate with only a few reminders having to be made of the importance of attendance and punctuality. It is vital for all parents to support their sons' teachers by supervising homework which can be quite trying during these difficult financial times. I understand that this is not always possible due to the ongoing need for two incomes in the home. This support should also extend to your sons by talking about progress and setting of goals as the school certificate approaches. These thoughts have been stirred up this year with the boys doing the school to work program in preparation for some important decisions being made in relation to their future and the realization that school will at some stage come to an end.

I have been happy to talk to numerous parents regarding their son's performance or at times their lack of performance during the course of the year. I would like to extend this courtesy to those parents next year as we approach the final chapter of junior high school, for some of us the final year of school as we move forward with apprenticeships and other avenues of employment. Equally, it is wonderful to see and talk to the boys in the playground, whom seem to have settled in quite nicely.

The Year 9 SRC have also contributed quite generously this year, by devoting much of their time to help organize various activities and fundraising efforts which I'm sure you will read about in the SRC report.

I am delighted with the confidence, co-operation and maturity of year 9. I look forward to an excellent effort from these young men in 2009.

Mr. S Martin
Year 9 Adviser



YEAR 11

2008 has been one of great change for year 11. The challenges of moving from the junior school to the senior school as well as the added pressure of the senior syllabus has been met and overcome by the vast majority. Starting year 11 began a completely new era for these boys; it formed the beginning of their futures and the effort they put in and their successes and failures will impact on their futures.

As the boys go forward into year 12, they will need to call on many of the skills they have been learning since year 7. Necessary elements of any success are time management, planning, structure, goal setting as well as a balance between work and play. The saying goes that "the best way to predict the future is to create it" and the best way to begin is to set a goal then plan your 1st step. From one small step and a structured study plan, success will surely follow.

Decisions have loomed large for our year 11's and two of the largest have been the agony over what is to be written on the back of the Year 12 jerseys and the other (of slightly more importance) has been the assimilation of our student leader group for 2009. From 54 original candidates we have elected 20 prefects and whilst some of the finest missed out, the 20 who have been elected is a capable and committed group. The Captain for 2009 is Thomas Stefoulis, our Vice Captain is Tyson Parcell and our Senior Prefect is Lachlan Jenson. Congratulations to all three – they will undoubtedly represent the year group with distinction.

It has been a pleasure to be associated with these young men over the last 5 years and I look forward to watching their progress through year 12. This year they have continued to impress over a wide variety of school activities doing themselves and Homebush Boys' High School proud and I am confident they will continue to do so throughout 2009.

Miss B. Gobel
Year Adviser



SRC business on Assembly.



Emilio McFarlane shows his winning ways.

VARIETY NIGHT

Like Recital Night, Variety Night has become an event showcasing a range of students artistic accomplishments – Music, Art and Drama. This year's Variety (MAD) Night was held on Thursday, 4 September. The All Star Stage Band opened the second half of the concert, performing Gonna Fly Now, Peter Gunn and Final Countdown.

Variety Night is timed to allow the Yr 12 Elective Music students a chance to perform their HSC repertoire only days before the real exam. The timing also suited the All Stars as their Opera House performance was coming up soon.

Ian Albertson
Bandmaster



All Stars

RYPEN



Several year 10 students at Homebush Boys High continued a long association with Rotary by attending the Rypen Camp. Oliver Buckley, Phillip Stapelton, Luke Dassaklis, Thomas Burton, Bilal Muzzaffar and Shiyam Saravanapavanathan attended the Youth Leadership development program held at Blue Gum Lodge in Springwood.

Representatives from many boys and girls schools attended the residential camp designed to hone the leadership skills of the participants. Many of the previous members of the Student Executive of the Prefects and SRC have benefited from their involvement in the Rotary Leadership program.

'Bushy Boy', Oliver Buckley commented "We walked in knowing five people and left with forty three friends".

HOMEBUSH OLD BOYS



Above: Back to School Day.



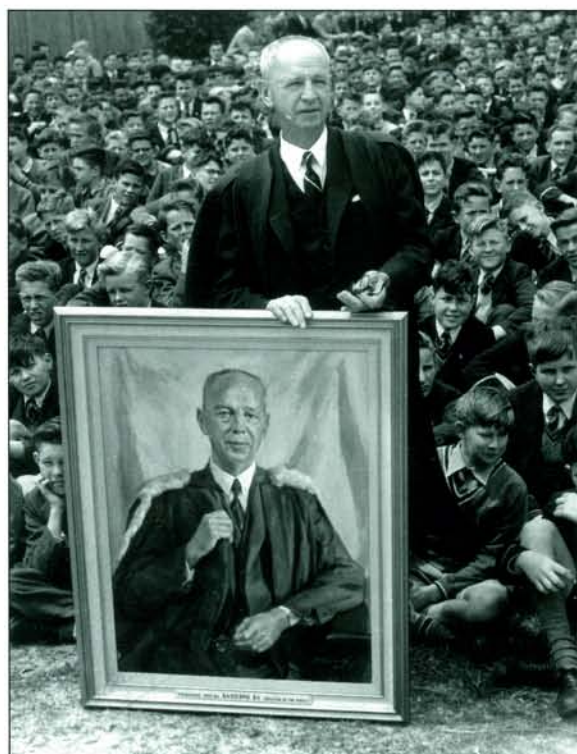
Old Boys returned to speak to the current Year 12 students.

Old Boys return to the school assembly.

Tim Winitana points out his name on a sporting honour board. Ali Morgan pointed out his name on another board.



2001 Old Boy, Tommy Hikala returned to visit the school during the year. He has pursued a professional Rugby career playing in France, Wales and Japan. He represented Tonga in the Rugby World Cup.



OLD BOYS NEWS

Philip Hughes (HSC 2006) toured India with the Australian A Cricket Team in 2007. He made his Sheffield Shield debut for NSW as an opening batsman in the same year. Mitchell Starc (HSC 2007) has signed to join the NSW Sheffield Shield Squad in 2008.

MEMORIES OF SCHOOL

I have now reached that part of my life that allows me the privilege of time for recollection and to have many memories to recollect.

Some of my fondest memories are of my years at Homebush Boys High School where I rather nervously arrived around 1950. One of the things that made me nervous was the fact that my father was a Maths teacher and the sports master at the school – I reckoned that he would have told the other teachers to show me no favours! (He must have been well thought of by the boys as his nickname was simply “George”).

I remember well the “Colonel” who was the gardener and general handy man who manned a huge incinerator known as “The Colonel’s Castle”. The school once bought the Colonel a huge bright green ride-on mower which was fine until one morning there was a very long queue at the headmaster’s office – some wag had placed an add in the local paper: “Brand new ride-on mower for sale. 10 pounds – apply at office at number 29 Bridge Road, Homebush at 9.00 am”. Plenty hit the fan that day!

Then there was the time there was a Pirate’s flag flying from the very top of the main building one Monday morning which caused a major full assembly and we were to stand in line until somebody owned up – no one did and the headmaster finally gave up. The problem remaining was how to get the flag down.

And then there was our English teacher, Reg Emanuel, who was brilliant at teaching and a deadly aim with a duster. His nickname was “Dynamite” and unfortunately (for him) he wore a hearing aid. Somebody discovered that by dragging their heels on the wooden floor static was created in his aid which had to be turned off giving poor Dynamite a distinct disadvantage!

I remember well a French teacher (rather bulky) whose name was Miss Perrin, or more often “Mum Rum”. One afternoon on leaving to go home she found her belloved Renault 750 up on the nature strip wedged tightly between two trees – she went home by train! There was major drama the next day.

My father once built a “tackling machine” for football training which consisted of a frame with a rope suspended across it with a punching bag on one end and a fair sized piece of concrete tied to the other. The idea was to tackle the bag and drag the weight along the ground. We talked the teacher who was training us (I think his name was Charlie Johnson) to show us how to use it. While he was removing his coat somebody untied the concrete weight and poor Charlie went almost to the back fence!

I have many, many more recollections of my years at Homebush High and of this I am sure – there wasn’t a better school, I was provided with an excellent education and countless wonderful memories.

Ross Brown
PhC JP



MY SCHOOL

I was a student at this school too, from 1969 - 74 which was not only in the last century, but as my teenage daughters remind me, it was the last Millennium!

This morning I’d like to speak about what Homebush Boys was like when I came here over 30 years ago, what I remember most about my school days and what I learnt during school that has helped me most in my life.

As I look around the school there are many similarities and a few differences. The buildings haven’t changed much, and the uniform is basically the same. The playground was full of boys playing handball, touch football and brandings – still popular now I see. And in the classrooms teachers still pass on their knowledge. The really good teachers do more than that – they have a passion for their subject, and inspire us with a desire & hunger to learn more.

Apart from the use of technology and the cultural makeup of the school population, not a lot has changed. When I came here I was a WOG and a minority – and the wogs were mostly European, as Australia was only just emerging from it’s White Australia Policy. Now I notice that the school has a much broader cultural mix, which is not only healthy, but also a reflection of our Australian society.

To get on well at school you had to play sport – football and cricket were the favourites. But to DO well at school – you had to be involved in extra curricular activities – cadets, debating, drama, orchestra. I would encourage you all to get involved. These are the things that have helped me develop useful skills which have been most helpful in my life.

I used to be involved in Drama, orchestra and the Air Force Cadets. These added a welcome respite to the normal school routine, and were great opportunities to mix with students from other schools – especially when we did a performances with the neighbouring Girls school & we got to know some of them.

So what did I learn at this school that has helped me the most in life? Our Principal was Kevin Myers and he often used to say that “Manners Maketh Man” I never fully appreciated this at the time, but I see now that three things I have found very useful relate to that dictum.

The word “please” is more than just a courtesy. It means we shouldn’t be afraid to ask for help... or to ask questions. “Thank you” is also important. In my business we thank every customer with a thank you card & a gift. I think this attitude of gratitude is one of the reasons my business has grown into a multi million dollar business so quickly. If you’ve done something wrong or offended someone – even if you didn’t mean to just say sorry (and mean it) Look at the effect Kevin Rudd made when he apologised to the aborigines. He made headline news around the world. Grown men and women wept in the street.

The final thing I wanted to mention was the importance of setting goals. If you don’t know where you are going you will never get there. The goals can be simple :

Finally to show you that I practise what I’ve talked about. I want to thank Mrs Shadwick for inviting me here to speak. I’m so sorry I took longer than five minutes. And my goal is to return to this fabulous school for a visit in a lot less than 30 years.

Roman Pazniewski
Old Boy 1969 -74

FIFTY YEARS AGO

I haven’t been back to school (at Homebush anyway) since 1958, so I took the opportunity to go to the Back to School Day at Homebush Boys High on Friday 30th May.

The day began at 8.30am with us meeting the Headmaster, or Principal as he is now called. His office has been moved, and there was no queue of kids getting their absentee notes signed as in our day. And shock, horror!! the Principal tells me that the kids don’t have to stand when he walks into the classroom. However adorning the entrance to the hallowed Hall were photographs of the former headmasters/principals, including a photo of R A Golding (his Joshua Smith painted portrait which we paid for was damaged or destroyed in the fire of the 1980’s). The Hall, incidentally, hasn’t changed and is still decorated by the numerous honour boards.

First off was the school assembly which was held not in the quadrangles, but on the main bitumen area under the fig tree (yes, its still there!! but the Colonel’s Castle has gone). The school population is now just over 1200 (about 800 in our day) and the cultural diversity of the students is obvious.

Next, we were taken on a tour of the school by some of the prefects and members of the SRC (Student’s Representative Council – we didn’t have that in 1958). Not surprisingly, there have been many changes since 1958.

- The fifth year lawn (now called seniors area) is still there, but with a few more trees.
- The tennis court is no more, and replaced by new (since 1958) buildings.
- At the western end of the fifth year lawn and extending down and across the western end of the bitumen area is a large building housing manual arts, music and science.
- Food technology is now also taught, albeit in portable buildings.
- I didn’t see the portables where we did manual arts, but the ones at the end of the gym are still there.
- The Canteen (Tuck Shop) is now located under the Hall (PE change rooms in our day) and the old Canteen site (under the southern wing) is now a storage area of some sort.
- The aluminium clad gym is still there but is now brick covered, and in fact we were shown the plans for a new second gym which is to built later this year.
- As you would expect, computers are a feature of many subjects.
- The library is now on the top floor of the southern wing. It was in the central part of the main building on our day, but was severely damaged by fire in the 1980’s.
- Some things haven’t changed - the school tie and uniform is basically the same, except that they have a different tie for senior years (I can’t recall if we had a different senior’s tie).

Morning tea (at recess) was next, with a magnificent food spread prepared and served by the food technology students. Then it was to the Hall for the Year 7 assembly, with musical items by the school orchestra - but the conductor didn’t look anything like Spike Lipscomb!!

In all, it was a very enjoyable and informative morning.

Gary Hughes
Old Boy

YEAR SEVEN



Abdul-Kareem Ahmed



Agca Samed



Ahmed Ansaf



Ahuja Karan



Al-Atyia Ibrahim



Allazze Carl-Khaled



Aral Eren



Au Michael



Ayish Mahmoud



Bardas Dean



Bardouh Zakaria



Bhatela Nayan



Boules Andrew



Boyd Mitchell



Burton James



Cai Raymond



Carter Nathan



Castro Rowan



Celindag Koray



Chamma Trae



Chen Andrew



Cheng Justin



Chiu Benjamin



Choi Howard



Choi Jaewung



Choi Kang Min



Cochrane Salman Aydin



Curry Christopher



Davidson Tim Ian



De Pasquale Christopher



Dhingra Arya Man



Dixit Sai Sumanth



Dowling Brian James



Dowsley William



Ebrahim Zaheer



Elanuragan Eshwar



Elayoubi Adam



Elbourne-Carey Jimmy



Eyvaz Celalcan



Faour Hassan



Faydaver Onur



Feng Galen



Feofloff Alexei



Filippy Alexander



Fletcher Thomas



Ford James



Giang Anthony



Goldsmith Aram



Guo Edwin Chwan-Yi



Guru Iamo



Hassan Samy



He Anthony Zi-Cheng



Herd Rhys James



Hill Ambrose



Hill Ayman



Holali Omar



Houhlias Sergei



Huang Ri Hao Simon



Huynh Chi Ching Keith



Ilolahia Aaron



Inak Mehmet



Indrakumar Bavithran



Jalandhra Gagan



Jameson Liam



Jesuthasan David



Kahukura Munro



Kang Hyun Ku Dylan



Kang Leo



Kennedy Dane



Kha Jun Xin



Khademi Hadi



Kim Daniel Jin-Young



Kim David



Kim Dennis



Kim Hyokyeom Harry



Kim Tae Yoon



Kumar Arjun



Labonne Jordan



Lal Varun



Lal Vipul



Le Gary



Lee Jong Hyeob Brian



Li Kevin



Liang Qi Wei Henry



Lindsay Declan



Lopes Robert



Lui Anthony



Luo Steven



Mackay Lachlan



Madycki Scott



Manokaran Keshavan



Maybury Christopher



McFarlane Jarryd



Miao Fang Da Jerry



Murray Cameron



Nadan Vindesh



Naidu Abishek

YEAR 7-8



Nam Geon Yi Tony



Narayana Vijay



Nas Sinan



Ng Kai Tommy



Ng Sai Keong



Nicholls Simon



Paheerathan Srilakshan



Pajakovski Jake



Pandoulis Leandros



Pane Leonardo



Papallo Michael



Parameswaran Baskaraj



Parcell Cameron



Park Hyesung



Park Jinwoo Jin



Parker Michael



Parthibhan Nirushian



Penfold Mathew



Ramadan-Jradi Ameen



Rapisardi Jayden



Rosser Sebastian



Sadiqi Abobaker



Samways Kieren



Saqar Mohammed



Sartawy Mohammad



Phan Anthony



Rahman Abdul



Shao Danny



Shen Hanfeng Mark



Shen Leonard



Siddiq Farbar



Singh Akhilanand



Singh Ekjot



Singh Harshardeep



Singh Taranjit



Sivakumaran Pavithran



Sivapalan Prahshanth



Sivendra Niruban



Sritharan Kieren



Stepho Martin



Stoodley Joshua



Subramaniam Ainharan



Subramaniam Kokuleen



Ta Geoffrey Gai Jen



Taha Mahdy



Talbot Linden



Talevski Adrian



Tam Victor



Tang Adrian



Tasker Perrin



Tasker Riley



Thampy Nidhin



Thirunanthakumar Athilhan



Thomas Dilukshan



Tin Albert



Tolhurst Scott



Tran Henry



Tran Stivy



Tran Tony



Voleti Aditya



Vuong Brandon



Wale Christopher



Weregola Alexander



Wong Ho Yin Burney



Wong Jin Sheng Julian



Worthington Scott



Wu Song Lin



Wu Yinan



Xu Michael



Yang Min Suk



Yao Daniel



Yau Matthew



Yeung Quentin



Yin Sheng Nan Kevin



Yu Matthew Tin Lok



Zhang Eric



Zhang Jing Ao Darren



Zheng Cheng



Zhu Anthony

YEAR EIGHT



Abdul-Rahman Mohammed



Alameddine Fadi



Ali Saif



Aikadmani Abdul



Allam Toufic



Alley Adam



Altman Max



Bacic Edin



Bardouh Ibrahim



Bardouh Omar



Barud Zakariya



Bhoor Harsi



Bhugubanda Keshav



Blaxland Hugh



Brown Joshua



Bui Alexander

YEAR 8



Bunch Scott



Burjan Michael



Campbell Hamish



Cao Jonathan Guang-Yu



Cenk Omer



Chakravarty Indranil



Chandra Aryan



Chao Lucas



Chavan Achintya



Chen Johnny



Chen Joshua



Cheng Gavin



Cheung Calvin Han Qi



Chhibber Soumil



Chisholm Lachlan



Cho Yong Woo Andrew



Choe James



Choi Jang Won



Chung Jeremy Sai Kit



Clinch Timothy



Codd-Miller Jack



Collis Daniel



Crangle Aldous John



Croguennec Joseph



Curran Riley



Dahbache Mohamad



Day Frank Fangwu



Dogra Ishwarya



Dowdall Sean



Edgington Matthew



Eisler Samuel



El Kheir Ali



El Madbouly Hussam



El-Helou Mouhammad



El-Khadem Nadim



Faizi Omid



Falvey Conor



Fielding Daniel



Finch Andrew



Foster Lachlan



Fradel Ricky



Furneaux-Bate Dominic



Gabrielli Luke



Griffin-Colls Brian



Hilali Abdul



Hill Jacob



Holali Abdullatif



Hosny Omar



Hu Kurstan



Huang Tong



Ibraham Raed



Iolalia Reece



Ingrati Andrew



Jacob Shinoy



Jeon Sung Yoon



Jiang Xiao Fan Frank



Johnpeter Niroson



Jones Lachlan



Kadayifci Erdogan



Kang Rio Joon Mo



Kar Pratik



Kaushik Jai



Kerem Enver



Khan Mamraiz



Kim James



Kim Jin



Kim Samuel



Kim Sung Jong Andy



Kim Young Jin



Kiritharan Vishal



Kolar Kenan Adil



Kopecky Cameron



Koussan Hassan



Kumar Krishneil



Kuruvilla Matthew



Lai Natta



Lam Alan Chin-Luan



Lam Brandon



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Le Victor



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Ou Jason



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Perkins Justin



Perrello Gregory



Perrotet Joshua



Pierzad Faraz



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Rahman Sheikh



Ramachandran Kogulan



Ranjithkumar Ramprakash



Ree Samuel



Ren James



Rosen Steven



Roude Najee



Sanchez-Kirkby Carlos



Sarakbi Youssef



Sareen Raghav



Selvanathan Manovarnan



Selverajoo Praksh



Sengupta Neel



Servatius Danton



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Sharma Keshav



Sheehan Luke



Shim Young Wan Jimmy



Shinde Gautam



Shon Bong Oh Justin



Singh Harsimrandeep



Siomos Phillip



Smith Matieen



Smith Oliver



Somanandana Karl



Spathis Ioannis



Sriranjani Shilendran



Sung Jason



Suresh-Kumar Sarankan



Sylvester Denis



Takbir Fahim



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Wu William



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Xin Simon



Xu Jiacong



Xue Ji Xing James



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Yi Sidney



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Chang Chun Yen Jeremy



Charania Shahzain



Chen Ao Hua



Chen Jing-Ren Jimmy



Chen Yi-Lung



Cheng Zhi Tao James



Chiang Christopher



Cho Paul



Chong Matthew



Chu Andy



Clarkson Damon



Clement Lachlan



Cocks Andrew



Daaboul Matthew



Daniels Andrew



Depta Andrew



Derbas Khalid



Deshpande Anirudh



Dogra Apurv



Dorin Shane



Durkaya Cetin



Edelbi Nabil



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Elankovan Ajethan



Eldejany Yousef



Falvey Dean



Fischbeck Mathew



Fong Chi Huen



Fuller Jordan



Gallagher Patrick



Gebara Omar



Giang Christopher



Guo Xing Chen Gordon



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Hayward Sam



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Ho Benjamin Wai-Yin



Ho Ka Lok Caleb



Hong Min Hyug Martin



Hourani Tureif



Hu Leon Li Heng



Hua Quoc Duy



Iacullo Christian



Ibrahim Omar



Ioakim Stathis



Irvine-Brown William



James Roy



Jenkins Brendan



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Kim Gi Soo



Kim Hee Do Antonio



Kim Ju Ho Justin



Koks Keenan



Koneru Krishna



Koungoulos Loukas



Kumar Peter



Kunasegaran Dinesh



Kwok Aaron



Lam Brandon Vi



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Lam Vernon Cao Thong



Lane Tosh



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Ramachandran Sanjeevan



Rao Kevin Kim



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Rere Paul



Li Kevin



Russell Beau



Rylatt Christopher



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Singh Amitanand



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Stone Kwon Myung Stephen



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Sun Haoran



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Tang Patrick



Tasker Claude



Taylor Nicholas



Thete Siddhartha



Todd Joel



Tolhurst Luke



Ton Colin



Topcu Sinan



Tran Jacky



Watkins Aloysius



Watson Liam



Wazir Hakim



Weng Yan Henry



Wong Andrew



Wong Jason



Wong Sam



Wong Winston



Wu Yi Zhong John



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Abdul Kareem Mohammad



Ahmed Shamarke

YEAR TEN



Alam Bassam



Alam Sakib



Alameddine Khaled



Alley Nicholas



An Jae Woo



Ansari Zain



Ashok Ashvin



Atchan Tariq



Attia Hany



Aumkaran Chentduren



Awan Umair



Balaraju Varunan



Barrett Jack



Bascaran Kabilan



Beattie Mitchell



Bernard Alexei



Bilgin Baris



Borrelli Erik



Buckley Oliver



Bunch Grant



Burian Hodge Jackson



Burton Thomas



Cao Ze Long



Carter Joshua



Cavanagh Jordan



Chahrouk Hanny



Chan Alexander



Chang Chun War Jason



Chau Frank



Chen Brett Shan Tong



Chen Hao Jacky



Chen Ivan



Chen Ye



Cheng Eric



Cho Yong Hwan Philip



Choi George Soung



Choi Min-Jun



Chowdhury Ehtasham



Chun Andrew



Chun Brandon



Chung Ming Huah



Combe Richard



Dassakis Luke



Davidson Mitchell



Demiroz Eren



Dhanekula Nitesh



Dib Youssef



Dixon Patrick



Dubos Michael



El Chahrouk Bilal



El-Helou Ghassan



Faizi Ahmad



Ferguson Daniel



Giang Dominic



Grasion Steven



Griffin-Coils Dennis



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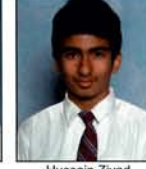
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Kulane Kabill



Kumar Shawneil



Kumar Simon



Kwon James Jae-Hyun



Kyaw Thi Ha



Lai Dongyue Tony



Lam Michael Ji-Sun



Lam Steven Sum Pui



Le Patrick Nam Tran



Lee Daniel



Lee Hong Goo Daniel



Lee Hyeon Koo Joseph



Lee Jong Yun Danny



Lee Soochan



Lee Wesley Kin Fei



Lee Yi Zhi Victor



Lee Yong Uk Alan



Li David



Liang Peter



Lin Kai



Lin Ming Feng



Lindsay James



Lu Chi Yu



Ma Zhi Yuan



Manajir-E-Shafi Quazi



Manicavasagar Dushan



Marar Satyajeet



Marsden Harry



McCowage Zachary



Melocco Douglas



Merzi Harley



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Mu Ronald



Muzzaffar Bilal



Nakkeeran Kaviparathy



Nambiar Divyesh



Natale Joshua



Ngo Vincent Binh



Nimaleswaran Kavishan



Nisar Awaiz



Novic Stefan



O'Connor Jonathan



Owen-Taylor Dylan



Pahirathan Ragavan



Pandya Dhananjay



Pang Richard Chun-Man



Parker Bradley



Pathirane Kevin



Piet Ashley



Piper Mathew



Platt Mackenzie



Poulos William



Pu Xiang Jerry



Rafael Robert



Rathore Shakti



Rosen Daniel



Rowe Fletcher



Rubbino Mark



Sahota Jovan



Said Farhad



Sajid Farhan



Sampathpillai Sampath



Samways Joel



Sapkota Prashant



Saravanapavanathan Shivayan



Seo Andrew Young-Won



Shearman Michael



Simpson James



Simpson Michael



Sinclair James



Sirikrishnabala Kishor



Siva Kumaradas



Sivalohan Shri



Song Ha Eun



Song Min Woo Steven



Speranza Roberto



Sritharan Sri



Stapleton Phillip



Stewart-Moore James



Stone Kook Bo Daniel



Suntheradas Sunthertheeran



Suryantoko Yusuf



Sulton Ryan



Talarico Michael



Tanaka Yoshiya



Tat Patrick



Tatarakis Christopher



Thanaraj Piriyanth



Tharmarajah Vicgnesai



Thiruchelvam Dinesh



Thirumurugan Vishnu



Thomas Damian



Tse Colin



Tu Simon



Vellimalal Harishkumar



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YEAR 10-11



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Wee Jared Xun-Yi



White Nicholas



Wu Jia Cheng Charlie



Wu Shun Hua



Xing Bo Xuan



Xu Steven



Yoon Sung Yong Benjamin



Zaman Fahim



Zhang Charles Yuchen



Aftab Abir



Agar Aydin

YEAR ELEVEN



Ali Mohammed



Amarasingham Richard



Aral Emre



Armitage Daniel



Arunthavanathan Kapilan



Ashraf Arkia



Atkins Oliver



Au-Yeung Jason



Avery Jack



Aykol Kasim



Baek Abraham



Balachandran Alfred



Barud Nasir



Bassi Abhijeet



Bhasale Yogesh



Bruce Tae Kwon



Buksh Wasim



Bull Simon



Bupalashinkam Ganan



Chan Chi Hang Chester



Chan Wilson Wai Yin



Chang Brandon



Chen Patrick



Chen Xiongfeng Max



Chen Yunlong Eddie



Chintamani Asriha



Choy Michael



Chu Kevin



Chu Samuel



Chung Kyu



Costa Aaron



Crombie Andrew



Curran Ellis



D'Aspromonte Ross



Dang Roger Chien-Kou



Delai-Vulaca Timothy



Dhungel Manjeet



Di Val Taylor



Duong Vitin



Ede Simon



Eihelou Selem



Ford Craig



Fun Jasper Jiabai



Gabor Steven



Gabrielli Daniele



Gallagher Thomas



Gao William



Giri Shushil



Govender Rashogan



Green Benjamin



Hamayun Sheharyar



Haq Ryan



Harris Edwin



Harris Joel



Harrison Ryan



Hay Matthew



Holali Mohammed



Hosny Aly



Hwang Simon



Imer Jake



Iraci Liberto



Irvine-Brown Lachlan



Iwanczuk Matthew



Jackson Peter



Javakhar Shiyamasundar



Jenson Lachlan



Jin Si Hwang Peter



Kang Daniel



Kang Jason



Ke Jia Xian Allen



Khan Faheem



Khare Andrew



Kim Jayse



Kim Jun Kyu



Kim Yoon Beom Richard



Kochar Bhart



Kolar Adem



Konstantinidis Adam



Kopečný Thomas

YEAR 11



Kulasingam Himashan



Kunchapudi Ananthkrishna



La Jawing



La Raymond



Lam Andy



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Latash Ali



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Lee Jae Seong



Lee Suk Jun Andrew



Legaspi Brenn



Lin Victor



Little Max



Liu Chunyang



Loo Martin



Lott Nicholas



Lu Haowei Alex



Lu Xu Hong Charles



Lui Timothy



Luu Vincent



Ma Shizhou



Ma Xiao



Maarabani Imran



Mackay Scott



Mahajan Aakash



Mahmood Rasheeq



Malone Iain



Manivannan Bakerathan



Mansfield Stuart



Mardaga Adrien



Martin Connor



Maxwell Andrew



McFarland Emilio



McKenzie Kiran



Mu Victor Yuhao



Muraoka Samuel Yoshito



Nagagopan Vijay



Nagaratharajah Darusan



Nghi Stanley



Nguyen Albert Huu Cuong



Nguyen Boris



Nguyen Matthew Minh



Noori Omar



Ozcan Mehmet



Paheerathan Anokshan



Parcell Tyson



Park In Woo



Park Ji-Ho



Park Shin Ho



Park Woo-Jin



Paudyal Sangkalpa



Pelchen Thomas



Polec Robert Allan



Prasad Pradmeh



Quach Jeffrey



Qureshi Raad



Rahman Haseeb



Rahman Rakibur



Rajaratnam Einstein



Rajendram Branaven



Rajkumar Rueben



Raveendran Mark



Raveendran Thajeerathan



Rawcliffe Alan John



Richmond Andrew



Rosser Augustus



Roude Hilal



Roy Sajeeb



Russell Aaron



Ryan Tully



Saliba Andrew



Selvanathan Arunvarman



Shams Muntasir



Sharma Sunny



Si Jinqi



Singh Avinash



Singh Itender



Singh Sachinpal



Sit Daniel



Sivakumar Vimal



Sivapatham Piresath



Smith Guy



Song Guang Ze Kevin



Song Min Ho Phillip



Soomro Arham



Sorrenti Andrew



Speed Daniel



Stefoulis Thomas



Suh Myung Kyo Francisco



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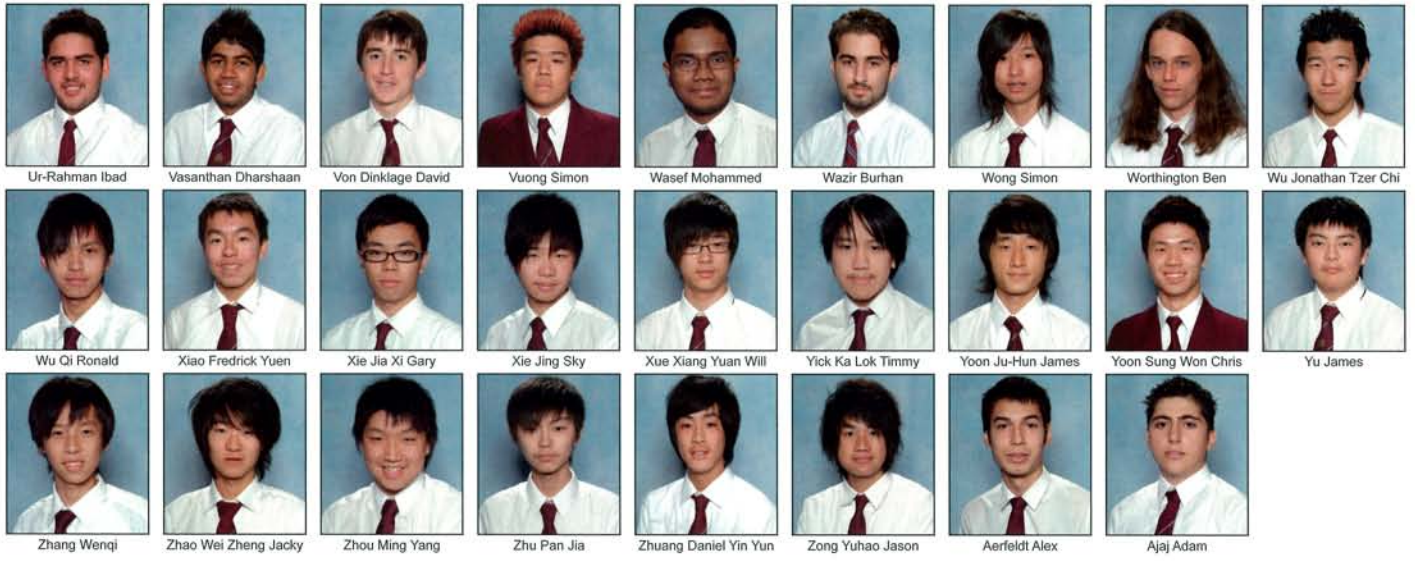


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YEAR 11



YEAR 12 LAST DAY LUNCHEON



YEAR 12 YEARBOOK

YEAR 12 ADVISER'S SPEECH AT YEAR 12 FAREWELL

Distinguished Guests, Teachers, Parents and Boys,

It's hard to believe that the group of fresh faced Year 7's who began back in 2003 are now the graduating class of 2008. In the time that they have been at H.B.H.S. they have seen a number of changes, not the least being the Year Advisers they have had, First was Mr Kozlowski, then Ms. Bowe, briefly Mr. Gold and finally myself for the last two years. If nothing else this has been a reflection of real life - situations change, people enter and leave our lives. This is what we call the ebb and flow of humanity, and from it we learn to adapt, to change and to grow.

As I look around the hall I'm absolutely amazed at the changes I have seen in so many of you over the last two years. When I think back to the Year 10 camp no, I'd better not go there! Let me say that the difference between the boys on that camp, and the men who brought credit to the school on the Queensland Hospitality excursion, was astounding. The progress I've seen in looking at so many of your reports over the last two years has been remarkable and shows the levels of maturity so many of you have reached.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all the parents who have assisted me in the last two years, and made my job as Year Adviser easier. Every year prior to Mother's Day one of our wise old deputies says "You've got to love your Mum boys!"

I'd like to echo that sentiment and say to you, boys: don't ever lose sight of the effort and sacrifice your parents have made in getting you through to this stage of your lives. Never underestimate the love and support they have given you, sticking by you when times got tough.

As you leave school, you all have hopes for the future. Goals, dreams, things you'd like to do, things you'd like to achieve. As a school, as people who have tried to guide and nurture you over the last six years, our hopes also go with you.

What are our hopes for you?

We hope that we have set you on the path to adulthood with a sense of honour and decency. That you know how to act, that you know when to do things and, sometimes more importantly, when not to do things.

We hope that we have given you a sense of justice and fairplay.

We hope we have helped teach you tolerance for others and for their differences. The ability to accept others no matter what their faith, creed, beliefs, background, personality or interests.

We hope that the desire to treat others fairly and with dignity is fundamental to your make up - that you will truly treat others as you would like to be treated.

We hope that you have the ability to look at your own faults and shortcomings, before you look at the faults and shortcomings of others - that you analyse before you criticise.

We hope that you have the capacity to see when something is wrong, and the courage to do something about it.

We hope you have the resolve to stand up for those who have been victimised or mistreated, as well as the ability to acknowledge when you have been guilty of mistreating others.

We hope that you have the quality of forgiveness, that if a mistake is made or you feel aggrieved, you have the capacity to resolve your problems maturely and move on as an adult.

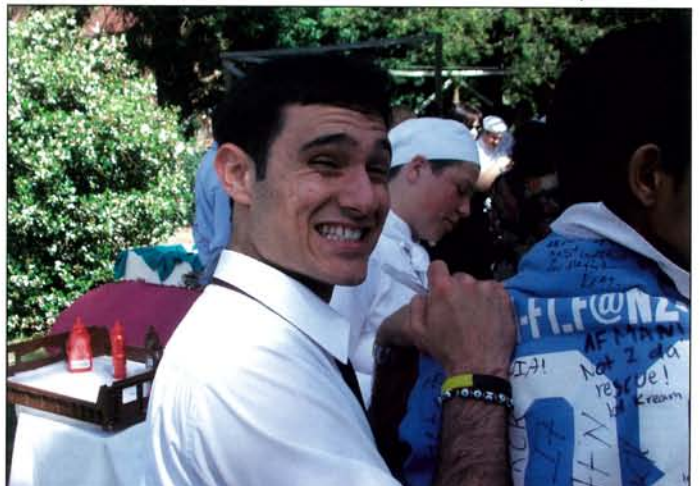
We hope you have the ability to be an individual who can stand tall, who is not led by others, by what is popular or easy. An individual who makes up his own mind based on what is right, correct and fair.

We hope that whatever level of success you achieve, you can enjoy life, be happy and be content in the knowledge that you have given of your best.

In short, gentlemen, we hope that you, the graduating class of 2008, leave H.B.H.S. as so many before you have done - as proud old boys who will take their place in society as real men: with an educated, informed maturity; tolerance towards all; and a willingness to contribute in a real way to the world around you.

Paul Koff

Below: School Captain, Emre Mehmet has fun on the last day of school.



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AHMAD, Zakaria	Junior Librarian, Student Technology Leader, Internet & Chess Club, Economics award for essay writing, Economics & Maths Competitions. 1st place Bangladesh Association of NZ Art Competition. House Cricket, Basketball. Fundraising
AHMED, Zafrui	HSC 2008
AKGUL, Abdullah	HSC 2008
ALI, Ahmad	HSC 2008
AMARASINGHAM, Derek	Recital & Variety Nights, Marching & Stage Bands. Maths Competition. Soccer, Cricket, Zone Athletics, Little Athletics, Level '0' Coaching AFL. Blood Donor. Fundraising
ANZAR, Jafran	Credit Maths, History & Geography, Information Technology Certificates I & II, Grade Cricket. Fundraising
ARUMUGAIYER, Bravanan	Carnival Assistance Management Certificate, High Distinction Science, Competition, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, 1st Grade Cricket, Davidson Shield, Regional Athletics, Zone Cross Country. Fundraising
ARUNTHAVANATHAN, Tharan	Carnival Assistance Management Certificate, Distinction Science Competition, Credit Maths Competition, 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising
ASIEDU-AFARI, George	House Captain, Grade Sport, Fundraising
ATCHAN, Dean	1st Grade Rugby, Volleyball, Futsal, CHS Netball, Waratah Shield, Zone Athletics. Fundraising
ATTIA, Kerim	HSC 2008. Fundraising
AU, Eric	Peer Mentoring, High Distinction National Numeracy-Literacy, Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition, CHS Volleyball, Soccer. Fundraising
AUNG, Hain	Credit Maths & Science Competitions, Athletics Carnival. Fundraising
AYRE, Peter	Distinction Maths Competition, 1st Grade Hockey & Tennis. Fundraising
AZAMY, Omar	Peer Tutoring. Fundraising
BALARAJU, Kumaran	Distinction Maths & Commerce Competition
BANERJI, Ian	Principal's Medal, Gold Award, Distinction Australian Financial Literacy Assessment, Grade Cricket, Sportsman of the Week and Man of the Match for Cricket. Fundraising
BARDOUH, Bakr	Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths Competition, Assistant at Swimming Carnival & Cross Country. Fundraising
BASSI, Sikander	Science Competition, Grade Cricket. Fundraising
BHANDARI, Naman	Assistant at Carnivals, Organiser at Careers Expo. 1st Business Studies, TAFE Accounting Course, Distinction Financial Literacy Competition, Credit Maths Competition. Fundraising
BRIMFIELD, Andrew	School Band, NSW State School Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Recital Night
BURJAN, Alex	Prefect, Public Speaking, Concert in Burwood Park, Burwood Girls Fashion Parade. Distinction History Competition, Academic Excellence Awards. Grade Basketball & Soccer, Athletics, Swimming & Netball. Fundraising
BUVANENTHARAN, Vasanth	Tamil Debate, Variety Night, Music Performance. Chemistry Band 6, Credit Chemistry, Science & History Competitions, Merit in Music, 2nd in Australia Tamil Writing Competition. Grade Cricket, Athletics. Fundraising
CAN, Gokhan	1st in Maths. Grade Rugby & Volleyball. Fundraising
CHALABI, Mahmoud	HSC 2008
CHAN, Elijah	Prefect. Grade Rugby, Zone Cross Country, Athletics, Oztag Captain. Fundraising
CHAN, Ian	Peer Tutoring Titration Competition. Credit Maths, Science & Financial Literacy Assessment Competitions, Barista Training Certificate. Fundraising
CHAN, Timothy	Cross Country, Swimming & Athletic Carnivals Assistant, Regional & Grade Volleyball. Fundraising
CHAND, Deepak	HSC 2008
CHE, Samuel	Distinction Science, Maths, Writing & English Competitions, Merit List Maths, Science, Graphics Technology & English, Academic Excellence Science. Swimming & Cross Country Carnivals Assistant. Grade Basketball, Table Tennis. Fundraising
CHEN, Li Yuan	SRC, Captain Chess Team, Debating, NSW Titration Competition, Australian Business Week, Degree in a Day USYD, High Distinction Writing & Chemistry Competitions, Distinction English & Computing Competitions, Credit Science Competition. Chess. Fundraising
CHENG, Wen	ABW, IT TAFE Cert I & II, Credit Maths & History Competitions, Computer Competition. City of Sydney Spring Cycle. Fundraising
CHIBBER, Rushil	HSC 2008
CHIANG, Michael	HSC 2008
CHOI, Chris	HSC 2008
CHOI, Hee-Jo	Work placement in Restaurants. Credit Maths. Fundraising
CHONG, Uk Ewan	HSC 2008
CHOW, Patrick	ABW, Recital Night. Distinction History & Geography Competitions, Credit Maths Competition. Weightlifting. Fundraising
CHUNG, Donald	Prefect, Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Level, Global Leadership Conference & Haldgen Young Leaders Conference, Volunteer Careers Expo. 1st Visual Arts, High Distinction History Competition, Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Science Competition, Principal's Medal. Fundraising
CHUNG, Simon	Distinction Science, Maths, Financial Literacy Assessment, History and Economics Competitions. Fundraising
COLOMBO, Grant	HSC 2008
COOPER, Camryn	SRC. Credit Science Competition. 1st Grade Rugby, Oztag. Fundraising
DATAAR, Prabhanjan	HSC 2008
DAVID, Brandon	School Music Performances, Band, SOS (Christian Group) Leader. Distinction History Competition & Financial Literacy Assessment, Academic Excellence History & Geography. Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming & Tennis. Fundraising
DENG, Jie An Jason	Grade Basketball. Fundraising
DIXIT, Sid	Peer Mentoring. Distinction Geography & Science Competitions, Credit Maths Competition. 2nd Grade Rugby & 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising
EDGINGTON, Michael	HSC 2008
EL-AHMAD, Jibraan	SRC HSC 2008
EL-HELOU, Radwan	HSC 2008
ELANKOVAN, Hareeshan	HSC 2008
ELAYOUBI, Emir	Recital & Variety Nights, Peer Tutor, Official at Swimming Carnivals. Credit History Competition, ABW. Fundraising
ELDEJANY, Bader	First Aid Certificate. 1st Grade Rugby Manager, 4th Grade Soccer. Fundraising
ESSAGHIR, Noah	First Aid Certificate, Variety & Recital Nights. Distinction Geography Competition. World Junior Representative Short Track Speed Skating, 1st Grade Volleyball. Fundraising
FAZLI, Afran	Prefect, Canteen Duty, Runner up John Symond All Boys Public Speaking Competition, Peer Tutor, Halogen National Young Leaders Conference, Anzac Day March, Strathfield Citizenship Certificate Award Ceremony. Distinction Writing & History Competitions, Credit Maths, English & Geography Competitions. Captain Grade Cricket. Fundraising
FILIPPOY, James	HSC 2008
FURNEAUX-BATE, Elison	Prefect, Drum Corp, Winner of John Symond's Public Speaking Competition, SMH Public Speaking Competition, Debating, Tournament of the Minds, Dux of Year 10, Principal's Medallion. Knockout Hockey, Zone Cross Country, 1st Grade Hockey Premiers. Fundraising
GADDIPATI, Sai	Peer Support, Fundraising
GIANNONE, Joseph	Peer Tutoring, ABW Competition, Credit History Competition, Principal's Medal. Fundraising
GILHOTRA, Rajit	Peer Tutoring, Careers Expo Volunteer, Swimming & Athletics Carnival Organiser. Merit in Chemistry & Biology. Captain Grade Cricket. Fundraising
GRAY, Charlie	ABW, Careers Expo, University Lectures. Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Maths Competition. Represent NSW Junior Weightlifting. Fundraising.
GREEN, Benjamin D	Literacy Tutoring, Certificate of Merit. 1st Grade Rugby & Water Polo, Regional Swimming, Athletics & Cross Country, Vaughan House Champion Swimmer. Fundraising.
HA, James	Royal Life Saving First Aid Certificate, Recital & Variety Nights, Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School. Certificate III Hospitality (Operations). 2nd Grade Rugby
HASHAM, Rabeeh	1st Grade Baseball, 2nd Grade Soccer. Fundraising
HO, Joshua Wai Yui	Guitar Tutor, Stage Band, Officiator at Athletics & Swimming Carnivals, Duke of Edinburgh Award. Distinction Economics & Maths Competitions. Volleyball premiership, Fundraising
HOLBROOK, Stuart	HSC 2008
HUA, Michael	Prefect, Future Leaders Forum, Young Leaders Conference, History Debating Team. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit History Competition. 1st Grade Volleyball, 3rd Grade Soccer. Fundraising
HUANG, Jian Ken	Assistant at Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals. Credit Maths Competition. Grade Basketball. Fundraising
HUR, Benjamin	School Band, Credit Geography, Maths & History Competitions, Credit Maths Challenge. Runner Up Taekwondo NSW Competition, Silver Medalist Taekwondo National Competition. Fundraising
IBRAHIM, Nahin	HSC 2008
INGRATI, Daniel	1st Grade Rugby & Cricket, Zone Athletics & Cross Country, NSW Futsal Champions. Fundraising
IVASSI, Nicholas	Prefect, Hayes House Captain. Credit Maths & Science Competitions. 1st Grade Soccer Captain, 1st Grade Cricket, CHS Swimming & Triathlon, Athletics & Cross Country. Fundraising
IWANCZUK, Mark	HSC 2008
JANAKIRAMAN, Srin	HSC 2008
JARO, Jayron	Distinction History & Commerce. Fundraising
JAYAPANDIAN Aadhavann	Maths Competition. Grade Cricket Best Opening Batsman. Fundraising
KANG, Julius	Distinction Maths Competition. Fundraising
KARUNANITHY, Dinesh	HSC 2008
KEDICIOGLU, Eray	HSC 2008
KEDICIOGLU, Kerim	Peer Tutoring Certificate. Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths Competition. Grade Basketball & Soccer. Fundraising
KEREM, Ibrahim	Prefect, SRC, History Debating, Peer Mediator & Mentoring, Treasurer, Duke of Edinburgh, Leadership Conferences. Academic Excellence Awards, Alpha Omega Scholarship, Australian Defence Force Scholarship, Letter of Commendation, Principal's Medallion. Captain Futsal State Champions, 1st Grade Football, Best & Fair est Sydney North CHS Football, Netball Team, Cross Country. Fundraising
KHALILI, Hadi	HSC 2008
KHAN, Adeel	HSC 2008
KHATER, Ahmed	Credit Science Competition. NSW Greco-Roman Wrestling Champion, 2nd Grade Rugby. Fundraising
KIM, Paul	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Business Studies Competition. 1st Grade Volleyball, Grade Basketball & Indoor Soccer, Zone Athletics. Fundraising
KIM, Seon Tae Luke	HSC 2008, Fundraising
KOUNGOULOS, Vasilii	TAFE Certificate II Information Technology. Credit History Competition & Australian Financial Literacy Assessment. Baseball. Fundraising
KRITHARAS, Jamie	Distinction Geography Competition, Credit Business Competition. 1st Grade Rugby. Fundraising
KULANE, Kajendrew	HSC 2008
KULASINGAM, Kabi	Variety Night. TAFE Certificate I Information Technology, Distinction Maths Competition & Maths Challenge. 2nd Grade Cricket, 3rd Grade Soccer, Hockey. Fundraising
KULENDRANATHAN, Nishanthan	ABW Award for Most Committed, First Aid Certificate. 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising
LAM, David	Peer Tutoring. Academic Excellence. High Distinction History Competition, Distinction Financial Literacy Assessment & Maths Competition, Credit Maths Challenge. 1st Grade Tennis, Captain 2nd Grade Tennis Premiers. Fundraising
LAM, Galen	HSC 2008
LATIFI, Bismellah	Public Speaking, Chess, Variety Night. Credit Maths & Business Competitions. 3rd Grade Soccer, 2nd Grade Volleyball, Zone Athletics & Cross Country. Fundraising
LEE, Dennis	HSC 2008
LEE, Hyung	House Vice Captain, Leadership Conference. Credit Maths, Science & History Competitions. Fundraising
LEE, Tony	Academic Excellence in Physics, Chemistry & Maths. Distinction Maths & Science Competitions. Fundraising
LEE, Kayne	HSC 2008
LEONG, Keith	Chess. Credit Maths & English Competitions. Sportsman of the Week. Fundraising
LIN, Eason	2nd Grade Basketball
LING, Edward	HSC 2008
LIU, Roger	Chess. Distinction Maths Competition, Excellence in Engineering Studies. Fundraising
LLOYD, Kenny	Peer Tutoring Certificate, ABW Winning Group. Credit English Competition. Maths Competition. 1st XI Cricket. Fundraising
LOTT, Josh	School Band, ABW, Recital Night. High Distinction History Competition, Credit Geography Competition, Academic Excellence Graphics Technology. Senior Baseball Premiers, 3rd Grade Soccer. Fundraising
LU, Colin Xiao	Variety & Recital Nights, Assistant at Zone Swimming & Athletics Carnivals. 1st in Music
LUCIS, Janis	SRC. Credit Business Studies Competition. French Competition. Merit Award in Advanced English. 3rd Grade Soccer. Fundraising
LUCIS, Matthew	Peer Tutoring, Duke of Edinburgh, Tournament of the Minds, Digital Media Tutor at Campbelltown Art Gallery. Distinction Writing Competition, Credit Maths, Computer & Science Competitions. Black-belt Taekwondo. Fundraising
MA, Jing	Captain Chess Team, Excellence in NSW Schools Titration Competition. 1st English, High Distinction Chemistry & Maths Competitions, Distinction Science, History

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	and Australian Financial Assessment Competitions. High Distinction Maths Challenge & Maths Olympiad. Fundraising
MACALLISTER, Stuart	HSC 2008
MASSEY, Nathan	NSW RL Under 18 Team, 1st Grade Rugby, Senior Oz-Tag, NSWCHS Rugby League Trials, North West Athletics. Fundraising
MCCARTNEY, Samuel	Vaughan House Captain, NW Met Zone Rugby, Senior Oz-Tag Premiers, Cricket, Rugby & Netball. Fundraising
MEHMET, Emre	School Captain, SRC President, Debating Team, Regional Public Speaker, Drum Corp, National & Regional MUNA, Variety Night, Presented workshop at NSW Secondary Principal's Conference, Representative NSW Commission for Children & Young People, Academic Excellence in Biology & PDHPE, Distinction Economics & History Competitions. Vaughn House Captain, Soccer Best & Fairest, Regional Swimming & Cross Country, NSW State CHS Athletics, 1st Grade Soccer & Volleyball. Knockout Hockey. Fundraising
MELHEM, Rene	HSC 2008
MERCER, Tim	HSC 2008
MIDORIKAWA, Sung Joo	HSC 2008
MODASSER, Mehran	Vice Captain, SRC, Debating, Drum Corp, Australian Business Man of the Week, Peer Mentoring, Academic Excellence, Distinction Maths, Economics, History & Science Competitions. Captain 1st Grade Volleyball Best & Fairest, 1st Grade Soccer, Zone Athletics & Cross Country, Pierre de Goubertin Award, Sydney North Volleyball Coaches Medallion. Fundraising
MOODLEY, Kailin	ABW, Vice Captain 1st Grade Cricket, 2nd Grade Rugby. Fundraising
MUHANA, Maan	HSC 2008
MUN, Hyung Kyu Hayde	HSC 2008
NAGARATNARAJAH, Prakash	Tamil Debate & Speaking Competition. Distinction Tamil Literacy Competition. Distinction History Competition. Credit Computer Competition. Grade Tennis. Fundraising
NAKKEERAN, Kavi	Credit Maths, History & English Competitions. HSC Tamil Language Accelerated. Grade Cricket. Fundraising
NG, Thomas	Prefect, After School Reading Program, Peer Tutoring, St John First Aid Certificate. Credit History Competition. Fundraising
NGO, Cameron	Royal Life Saving First Aid Certificate, Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School, Hospitality for School Functions, Official at Athletics & Swimming Carnivals. CEO ABW Competition. Credit Maths Competition. Senior Baseball Premiers, 1st Grade Tennis, 2nd Grade Rugby, Basketball & Balmain Leagues Referee. Fundraising
Hi, Hao	NSW Titration Competition, ABW, Peer Tutor. AMEB Distinction Music Theory, Distinction Science, Maths, History, Geography & Financial Literacy Competitions, Credit Computing, Chemistry & Maths Challenge Competitions. Fundraising
NUGENT, Adrian	Public Speaking. High Distinction History Competition, Merit List for Ancient History & English. 1st Grade Basketball Most Valued Player. Fundraising
OZCAN, Suat	Literacy Tutoring, ABW Best Video, Recital & Variety Nights. Credit Business & Economics Competitions. Basketball & Soccer. Fundraising
OZKAN, Musa	HSC 2008
PAHEERATHAN, Rukshan	Prefect, House Captain, Squad Leader, Vice-President of School Interact Club, Member of Science & Environmental Societies. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Distinction Maths Competition, Edexcel Award for Excellence. 3rd Grade Cricket, Zone Swimming & Athletics Carnivals. Volunteer Work at Anglican Retirement Village. Fundraising
PAI, Ronald	Prefect, Peer Tutor. NCSS Programming Challenge, Distinction Maths, Science & Chemistry Competitions. Tennis & Soccer. Fundraising
PARKER, Christopher	ABW, Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. Course, Barista Training, Duke of Edinburgh, Hospitality for School Functions. Distinction History, Geography & Maths Competitions, Credit Science Competition. Zone Swimming, 2nd Grade Tennis. Fundraising
PARKER, William	Maths & Geography Competitions. Cross Country, Swimming, 3rd CHS Sailing, 1st Grade Water Polo Premiers, Rugby & Sydney 32 National Champ, Junior Rugby Referee. Fundraising
PATERSON, David	1st Grade Cricket Captain, NSW CHS 1st Cricket. Fundraising
PATRULESCU, Alex	Distinction History Competition, Credit Geography & Maths Competitions, Principal's Medallion. 2nd Grade Water Polo, CHS Swimming, Pacific School Games Swimming, School Swim Team Captain. Fundraising
PAUL, Wilfred	Variety Night, RSA, Senior First Aid Certificate. Credit Maths & Writing Competitions, Merit Award for English. 1st Grade Cricket Davidson Shield Squad, 3rd Grade Soccer. Fundraising
PENE, Lawrence	HSC 2008
PLUIJS, Matthew	Prefect, History Debating Team, RYPEN Camp. 1st Grade Oz-Tag, Captain 1st Grade & Zone Rugby, 1st Grade Volleyball. Fundraising
POPOVIC, Damien	HSC 2008
POTTS, Jordan	Credit History Competition. Grade Soccer, Cross Country. Assistant at Athletics Carnival. Fundraising
PURUSOTHAMAN, Praveesh	Peer Tutor, Variety Night. Distinction Business Studies Competition, Credit Maths & Science Competitions. Vice Captain 3rd Grade Cricket, Grade Soccer, Table Tennis. Fundraising
RAHMAN, Hashibur	3rd Grade Soccer, 2nd Grade Cricket. Fundraising
RAIS, Edward	Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School, Peer Mentoring. Distinction History Competition. 3rd Grade Rugby. Fundraising
RAJAJI, Hari	Prefect, SRC, Public Speaking, Debating, Drum Corp. Distinction Science Competition. Cricket & Hockey. Fundraising
RAWAL, Raj	HSC 2008
ROBSON, Matthew	HSC 2008
RUDY, Elliott	Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School, Royal Life Saving First Aid Certificate, TAFE Food & Beverage Course. Fundraising
SAKIB, Sakib	HSC 2008
SARAVANAMUTHU, Sheshan	HSC 2008
SARKER, Partha	Literacy Tutoring. TAFE Certificate I Information Technology, Distinction Maths Competition, Graduate Certificate Kumon English. 3rd Grade Cricket, Volleyball, Zone Cross Country. Fundraising
SEE, Wenshu Jie Wayne	Prefect. Numeracy & Literacy Week Certificate, Distinction Maths & Geography Competitions, Credit Computing Competition. 1st Grade Soccer & Volleyball, National Conference & Gaming. Fundraising
SHANJARI, Abdul	HSC 2008
SHANMUGALINGAM, Abi	Assistant at Athletics & Swimming Carnivals. Distinction Australian Financial Literacy Assessment, Credit History & Maths Competitions, Merit List Advanced English, Business & Economics Competitions. 1st Grade Cricket, Best & Fairest. Fundraising
SHANMUGANATHAN, Pavi	SRC, Public Speaking. Distinction History Competition. Cricket, Basketball & Tennis. Fundraising
SHANMUGASUNDARAM, Ramesh	1st Grade Cricket Davidson Shield. Fundraising
SHANTHIKUMAR, William	TAFE Peer Literacy Tutoring Program, ABW. High Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths & Science Competitions. Grade Cricket, 2nd Grade Tennis. Fundraising
SHEATH, Matthew	TAFE Certificate II Information Technology, First Aid Certificate, Duke of Edinburgh. Academic Excellence Computing. Credit Geography Competition. Distinction Science Competition. Senior Baseball, 1st Grade Soccer, Zone Cross Country, CHS Sydney North Squash. Fundraising
SHEHADIE, James	Hospitality for School Functions. 1st Grade Rugby, Regional Athletics. Fundraising
SHIN, Gee Hoon Chris	Distinction Maths Competition, Academic Excellence Maths. Taekwondo Black Belt. Fundraising
SHRESTHA, Prajesh	ABW, TAFE Food & Beverage Course, Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School, Hospitality for School Functions. High Distinction History Competition, Credit Geography Competition. Fundraising
SHU, Cheng	HSC 2008
SHUTE, James	Academic Excellence Woodwork. 1st Grade Rugby, Oz-Tag Champions, State Athletics, National Touch Tournament Winner
SIDDIQUI, Sherjeel	HSC 2008
SINHA, Monty	Distinction Commerce Competition, Credit Computer Competition
SINRARASA, Mahendriraraja	HSC 2008
SIOMOS, Nicholas	Prefect. Ian French Memorial Award for Excellence in Modern & Ancient History, 1st Hospitality Operations. Captain Senior Baseball, Best & Fairest Baseball, 3rd Grade Rugby & Soccer. Fundraising
SKOUROU, John	ABW, Sydney University Lectures for Ancient History. Credit Geography Competition. Senior Baseball, Australian Clay Target Shooting. Fundraising
SOZEN, Kaan	Prefect, SRC, Debating, MUNA, John Symonds Public Speaking, Young Leaders Conference, RYPEN Conference. Credit Maths & Science Competitions, Principal Medallions. Captain 2nd Grade Rugby, Regional Athletics, District Swimming, 1st Grade Water Polo. Fundraising
SPERANZA, Giorgio	Academic Excellence PDHPE, Senior First Aid Certificate. Vice Captain Senior Indoor Futsal Best & Fairest, Zone Athletics, 1st Grade Soccer Best & Fairest, Opens AFL Knockout Team. Fundraising
SRIHARAN, Suthan	First Aid Certificate, Volunteer Swimming & Athletics Carnivals. Credit Science & Maths Competitions. 2nd Grade Cricket & Rugby. Fundraising
SUBRAMANIAM, Nealan	Volunteer Swimming & Athletics Carnivals. Credit History & Maths Competitions. Fundraising
SUN, James	Prefect, School Band, Public Speaking, Variety & Recital Nights. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Distinction Maths & Science Competition, Geography Competition. 2nd Grade Volleyball, Basketball. Fundraising
TAMPION, James	1st Grade Soccer. Fundraising
TAN, Gordon	Chess Team, NSW Titration Competition. Distinction Maths, Science, History & Financial Literacy Competitions. Chess Tournament. Fundraising
TASKIN, Iker	Variety Night. Credit Business Studies Competition. Fundraising
THEVARAJAH, Joel	HSC 2008
THIAGARAJAN, Mayur	School Band. Distinction History Competition, Credit Maths & Geography Competitions, TAFE Certificate I Information Technology. 1st Grade Tennis. Fundraising
TONKIN, Scott	Peer Mentoring, Debating, ABW. Credit History & Maths Competitions, Credit Maths Challenge. Vice Captain Senior Indoor Soccer Best & Fairest, Zone Athletics & Cross Country, 1st Grade Soccer, Netball Team, AFL Knockout Team. Fundraising
TRAN, Alan	NSW Titration Competition, TAFE Certificate II Information Technology, ABW. Distinction History, Maths & Financial Literacy Assessment Competitions, Credit Science Competition. Fundraising
TRAN, Eric	ABW. Distinction History Competition, Credit Business & Maths Competitions. Table Tennis. Fundraising
TRINH, Duncan	NSW Titration Competition, ABW, Metro East Inter School Chess Competition, Chess Captain. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science & Financial & Literacy Assessment Competitions, Principal's Medal. 2nd Grade Tennis & Table Tennis Captain. Fundraising
TRUONG, Eric	Distinction Maths & Commerce Competitions, Credit Science Competition. 2nd Grade Tennis & Table Tennis. Fundraising
TRUONG, Philip	Literacy Peer Tutoring. Distinction TAFE Accounting Course. Economics, Business & Maths Competitions. Fundraising
UPADHYAY, Parth	2nd NSW Titration Competition, Peer Tutoring. High Distinction Chemistry Competition, Credit Maths & English Competitions. Fundraising
UR-RAHMAN, Saad	Credit Maths Competition. 2nd Grade Cricket, Zone Athletics. Fundraising
VOUNG, Jason	School Band. 2nd Grade Volleyball. Fundraising
WALLIA, Jazz	Variety Night, Peer Tutoring & Mentoring. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Geography Competition, History, English & Commerce Competitions. 3rd Grade Soccer, Indoor Soccer. Fundraising
WANG, David	Guitar Tutoring, Hospitality for School Functions, Sea World Resort H.O.T.E.L. School, Chess. Distinction Commerce & Maths Competitions, Credit History Competition. Fundraising
WATKINSON, Chad	Credit Maths Competition. Captain 1st Grade Water Polo, NSW U16 Water Polo, Pan Pacific Games NZ, Regional Swimming & Athletics. Fundraising
WILLIAMS, Kurtis	HSC 2008
WONG, Pak Wa Jeff	Highly Commended Public Speaking, Chess Captain, 3rd Chess Invitation Normanhurst Trophy. High Distinction Maths & Commerce Competitions, Credit Maths Challenge. 1st Grade Tennis. Fundraising
WU, Tom	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Geography Competition. Fundraising
XIANG, Jin Liang David	Recital & Variety Nights. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Business & Economics Competitions. Table Tennis. Fundraising
XING, Aian	Peer Tutoring, Chess. Credit Business Competition. Fundraising
YANAR, Emre	Peer Tutoring, Public Speaking. Distinction Business Competition, Credit Economics Competition. Grade Tennis, Table Tennis. Fundraising
YOGARAJAH, Bhirajan	Premiers Award for Excellence in Tamil, Distinction Maths Competition, High Distinction Tamil Ilango Memorial Competition, 1st Saiva Knowledge Exam, 1st Tamil Debate & Quiz. 3rd Grade Cricket. Fundraising
YOO, Michael	HSC 2008
YOOK, Jeff	Credit Maths, Science & Geography Competitions. Fundraising
YOON, Jason	Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Science & English Competitions. Fundraising
YU, Louie	Distinction Maths Competition
ZAHEDI, Ruhullah	HSC 2008
ZHANG, Cheng Steven	Distinction Maths Challenge, Credit Maths, Science & Chemistry Competitions
ZHANG, Tim	Recital & Variety Nights. Distinction Maths Competition, Credit Business & Economics Competitions
ZHANG, Yu	Officiator Swimming, Athletics & Cross Country Carnivals. Credit Maths Competition. Badminton. Fundraising
ZHAO, Jimmy	ABW. Distinction Maths Competition. Tennis. Fundraising
ZHAO, Jimmy (Yi)	Distinction Maths Competition. Fundraising
ZHU, Richardson	Distinctions Maths Competition, Credit Science Competition. Grade Table Tennis. Fundraising



Zakaria Ahmad



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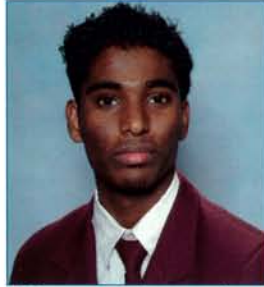
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Mohamed Anzar



Branavan Arumugaiyerj



Tharan Arunthavanathan



George Asiedu-Afari



Dean Atchan



Kerim Attia



Eric Au



Hain Aung



Peter Ayre



Omar Azamy



Kumaran Balaraju



Indrajit Banerji



Bakr Bardouh



Sikander Bassi



Naman Bhandari



Andrew Brimfield



Alexander Burjan



Vasantharan Buvanentharan



Gokhan Can



Mahmoud Chalabi



Elijah Chan



Ian Chan



Timothy Chan



Deepak Chand



Samuel Che



Li Yuan Chen



Wen Cheng



Rushil Chhibber



Hee-Jo Choi



Young Jun Chris Choi



Patrick Chow



Donald Chung



Simon Chung



Grant Colombo



Camryn Cooper



Prabhanjan Datar



Brandon David



Jie An Jason Deng



Siddharth Dixit



Michael Edgington



Jibraan El-Ahmad



Radwan El-Helou



Hareeshan Elankovan



Emir Elayoubi



Bader Eldejany



Noah Essaghir



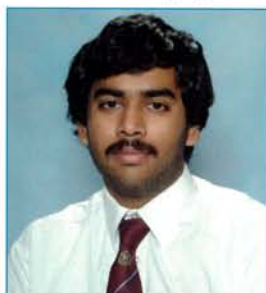
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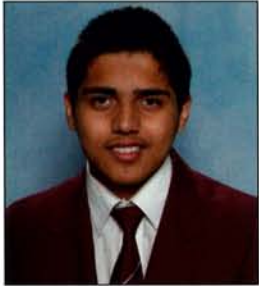
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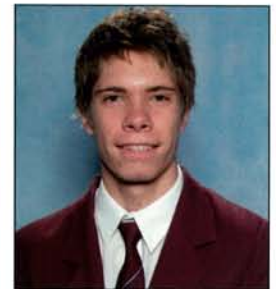
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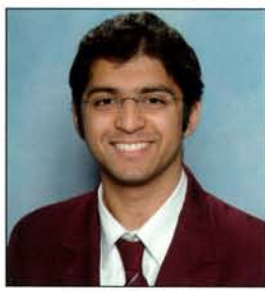
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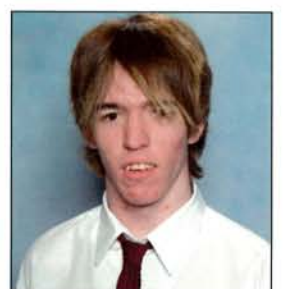
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Zhao Jimmy



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VICE CAPTAIN'S SPEECH ON FAREWELL NIGHT

The past Six years for me, have seemed like a life time. Yet, I still remember the first day of school, sitting in the hall awaiting instructions from the not so....inviting figure of Mr Hilliard.

What a sight it was. My picture of Mr. Hilliard back then, was that of this life threatening angry law enforcer, the man who imprisoned you for not wearing black school shoes, the person you feared was patrolling the playground if you considered, "accidental" littering, the man who has been ever confused between the difference between a skirt and an untucked shirt. Author of the 5 t's, people this is the same man that close lined a 5t gang member.

Now this is only to mention a few of his good qualities. However after spending years and years with what seemed to be a frightening deputy, my picture of Mr. Hilliard today..... is still that of a terrifying angry law enforcer..... I'm joking sir...

On a serious note, last night as I sat down thinking to myself, it had come to me that Mr. Hilliard has really become a representation of the Homebush boys spirit, Whether it is was through us gaining an extra one of his heaven dollars for every piece of rubbish that we picked up, or the sight of his enthusiastic bin jumping experiments, Mr Hilliard has really been the person who has embedded values within us.

On another note there are various characters within the school who have really inspired me as a person. Mr Jurd has always been a person you could seriously sit down with and get advice from; be it, on the sporting,

academic or social field he has always been a person you could count on. And although we never really hear of his work, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that he is bombarded with.

How about Mr Tedford. If he hasn't taught you anything about persistence and consistency than I don't know who has. How can anyone ever forget our repetitive, precisely timed dosages of "good afternoon staff and students". Come on boys what other teacher in the country would have used Cadbury chocolate boxes, year after year after year to fundraise, for the building of a new school gym.

On another note, Although he is not present at the moment, Mr Pinkey has continuously provided us with a range of opportunities and information on life beyond school. I would like to share a little story with you. On a drive to Epping boys earlier this year for our volleyball match, Mr Pinkey and I when we were engaged in a conversation about stress and workload. When I compared my predicament to his 3 hour night sleeps due to the busy work period, I felt rather embarrassed to be complaining about the HSC, and ultimately gained insight into the dedication of teachers at my school.

Talking of dedication how can anyone overlook the historian and soccer enthusiast Mr Doenau. We must really appreciate the colossal effort and work he has put in year after year, organising BOS requirements, assessment periods, timetables.... the list goes on. However, till today I ponder upon the

mystery... behind the seasonal fluctuations in my HISTORY marks, between winter "soccer" season and summer "volleyball" season. While my effort remained constant, I turned to more obvious reasons like "maybe it was the temperature".

Let's run through a little game of celebrity heads.

She might not be a Hollywood pop star, however, to the boys of Homebush she has become more than that. You must have inevitably been in contact with her within the last week. She has provided a motherly figure in the school, constantly attempting to help any student that comes her way. She is kind, caring and devoted to providing everyone with a fair go. Come on people, anyone..... Yes Mrs Degney. On behalf of the boys I would really like to thank Mrs Degney for her work throughout the year especially in the last few weeks.

While we are always recognising those on the scene, it is important to understand that there is a lot of work done behind the scenes and it is important to acknowledge this. While Mr. Albertson lives for the success of the school band. Mr Smith organises variety and recital nights in his own time.

Then again, the school office and support staff and librarians have been very understanding and helpful throughout the years. I would especially like to thank Mrs Horiatopoulos (Our lovely prefect advisor), Mrs Ray, Mrs Shadwick, Mrs Juska, Mrs Sorensen, and the canteen ladies, for their continuous commitments and efforts.

And how can we forget Dr Paterson. I would like to thank him on behalf of all the students for providing us with an environment whereby young men can excel. His work must be acknowledged. And again I would like to thank on behalf of all the students the teachers and staff who have helped make these past six years of our lives possible.

I truly believe that recognition is the greatest motivator. And if recognising my teachers efforts inspire them to continue inspiring other students at Homebush boys, than I as a student have fulfilled my duties.

Now as I look around tonight, I can see the guys I have grown up with, move closer towards achieving their goals and dreams. I can

see Emre becoming our next prime minister, Radwan and Kaan, our next successful business men, David becoming our next Australian cricketer, Hadi our next movie director, Tony our next Nobel prize winner, Massey... our next rugby superstar, Adeel becoming...Na not you... joking.

It is inspiring to think that as I look around this hall tonight, as I look into the faces of young men whose pleasurable company I have taken for granted over the last 6 yrs.

I am no longer looking in to the faces of high school student, I am looking in to the faces of future businessmen, I am looking in to the faces of future doctors, Of carpenters, of teachers, of plumbers, of professional sports-

men, perhaps I am looking into faces I may never see again, but I am also looking in to the faces of people I'll never forget. I am looking into the faces of future fathers, I am looking at faces that come from all over the globe, but I am looking at faces that all come from Homebush Boys.

It has been an absolute honour to be the vice captain, of this grade, of this school, at this time. Forgive me if I have wronged any of you, good luck in the future... and welcome to the first day of the rest of your lives.

Mehran Modasser

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S SPEECH AT YEAR 12 FAREWELL

Just over 6 years ago, I was in year 6 in primary school. I remember having to fill out the high school applications forms. Thankfully I had an older brother who was here at that time and my parents without hesitation put down Homebush Boys as my first preference. I remember my older brother telling wonderful stories about this school at the dinner table. As a result I was eagerly looking forward to high school. Living right next to my local boys high school, if I were not accepted in to Homebush Boys, I would have most likely ended up there, which wouldn't have been that bad seeing as all my friends from primary school were going there. Now out of the 30 boys who attended my primary school, a large proportion of them have dropped out, picked up a few bad habits and 2 out of the 30 have spent time in juvie.

On reflection I imagine how different my life could have been if hadn't attended this school. I still remember my first day here. I remember catching the train to school for my first day, smelling the now familiar smell of Flemington station for the first time. Walking into the school the first two people I saw were big Benjamin and junior (vatarli). These guys were twice my size and it was then I felt so small. I had NO FRIENDS and I knew NO ONE. The next day we had roll call for the first time. I was in room 30 and I had the late Mr. Taggard as my roll call teacher. It was on this day I made my first high school friend -Ibrahim. It wasn't long before I settled into the routine, 7c, Miss Lacek's reading logs, the races to see who could collect the most bronze awards.

Six years later, I realise how fortunate we are to attend this highly regarded school. We have hundreds of applications a year for only 200 spots. This school is so highly regarded that we have students who move house to get into the local area of the school. We have students like Damien who wake up at in the early hours of the morning, to get to school from places like Mt Druit, Liverpool and Baulkham Hills.

Earlier this year I was invited to have lunch with Michael Coutts-Trotter who is the director general for education and training. When I told him which school I went to, he said "ohh Homebush Boys I heard that it's a very good school" and also earlier this year we had the Governor of NSW come to our school, and comment on how highly regarded our school is and how we are so lucky to attend such a school.

The other day I was on the train on my way to the city, in school uniform and then out of nowhere a man who would have been in his late 40s approached me and asked me what school I went to. When I said Homebush Boys, his face lit up and you could honestly see a twinkle in his eye and pride when he said, I used to go to that school and I played in the rugby team, we won all our games. I see the uniform hasn't changed a bit.

To have been school captain at a school that is so highly regarded in the community is an absolute honor. Our school's outstanding achievements in all

fields speak for them-self. I can't think of a school that has:

Their soccer team in the top 8 of the state
Their cricket team coming 2nd in the state
Hockey teams in the top 16 of the state
Volley ball teams in the top 32
Come 2nd in the NSW titration comp
Consistently above average results in the HSC and SC
Over 900 students sitting the math's comp
Over 100 volunteers for the Red Shield Appeal.
Consistent donations to the Exodus Foundation
Exceptional participation in debating, public speaking, chess,
And Raised over \$2,000 for an orphanage in Uganda

This school has played such an important role in making me who I am today. And I am sure it is the case for most of us. This school has taught us skills, that can't be taught in texts books. Things like the importance of collecting heaven dollars (thank you Mr Hilliard) things like independence - from day one we have had to make our own way to sport. And the big one - cultural tolerance. We have different areas around the play ground were we sort of separate in to cultural groups, we've got the Sri Lankan and Indian boys + Tim who hang out in the senior lawn, Koreans who hang out outside of room 18, then we've got the 4 unit Asians who hang out in Mr. Dolans math's room- and yes Peter Ayer that includes you. Regardless of this, our cultural backgrounds have been so interwoven, all you have to do is look at our sporting teams and prefect body to notice this. This idea is exemplified through individuals like Wayne See you can say "hello beautiful do you want to come home with me tonight? In 5 different languages.

Looking back through all my years at Homebush Boys I think I could say that our year group has gone through the most number of year advisors, on record. We had Mr Kowloski in year 7, and then for some period in year 8 Mr Gold came into the picture, before we were blessed with Miss Bowe who stayed with us till year 10. I think we had a period when our year was orphaned, until Mr. Koff kindly adopted us in year 11. All of our year advisors and all of the staff have put in tireless efforts that have made us who we are today. Whether it was that extra morning class, staying back after school to coach and conduct an extra curricular activity, like Mr Fairly's touch typing class, Mr. Martin staying back to coach the rugby team, or Mr Scullthorpe who organized competitions and conducted early morning runs to keep the school fit and healthy, and are there for you just to have a chat to. Mr Tedford who worked for years in order to get a new school gym which is finally being built! I remember one of my first classes with Mr Wills. In year 11 our class walked in feeling happy and motivated - ready to go well, but after a period we walked out realizing how little we knew and feeling that if we didn't pick up our game we would be "useless creations and we

should be at the university of car washing on Parramatta road."

Finally it's been such an experience be part of a year comprised of a wonderful all rounded group of people. Tell me a year that has sporting superstars like Chad, Noah, Nathan Massy and Charlie Gray, academic geniuses like Lyiuhan Chan and Tony Lee, musical greats like Joshua, Colin and Dinesh, Good Samaritans like Thomas NG who gives up his mornings for peer reading and two hours a week to help year 7 students who have difficulty reading and writing and he always has a tissue when you need it, individuals like Kaan Sozen who can organize more chocolate drives than Mr Tedford in the space of 2 years. Individuals like Ben Green who can have 2 car crashes within the first year of driving and still have the confidence to get behind the wheel. Great artists like Joseph, and Donald.

Six years after our first day, we are here in our final hour together as a year group. 2008 has been such an emotional roller coaster, but really showed all the support we have for each other. We have journeyed together through the stresses of this year; we have lived and breathed each other's experiences. Our time here in this school has bitter sweetly come to an end. You know when your time is up when Eray beats Tony lee in the mathematics competition!

Boys, today is the last day we will wake up in the morning and put on our grey trousers, our black shoes, white shirt and Homebush tie. Reminiscing about the past 6 years, I realized how much fun it has been, how much we have learnt, and all the friends we have made along the way. These six years have happened so fast. I would like just one more day to put on my school clothes and proudly catch the train to school, one more Monday avro to have volleyball training, one Wednesday afternoon to beat Epping at sport and another Wednesday avro to watch Mr Doenau lose it when we get a goal scored against us. One more Bio class so I could hear one of Grant's uncanny stories, just one more day to see Noah give his one armed salute to Farhand, one more Friday assembly, to listen to Dr Paterson's principle's report, one more morning in roll to hear Mr Tedford saying good morning and one more hour to spend with 211 unique individuals.

With 20 days left till our HSC, we're probably pretty scared right now. But use that fear! Because really, all it is just a confused form of excitement. It's the home stretch, and it's not going to be easy. Use the support of your fellow students because we will need it. Our lives are about to begin. Soon we will feel more than we have ever felt, dance more than we have ever danced, know more than we have ever known, know less than we have ever known. And we will be brilliant at it.

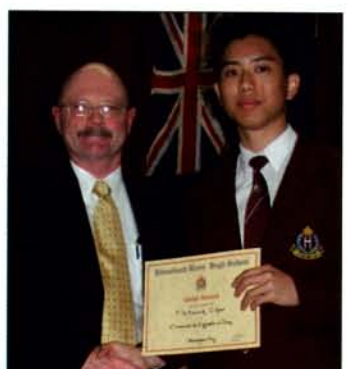
This is it boys. It's all over for me. It's been such an honour to be school captain of this year group and this year, sorry if I have offended anyone, but thanks for the best six years of my life, and thank you Homebush for all the memories.

Emre Mehmet

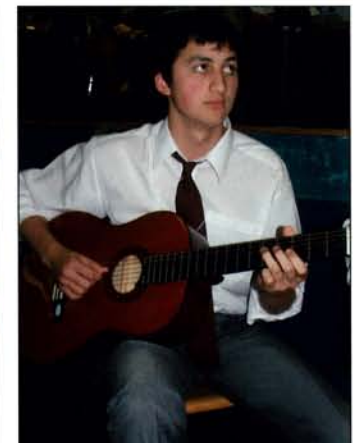
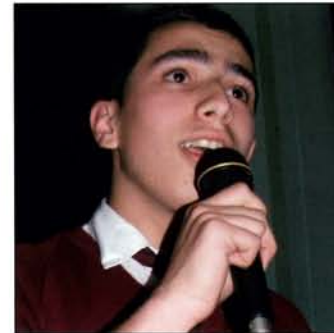
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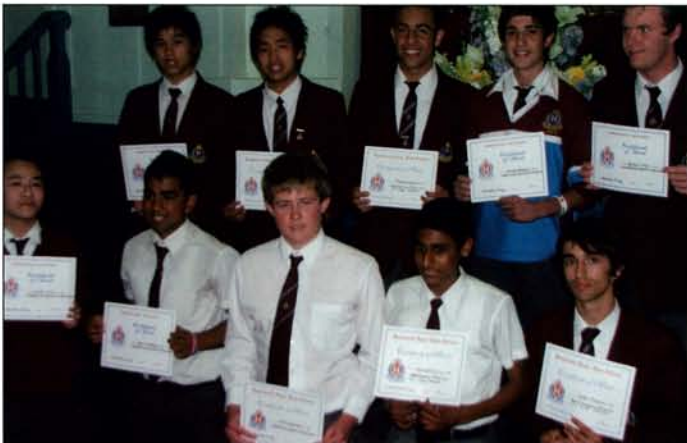
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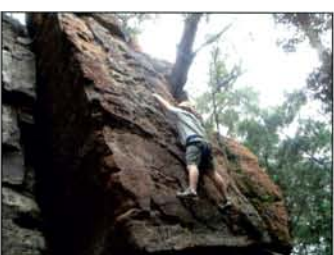
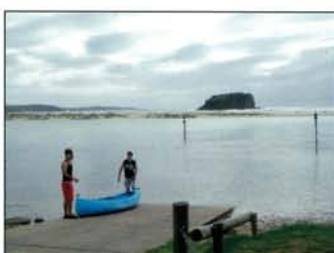
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MY PERSONAL CAMP REPORT

The three days on the 2007 Homebush Boys Prefect Camp were without a doubt, and awesome experience.

Firstly, the food was five-star and there was more than enough. The accommodation was great and the facilities of the lodge were terrific. But most importantly, there was teamwork building, and plenty of it.

The little situation-based exercises, which required the effort of the whole team were incredibly challenging and brought about new ways of thinking. One of the lessons taught, was not everything goes according to plan, and that everyone – no matter how insignificant they think they are – has to contribute in order to make things work properly.

Then there were the outdoor activities – rock climbing, face-forward abseiling, canoeing through a mangrove forest, the highwire challenge and my favourite, the Eagles Nest (jumping forwards or backwards on a thin, shaking platform about 50 feet in the air). These were the activities that really put us to the test, physically and mentally, and I'm not kidding. You wouldn't know how challenging those activities were until it was your turn to do it.

Finally, spending sixty hours with only twenty other people in your year, gives us plenty of opportunities to learn about one another, and develop our understanding of each other.

Overall the camp experience was definitely worth it, I don't regret going for a second, I'd like to thank Optimum Experiences and the school staff- in particular Mr Hilliard and Ms Horiatopoulos – for going to the trouble of providing this great opportunity for us.

by Thomas NG





SPORTS REPORT

2008 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 57 semi-finals and 34 grand finals. We won a total of 25 North West Metropolitan Zone Premierships. The premiership winning teams were:

- Senior Baseball
- 2nd Grade Cricket
- 15A Cricket
- Junior Futsal & Senior Futsal (In door Soccer)
- Junior & Senior Hockey
- Junior & Senior Oz Tag
- 14's Rugby
- 1st & 2nd Grade Football
- 15B Football
- 14A & 14B Football
- 13A & 13C Football
- 1st Grade Table Tennis
- 14's Tennis
- 2nd Grade Volleyball
- 14's & 15's Volleyball
- 1st Grade Water Polo
- 14's & 15's Water Polo

We had 113 North West Metropolitan Zone representatives, 39 Sydney North Regional representatives, 20 NSW/CHS representatives and 4 Australian representatives. In addition the school awarded over 1000 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:

HBHS Swimming Team won the NW Met Zone Swimming Championship.
 HBHS Athletics Team finished 2nd in the NW Met Zone Athletics Championship.
 HBHS Cross Country Team finished 3rd in the NW Met Zone Cross Country Championship.
 HBHS named NW Met Zone Summer Sports Champion for the 6th consecutive year
 HBHS named NW Met Zone Winter Sports Champion
 HBHS named Champion Baseball School
 HBHS named Champion Cricket School
 HBHS named Champion Futsal School
 HBHS named Champion Hockey School
 HBHS named Champion OZ Tag School
 HBHS named Champion Football School
 HBHS named Champion Volleyball School
 HBHS named Champion Water Polo School
 HBHS Table Tennis Team won the Butterfly Shield (NSWCHS Knockout)
 HBHS named NW Met Zone Champion Sports School for 2008

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, comp-

laint 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 the Zone Athletics carnival; Mr Tom Pinkey for his 'shoulder', computing skills, advice, guidance and assistance; Mr Seddique Martin for the gathering, collating and compiling of all the statistics plus organising the sports section of the school magazine; Mr Kim Attwood & Mr Bill Hilliard for the professional sports photography; Mr Chris Halkidis, Mr Gaz Carrozza, Mr Seddique Martin & Mr Greg Sheath for their computing skills; Ms Kerry Meucci for the school magazine; Mr Kim Attwood for the Bush Bulletin; Ms Carrie Ray for dealing with the rolls and sports truants; Ms Annabel Chapman and Mr Brett Wilson for the smooth organisation and running of the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals; Mr Brett Wilson for being the team manager for the Zone Swimming Carnival and for filling in as Sports Organiser; Mr John Sculthorpe 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.

Mr Ron Tedford
Sports Organiser

NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

SYDNEY NORTH REGION

NSWCHS

Aaron Costa	Baseball	Connor Martin	Water Polo	David Brimfield	CHS Rowing
David Paterson	Cricket	Bradley Parker	Swimming/Water Polo	Peter Brimfield	CHS Rowing
Simon Ede	Tennis	Andrew Sorrenti	Water Polo	David Paterson	CHS 1sts Cricket
Timothy Chan	Volleyball	Chad Watkinson	Water Polo	Connor Martin	CHS 1sts Water Polo
Mehran Modasser	Volleyball	Ibrahim Kerem	Football	Bradley Parker	CHS 2nds Water Polo
Andrew Brimfield	Rowing	David Brimfield	Rowing	William Parker	CHS Sailing
Peter Brimfield	Rowing	Peter Maxwell	Swimming/AFL	Alex Patrulescu	CHS Swimming & NSW All Schools Swimming
Nathan Sorrenti	Swimming	Claude Tasker	Swimming	Robert Polec	CHS Sailing
David Wang	Swimming	Serge Houhlias	Swimming	Andrew Sorrenti	CHS 2nds Water Polo
Nick Taylor	Swimming	Alex Patrulescu	Swimming	Chad Watkinson	CHS 2nds Water Polo
Nathan Massey	Rugby League/Union	Tim Barrett	AFL	Joel Harris	CHS Softball
Jack Codd-Miller	AFL	Jacky Tran	Hockey		
Michael Tran	Hockey	Matthew Sheath	Squash		
Josh Carter	Rugby Union	Matthew Pluis	Rugby Union		
Emilio McFarland	Rugby Union	Tyson Parcell	Rugby Union		
Sam McCartney	Rugby Union	Elijah Chan	Rugby Union		
Kayne Lees	Rugby Union	Daniel Ingrati	Rugby Union		
Konrad Ilolahia	Rugby Union	James Shehadie	Rugby Union		
Dennis Griffin-Colls	Athletics	Joel Harris	Softball		
Eren Demiroz	Athletics				

NEW SOUTH WALES REPRESENTATIVES

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

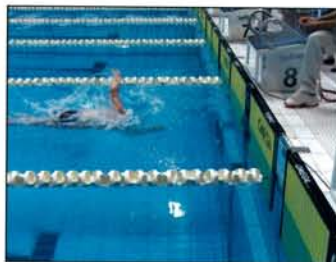
Joel Harris	Under 16's Boys Softball
Brendan Jenkins	Youth Sail Boarding
Patrick Chow	Weightlifting
Charlie Gray	Weightlifting
Emilio McFarland	Weightlifting
Ryan Pasfield	Weightlifting
Noah Essagher	Speed Skating
Josh Carter	NSWSRU Under 16's Rugby Union
Nathan Massey	Rugby League Under 18's

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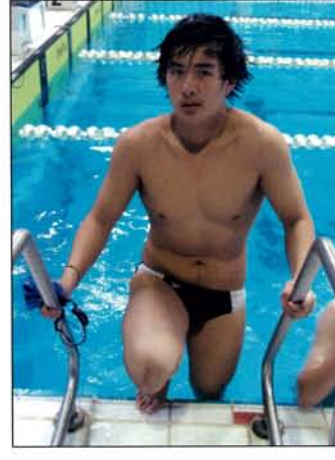
SUMMER



Annual Swimming Carnival held at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre. The winning house was HOWE.



SPORTS





SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 63rd Homebush Boys High Swimming Carnival was held in the world class facilities of the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC).

The highlight was the record breaking 100 metres freestyle swim by Alex Patrulescu. His time of 54.64 seconds broke the 1988 record of 55.70 seconds, set by former Australian junior champion Anthony Brewin.

The high participation rate resulted in strong competition in all age divisions. Serge Houhlias won the twelve years division and was also Vaughn House Champion with a tally of 114 points. Peter Totidis was very impressive in defeating Dane Kennedy to be the thirteen's champion. Nick Taylor and Kevin Rao battled it out for the fourteen's title.

Former Australian Junior Champion Robert Rafael had his continuing battle with David Wang to claim the fifteen years division.

Water Polo representatives Brad Parker and Connor Martin tussled in the sixteens with Parker accruing the crown. Matt Hay's all round ability in the off-strokes overcame Alex Patrulescu ability in freestyle to be the senior's champion.

The boys will now form the basis of a strong team to contest the North West Metropolitan Zone Carnival.





CHS 1STS CRICKET-STATE CHAMPIONS

The NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championships were held over five days from the 10th March to the 14th March with five matches played between the six school associations throughout the state. The five days would decide the best NSW schoolboy's team.

After a first up loss to the Combined Country Schools a lot of pressure was placed on the CHS 1sts with their first loss in four years. However, the side thrived on the pressure, winning their next four games comfortably over Greater Public Schools, Combined High Schools 2nds, Combined Catholic Colleges and Combined Associated Schools.

Despite limited opportunities, Homebush Boys student David Paterson ended the tournament with an average over 50 with scores of 1, 31, 14 not out, DNB and 58 not out.

David opened in three games, batted number 7 in the other game and wasn't required to bat against CCC. His best performance of 58 not out was against CAS, leading the small run chase with only 140 runs required for victory which were scored in 28 overs.

At the end of the Carnival, CHS 1sts was announced the winner with CHS 2nds finishing 2nd. This was the 3rd year in a row that

the two CHS teams had shared the top two placings, further demonstrating CHS's dominance of cricket over the last 20 years of the competition.

At the end of the Carnival David was rewarded for his efforts winning the carnival's "Spirit of Cricket Award" presented by Australian test player Stuart Clark, for displaying proper conduct and commitment throughout the competition upholding the traditions of the game.

Overall it was a very successful week for both David and the CHS 1sts cricket team who retained their title as State Champions.



NORTH WESTERN METROPOLITAN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Summary of results

Champion School:

1 st	Homebush	1074
2 nd	North Sydney	929
3 rd	Epping	918
4 th	Normanhurst	829
5 th	Asquith	599
6 th	Randwick	502
7 th	Ashfield	322

Age Champions:

12 years	Bona Hsu (NS - 62) ahead of Darren Chien (EP - 58) & Jacob Mandy (AQ - 58)
13 years	Peter Toditis (HB - 80) ahead of Alex O'Hare (AF - 60)
14 years	Mitchell Stone (RW - 74) ahead of Jonathon Ramsay (NH - 72)
15 years	Taylor Fletcher-Ward (EP - 76) equal with Robert Rafael (HB - 76)
16 years	Mitchell Long (EP - 72) equal with Bradley Parker (HB - 72)
17 - 19 years	Alex Patrulescu (HB - 80) ahead of Thomas Slade (AQ - 75)

Age Champion Schools:

12 years	North Sydney 170 ahead of Epping 157
13 years	Homebush 178 ahead of Asquith 139
14 years	Normanhurst 166 ahead of Homebush 143
15 years	Homebush 177 ahead of Epping 150
16 years	Epping 166 ahead of Homebush 163
17 - 19 years	Homebush 178 ahead of North Sydney 160





3rd GRADE CRICKET



2nd GRADE CRICKET



4th GRADE CRICKET



15 A CRICKET



14 B CRICKET



14A CRICKET



13 B CRICKET



CHS 1st GRADE WATERPOLO RUNNERS UP



SENIOR BASEBALL



JUNIOR BASEBALL



2nd GRADE BASKETBALL



15's BASKETBALL



JUNIOR OZTAG



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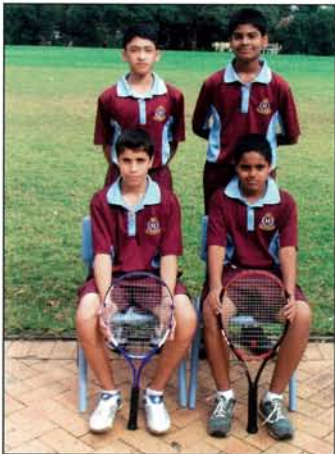
SENIOR VOLLEYBALL



JUNIOR FUTSAL



14's BASKETBALL



JUNIOR B TENNIS



JUNIOR A TENNIS



SENIOR TENNIS



14's VOLLEYBALL



Under 15s STATE CHAMPIONS WATER POLO



JUNIOR FUTSAL REGIONAL FINALISTS



William Parker and Robert Polec - CHS SAILING CHAMPIONS



2nd GRADE VOLLEYBALL



1st GRADE VOLLEYBALL



15's WATER POLO



1st GRADE WATER POLO



Timothy Chen and Mehran Modasser - on the Syd. Nth. Regional Volleyball Team.



CHS VOLLEYBALL-Quarter Finalists



NEWLY CROWNED CHAMPION

On Wednesday 30th July my brother, who is known as Billy "The Kid" Dib in the boxing world, won the IBO (International Boxing Organisation) Super Featherweight Championship of the World. In what was his toughest fight of note, he extended his record to 21 fights with 21 wins and 11 knockouts. In doing this he also became the second youngest World Champion in Australian history at the tender age of 22 years old.

"The Kid" defeated a very tough and awkward fighter in Zolani "Untouchable" Morali who is from South Africa. His record coming into the fight was nearly identical to Billy's having 20 fights and losing only 1 in the process. What made Billy's victory all the more impressive was the fact that his opponent had already won 2 World Titles in the past and was rated in the IBO top 10. It was a unanimous point's decision with the three judges scoring it 116-112, 116-114 and 114-113 all for Billy.

Zolani Morali (Billy's opponent) was by far the toughest fighter Billy has faced to date and this became obvious in the 3rd round when he floored Billy for the first time in his professional boxing career. Billy came back to floor his opponent twice in the match although both were called slips. Billy showed massive heart in the last 3 rounds after looking down and out, coming back to win the last 3 of the 12 rounds to clinch the victory. This was a dream come true for Billy and my family as he has worked hard at it for 10 years of his life. He began boxing at 12 years of age and his ambition has always been to win a world title.

Youssef Dib

SECOND GRADE CRICKET

ZONE PREMIERS

This was a very successful season for a balanced team of enthusiastic young cricketers. At various times and in various games, each player contributed either an athletic catch, a breakthrough wicket, a desperate run or a fine fielding effort. The results for the season were:

EPPING 5/9/07 and 12/9/07	First Innings Win	Homebush 7 for 138	Epping All out for 62
NORTH SYDNEY 19/9/07 and 26/9/07	First Innings Win	Homebush 6 for 170	North Sydney All out for 103
ASHFIELD 17/10/07 and 24/10/07	First Innings Win	Homebush 1 for 250	Ashfield All out for 68 6 for 82
NORMANHURST 31/10/07 and 7/11/07	Washout	Homebush 5 for 202	Rain
RANDWICK 14/11/07 and 21/11/07	First Innings Win	Homebush 8 for 206	Randwick All out 110
Semi Final v NOR- MANHURST 20/2/08 and 27/02/08	Win	Homebush 5 for 168	Normanhurst All out 114
FINAL v RANDWICK 5/3/08	Win	Randwick 9 for 132	Homebush 7 for 139

The team was Branavan Arumugaiyer, Ross D'Aspromonte, Hareeshan Elankovan, Lachy Irvine-Brown, Farhan Khan (wicketkeeper), Nishanth Kulendranathan, Wilfred Paul (Captain), Thajee Raveendran, Azlan Safi, Abi Shanmugalingam, Avinash Singh, Mahendiraraj Sinnarasa, Guy Smith, Suthan Sriharan (wicketkeeper), Patrick Tat and Ibad Ur-Rahman.

A major feature of the season was the total number of runs scored by this team of 1273; three double century scores as a team; and a century by Azlan Safi – 125 against Ashfield.

An unusual aspect of the season was the major contribution made by Azlan Safi --- 185 runs and 4 wickets playing for Homebush against other schools and 15 runs and 2 wickets against Homebush playing for Normanhurst (after his transfer) in the semi final.

Highlights of the season were -- a solid 38 not out by Abi Shanmugalingam against Epping in the first game when Homebush made an uncertain and shaky beginning to the season ---Kevin Pathirane made 49 against North Sydney and was immediately called up to First grade ---Wilfred Paul bowled 2 for 5 against Epping, 5 for 14 against North Sydney, and scored 86 runs against Randwick. Ross D'Aspromonte's 3-26 against Epping, scored 37 runs against North Sydney and 66 against Randwick-Suthan Sriharan scored 59 not out against Ashfield and 45 runs against Normanhurst, Avinash Singh took 4 wickets for 6 runs against Ashfield, Lachy Irvine-Brown took 4 for 23 against Ashfield.

In the semi final against Normanhurst, Abi Shanmugalingam scored 35 runs and Ross D'Aspromonte was 69 not out; Branavan Arumugaiyer took 2 for 2; Ibad Ur-Rahman took 2 for 10 and Mahendiraraj Sinnarasa took 3 for 10.

The final game was the first time for the season that Homebush did not bat first and so had to chase the score. The Randwick players were very determined to do their best and were fiercely competitive from start to finish. Randwick won the toss and batted first ---Ross, Branavan, Lachy and Wilfred all took 2 wickets each. The first 5 wickets all fell to brilliant catches -- a tribute to all the fielding practice sessions on Tuesday after school and the quality of the sessions conducted by Dr Balan. Randwick made 9 for 132 and batted for their full 30 overs.

Homebush made a nervous start and the run chase became desperate as early wickets fell and the run rate slowed to a crawl. Wilfred played a true Captain's innings; holding down one end and making 15 singles as he ground out 47 runs. Thajee Raveendran came in with 5 wickets down and made a quick 14 runs but when he was caught the game appeared to be lost with very few overs left and over 30 runs to be scored.

Randwick were fielding and bowling well, time and overs were running out --- Lachy Irvine-Brown saved the game by hitting a very quick 21 runs before he was caught, Guy Smith finished 13 not out and Hareeshan Elankovan remained 2 not out.

Wilfred Paul was exceptional as captain; his bowling selections were astute and successful. Lachy was threatening as the fastest bowler in the competition, Farhan and Suthan were the tidy wicketkeepers, Wilfred and Thajee were deceptive spin bowlers; Ross, Avinash, Ibad, Branavan, Azlan, Nishanth, Patrick and Ibad all bowled well. All the team fielded well and all contributed to the enormous number of runs scored.

Overall it was a successful and very enjoyable season. I thank the boys for their commitment, their excellent behaviour and good sportsmanship.

Mr A Doolan
Coach



THIRSTY THIRDS CRICKET

This seasons 3rd grade team was undoubtedly one of the best third grade teams that have ever emerged from Homebush Boys. We were finalists in the North West Metropolitan Zone Premiership, but were soundly defeated in the final by North Sydney Boys. The team had fielding captain Pravesh Purusothaman and batting captain Rajit Gilhotra. We had an all star team, and each and every player had their very own talents, and all contributed to the team's success.

Indrajit Banerji: Was the by far the best bowler in the team, our star opening bowler. His pace always had the batsman on the back foot, trying to get bat on ball. His bouncers and Yorkers were lethal. As the season went on, his accuracy improved immensely. His fiery attitude was indeed a real spirit lifter.

Kabiram Kulasingam: Was the other main pace bowler in the team. He had some good pace and he was always on the money with the ball, always trapping batsmen with 'plum' leg before wicket and was always consistent with his line and length.

Kenny Lloyd: Only played in the semi-finals and finals due to injury in 2007, but his quick pace in both these important games deceived and knocked over batsmen in quick succession.

Tharan Arunthavanathan: Was the only full time spinner in the team. His leg spinners were VERY unorthodox, especially his action,

but the ball would turn a mile from outside leg stump and had most batsmen dancing around their crease to try and play him.

Rukshan Paheerathan: Was one of the best all rounders in the team. His crisp and accurate medium pacers were perfect in slowing the oppositions run rate and his patient batting always proved very valuable in every single total.

Kavishan Nirmaleswaran: was always reliable with his batting. Though he did have troubles getting his innings under way, he showed sheer determination and courage whenever he came out to bat, and always had a very fiery approach to his game.

Ragavan Paheerathan: was undoubtedly the most economical bowler in our team. We always relied on his very accurate bowling to frustrate the batsmen as they found it very difficult to score of him. He also had a brilliant arm, and he was of great use in the outfield to save boundaries.

Arham Soomro: our very own Adam Gilchrist. The most aggressive batter in the team, and the only full time wicketkeeper, Arham would always come out and suddenly lift the run rate. His ability to score quick runs was very valuable to our team. His quick fire 46 off 33 balls in the semi's was one of the best knocks I have ever seen.

Faheem Khan: A very defensive batsman, he took a while to get his innings going but his concentration was immaculate. He scored very neatly and was very patient and

always supported the batsman at the other end. His scored consistently throughout the season, and also hand a safe pair of hands in the field.

Faisal Khan: Another of our excellent all rounders. His medium pacers were accurate and always on the stumps, and was a handy middle order batsman.

Richard Amarasingham: A real team motivator. He was always on the field encouraging each and every player. He was also a fine lower order batsman, and we could call on him to bowl his accurate medium pacers if needed.

James Sinclair: James was a very committed member of our team. He was always there for our Tuesday morning training sessions and was eager to improve his game. He was a solid defensive batsman, who always tried very hard not to give his wicket away.

Steven Grasion: he was a partnership breaker. Whenever we needed to break a partnership, we could call on Steven to shatter the stumps with his quick bowling, though he wasn't always consistent. He was also a very aggressive batsmen, and on the field, he really frustrated the batsmen with his sledges.

Hashibur Rahman: another one of our very aggressive batsman. His ability to score runs quickly in the middle order always proved handy in tight situations, often sending the ball flying over the bowlers head and over the boundary for 6 runs. He was also a handy off spinner.

Rajit Gilhotra: The batting Captain and another one of our batting stars, he would come in at number 4 to steady our innings. His straight driving and his pull shots were his strengths. He was a great player of spin bowling. He was also a great spinner of the ball, normally bowling leggies but also had a nice way of deceiving the batsman by turning the ball the opposite way.

Pravesh Purusothaman: The fielding Captain and opening batsman. He had a seasonal average of 48.3 and highest score of 60 not out and was by far the dominant batsman of the team. His neat, consistent scoring and ability to send the ball to all areas of the park was indeed a joy to watch. His knock of 60 against North Sydney in the first round was by far his best knock as the team was in trouble and needed someone to stand up. He had a 98 run partnership with Faheem to win that game for us. He also bowled his part time leggies and was a great fielder. He supported Rajit's captaincy very well and was a real team motivator.

Finally I would like to thank the boys for their commitment this season. The boys always behaved as good sportsman on the field, despite losing only one match which was the grand final. Well done "Thirsty Thirds"

**Mr Sivasothy
Coach**

JUNIOR FUTSAL

Team: Omer Cen, Eddie Kadayifci, Enver Kerem, Brian Griffin-Colls, Andrew Depta, Gianni Romeo, Rustam Mia and Andrew Ingrati.

Coach: David Von-Dinklage

The Junior Futsal team had a good season especially since Mr Fairley chose a young team that will continue to develop in years to come. Throughout the year, the team had to compete against players that were significantly older (and taller) than them. Travelling all the way to North Sydney every week was always fun and gave them a chance to see what standard was required to win in the future.

Despite the tough standard of the competition, the boys played a good style of football based around passing the ball (thanks to the expert direction from David on the sideline) and managed to make the semi finals versus Asquith.

Unfortunately, we were unable to make it to the grand final but we certainly had an entertaining season. With a bit more luck we'll be able to make it to (and hopefully win) next time.

SENIOR FUTSAL

Team: Ibrahim Kerem (c), Dean Atchan (gk), Giorgio Speranza, Scott Tonkin, David Von Dinklage, Rueben Rajkumar, Roberto Speranza, Mitchell Davidson and James Tampion (manager).

Coach: Mr Fairley

The 2007/2008 season got off to a slow start for the state champions, in an effortless draw against a tough Epping side 4-4. This meant Mr Fairley had to look in his big bag of tricks and pull out a method to motivate the boys for the next game against another strong side; North Sydney. This game was the most entertaining of the year in an 11-10 score line leaving Homebush as winners. From this point on, Homebush triumphed on to defeat Ashfield 6-2, Randwick 5-1, Asquith 8-6, and Normanhurst 7-3. At the end of round 1, we were where we wanted to be... in first position, and looking like favourites.

Second time around against that tough Epping side, we played a little smarter and came out victorious 4-3. Then we were out of action for a little while, with a forfeit from North Sydney & Randwick. The next week we were roaring to go, and a poor Ashfield side was unfortunate to be in the firing line as we finished off 2007 by defeating them 10-2.

Our first game of '08 proved a tough one with barely enough players, and the team only managed a draw against a stubborn Normanhurst side, leaving us in poor form entering the semi finals.

In the elimination semi final, the "boys from the Bush" were out for revenge against Normanhurst, and gave them no mercy, comfortably winning 6-3 in one of our best performances of the year. Epping had narrowly won their semi-final in the last minutes of their game meaning the two rivals were to meet yet again.

It proved to be a physical game of survival of the fittest, and our boys razzled them, frustrating them to the point of red cards! We defeated them 6-3, with goalkeeper Dean Atchan even getting on the scoresheet, as Homebush BHS were once again crowned futsal champions!

On behalf of the younger players, we would like to say a big thank you to the Year 12 boys – Giorgio Speranza, Ibrahim Kerem, Scott Tonkin & Dean Atchan – it has been an honour to play with you guys, and it is fitting that you went out as winners in your last school futsal game!

Also, a big thank you to the most successful school futsal coach in NSW, Mr Fairley, for living up to his name in his treatment of the players (hehe), and for his usual guidance and expert coaching.

Roberto Speranza



POSITION	NAME	GOALS
1st	Ibrahim Kerem	16
=2nd	Roberto Speranza	12
=2nd	Mitchell Davidson	12
=4th	Giorgio Speranza	11
=4th	David Von Dinklage	11
=4th	Scott Tonkin	11
=7th	Dean Atchan	3
=7th	Reuben Rajkumar	3

GAMES PLAYED	12
WINS	10
DRAWS	2
LOSSES	0
WINS BY FORFEIT	2
BYES	2
GOALS SCORED	79
GOALS CONCEDED	39
GOAL DIFFERENCE	+40
POINTS	32

SENIOR OZTAG

Make it 4 in a Row!

The Homebush Boys High School Senior Oztag team has set some kind of record by completing its fourth consecutive undefeated season as premiers. This is a remarkable achievement and a wonderful testimony to every player who has taken the field during the past 4 years.

The 2007-2008 team scored a phenomenal 155 tries in 14 games and only conceded 53. The win over Asquith in the Grand Final, 7-6, was the closest game the team has in years. It was the tireless defensive efforts that won us the close game as the Grand Final stipulated!

The team was led magnificently by Elijah Chan who, along with the dynamic Nathan Massey, organised the middle very efficiently. Both players also figured prominently in being amongst the leading try scorers. The efforts of Matthew Pluis, Samuel McCartney and Maan Muhana were exemplary considering it was their first forays into the sport. James Shute was the star of the finals with his electric pace and his bamboozling steps. James has an incredible record in Oztag at Homebush Boys as he has not been in a team that has lost one single game in 5 seasons!! Radwan El-Helou's experience was vital throughout the season and Grant Colombo's limited contributions showed his athleticism. And how can we forget Camryn Cooper who was an integral part of the team for a couple of seasons.

As for the next generations of stars, Lachlan Jenson warned to the task and became one of the form players after the Christmas break. A future leader of the team. Ben I. Green has been a revelation this season out wide. His power, his confidence and speed off the mark contributed to the team on countless occasions. The enormous efforts and talents of Scott Mackay and Alan Rawcliffe week in week out were fantastic. Two very enthusiastic and quick men who grew in confidence every game. Conrad Ilolahia and Tyson Parcell were solid every time they took the field. And Aydin Agar's limited contributions will ensure a more prominent role in the future.

Every player contributed in their own way 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 Elaro
Coach

JUNIOR OZTAG

The 11 game season saw us record 9 wins and 2 losses. We finished second on the ladder behind Asquith who were undefeated through the 11 rounds.

One of our wins was an 18-1 thumping over North Sydney. The Semi-Final against 3rd place Epping saw us record a comfortable 8-3 win. We would face Asquith in the Grand Final, a team we hadn't defeated in the last 3 seasons.

After leading 2-1 at half time a try to Dilan put us up 3-1. We then managed to get to a 6-3 advantage via Claude and Dilan splitting the defence and some great hole running by Bassam and both Matts. Youssef was busy and creative around the ruck while Hassan, Tariq, Sinan, James, Gassan, Omar and both Alis were also playing well.

Asquith hit back with 3 tries to level the game 6-6 at full time. It could have been worse if not for Dilan and Claude who made try saving tags, sprinting across in cover and diving full stretch to make the tag. The game was forced into a golden try extra time period. Hassan the youngest member of the team sent the crowd wild as he stepped his way over for the game winner. The victory was a fitting reward for the determination, commitment and teamwork on display throughout the season.

Such is the competition for a place in the Oz Tag side that we had 43 trying out, a playing squad of 20 yet only 8 take the field. Thanks to the guys like Erkan, Tom, Dylan Chris, Kevin and Paul who were prepared to play mostly as reserves and provided solid back up when needed.

Team (Starting 8 listed first)
Player Comments courtesy of NRL Tazos 2007/08
Bassam Alam- Attacking spearhead
Youssef Dib- Creative strikeforce
Ali El Kheir- Polished performer
Matt Hatzi- Electric livewire
Dilan Khalil- Rare Jewel
Hassan Koussan- Pocket dynamo
Matt O'Neill- Excitement machine
Claude Tasker- Rampaging giant
Erkan Altun- Speed merchant
Tariq Atchan- Cool achiever
Ali Azamy- Talent to burn
Tom Barrett- Persistence rewarded
Gassan El-Helou- Modern maestro
Omar Gebara- Energy overload
Reece Ilolahia- The Apprentice
James Lewinton- Sudden Impact
Dylan Parcell- Mr Consistent
Chris Poliopoulos- Passion personified
Paul Rere- Versatility plus
Sinan Topcu- Talented tearaway
Kevin Vuong- Classic operator

Players of the Year – Dilan Khalil and Claude Tasker

Player of the Final - Bassam Alam
Plays of the Final – Hassans try, Dilan and Claudes try saving tags.
Players of the Future – Matt O, Hassan, Ali A, Ali E, Reece and Sinan. All have another season in the Juniors.

Mr B. Wilson
Coach

SENIOR BASEBALL

Well there's really not much I can say about this absolutely fantastic season. Firstly I would like to commend all the boys on their efforts throughout the season and brining the school the title of Senior Baseball champions, which to my knowledge has not been done for a very long time.

Whilst the competition was limited with only 4 teams, there was not a lack in competition with both Epping and Normanhurst on occasions bringing out their best to challenge us. However despite their efforts the closest we came to a defeat was a 5 all draw with Epping in which, to our defence we had a few missing players. In the grand final we were tested again by Epping coming back from a 2 nil deficit and tie, then for us to win the game in the dying innings of the game to win 3-2.

Vas: well what can we say about him he was always at the game and when we needed him the most he really shined i.e. the semi-finals against Normanhurst when he caught a fly ball deep into right field.

Michael: our magic centre fielder, I don't know what we would have done without him out there; probably safe to say one of the safest hands under the high ball and he added a great deal to our batting strength often making 1st base and allowing runs to be scored.

Matt: our catcher who put up with all sorts of garbage from both Aaron and I, wayward curve balls and fastballs that went way off the plate or hitting the dirt. Have to say he did a wonderful job behind the dish. He was also able to score runs when the team needed them.

Josh: another one of our cricketer turned baseballers had a blinding season. He batted number two for most of the season and was our first baseman with a glove of someone who had been playing for years.

Andrew: a player who had been away from the game for a while was there almost every week making some great catches and scoring some valuable runs putting the final nail in the game.

Craig: what a player for a guy that had never played before. He sure did show some wonderful skills especially in batting putting down a perfect bunt one game and even having a go at pitching.

Cameron: another one of our first time players was a valuable asset to our team on occasions getting up to have a pitch which I would have to say was pretty good for someone who had never done it before and had only about 30 seconds of training.

Johny i.e. terrorist: one of our cricket transfers in his second season really has improved bringing not only an arm and a half to the outfield but also

some wonderful drives which scored some valuable runs.

Chris: one of our long time players, played like he has for previous seasons, fantastic. Batting number one and playing second base he was a valuable asset in our team.

Aaron: our player sent from God saving our skin so many times I have lost count, his pitching was a life saver shutting teams out for most of the game and he is one of the future leaders of this team.

Joel: our big power house, his batting carried this team in times of trouble and one of our grand final heroes hitting a double to score two valuable runs. His contribution all year was phenomenal not only as a batter, pitcher but a third baseman and on occasion, catcher.

This will be my last year with the team and again I would like to thank all the boys for sending me out on a high and Mr Sheath who put a large amount of his time and effort into the team. If I leave you with one last comment go out there and win again next year boys!

Captain Nick Siomos

Nick was the soul of the team with his never ending support and good humour, never having a bad word or raised voice all season. His pitching was not only great but invaluable, and his batting enabled the team to win on more than one occasion, but it was his leadership that really impressed me and I am sure his team mates.

Mr Sheath

Under-14's VOLLEYBALL

The team consists of the 8 champions – Andrew Cocks, Andrew Finch, Abdullatif Holali, Fahim Takbir, Fedi Alamadeen, Andrew Cho, Brendon Leong and Edwin Pike, victors of the 2-0 win in the final over Epping.

We started our games straight away after the tryouts, with training every Tuesday morning. At first, many of us did not show up, and because of this our losing streak began, dropping to be the 3rd last team in the comp. But after a while and after a few talks, everybody showed up, and that's when we knew we had a chance of making it to the semi-finals.

Once again, we started to lose after the Summer holidays – it was like everybody forgot how to play. We knew it was essential for us to get back to the top, so we trained harder and played more co-operatively. With a bit of confidence and skill we won our semi-final, and was one game away from glory and happiness. The big day had come and we were 110% pumped and ready to take anything, whether it was loss or victory.

We started serving and won the 1st set in a close 28-26. We were a bit encouraged with this, just only needing to win the 2nd set. We played better in the 2nd set because we knew failure was not an option. Andrew Cocks, our awesome server, had a lot of the pressure to get the final server over the net...which he did, winning us the Final!

We were blissful and proud of ourselves, cheering and realising that

our hard training paid off.

Our whole team thanks Mr. Ha, our coach, and Mr. Pearson who both gave up their time to come early to train us, so that we can reach this standard. They have led us, teaching us to achieve our goal – to win the grand final.

I think that the Under 14's team has done an outstanding job, and have achieved a lot out of this great experience!

Adbullatif Holali.

14's GRADE TENNIS

Our team had four main players and two reserves. The number one player Daniel Yao, the all rounder and group captain. Simon Huang, the number 2 player, a consistent player. Jason Ou, the number 3 player, an aggressive player. Sean Dowdall, the number 4 player, an all rounder. The two reserves were Liam Jameson, a very aggressive player and Ben Hiu our cheer leader.

Our team successfully won the final and we all had a good time. In the semi-finals we played Epping Boys and won 6 sets to nil. In the finals we played against North Sydney, this was our toughest game, a nail bitter, it was 3 sets all, but luckily we won by 3 games.

Overall we had a good season. Congratulations to the boys and we look forward in playing again next season.

**Daniel Yao
Captain**

15s GRADE TENNIS

Under the guidance of our coach, Ms Catalano, four fine sportsmen were chosen to represent Homebush in the under 15's tennis team. They were Thomas Ngugen, Misha Burjan, Rory Peters and Kai Lin. The boys were all very talented tennis players and were semi-finalists.

Throughout the season, the boys dug deep and fought hard against worthy opponents, securing wins over Ashfield, Asquith, Randwick, and pushed Epping and Normanhurst into reverse doubles.

On the semi-final day, our team played very well against Normanhurst but unfortunately, was defeated by better opponents on the day.

Finally, a big thankyou to Ms. Catalano for tirelessly supporting us throughout the season.

**Kai Lin
Captain**

14s BASKETBALL

The season was both a rewarding and learning experience. The boys came together late in Term 3 and from the start showed a good chemistry and willingness to learn. We started the season strongly with three wins in a row before being narrowly defeated by eventual premiers Randwick by one point with a shot on the buzzer.

We played Ashfield away and despite giving away a considerable height (and weight) advantage. Unfortunately the start of 2008 saw one of our key players Kyle leave for Holy Cross, the

team did an excellent job to rally around in time for the finals, but unfortunately we faced Randwick in the semi finals and were not strong enough on the day. Congratulations to Dean Ren who was the 14's player of the year.

I want to thank all the boys for their efforts during the season and look forward to coaching them again in the near future. In particular special thanks must go to Ms. Swanson for her excellent managerial skills.

Team: Y.Morgan, D.Ren, W.Wong, Y.Chen, M.Burjan, A. Chu, J. Ou, J. Temizyuz. & a special boy (you know who you are)

Coach: Mr. A. Harrison

Manager: Ms. L. Swanson

15s BASKETBALL

The boys started the season slowly but after some teething problems with our new structure and plays things began to turn around. After the return of Pat Dixon the rest of the team seemed to fall back into place and everybody fell into their new roles. The transition style of offence suited our team and after an overtime loss to Randwick our season picked up.

We played strongly in the second half of the season and had to play Normanhurst in the semi-finals the week after having beat them in the final round of the regular season. The boys played strongly, but a bench error with 3 seconds on the clock and scores tied saw Normanhurst receive the ball instead of Homebush. This proved costly as Normanhurst scored and won the match.

However the season provided a number of highlights including progressing through the state knockout competition until we faced our zone premiers (North Sydney Boys) as well as a game against Burwood Girls High in front of a full crowd of hostile screaming girls at Burwood. Congratulations to James Lin for 15's player of the year.

I want to thank all the boys for their efforts during the season and look forward to coaching them again in the near future. In particular special thanks must go to Ms. Swanson for her excellent managerial skills as well as her assistant Leon Hu.

Team: S. Mayne, P. Dixon, J. Lin, H. Weng, F. Rowe, J. Cheng, D. Hristorifidis, D. Baek, T. Barrett. A. Morgan.

Coach: Mr. A. Harrison

Manager: Ms. L. Swanson & L.Hu

UNDER 14'S WATERPOLO

The 2007/08 under 14's waterpolo team were an incredibly strong team and they really did deserve their grand final win against North Sydney.

It was the second half of the season which really cemented their 'top of the ladder' status: Kane came out of goals and onto the 'field' and this seemed to completely confuse the other teams. Suddenly there was this enormous guy swimming like a fish so the oppositions' best was immediately sent to close him down. This, of

course, freed up small but deadly Nick who managed to be absolutely everywhere at once, firing off goal after goal as if there were magnets on both the ball and the goals.

Add to this the consistent efforts of Sam, James and Carlos who were always ready to add to the score by swimming forward and the very talented efforts of our new goalie, Luke, and we were looking good. Jacob and Ayrton were always there to lend a valuable hand and will both grow into fabulous players – by next year their strength and stamina will be awesome.

Finally, Ricky and waterpolo have become an amazing duo. Suddenly Ricky has the strength to swim and swim and swim and heads straight for that open goal – I predict he will be one of our under 14's leaders next year.

Thanks for a fabulous season boys.

Miss B Gobel

Team: Captain – Nick Taylor, James Bradley, Ricky Fradel, Luke Gabrielli, Sam Hayward, Jacob Hill, Ayrton Huseinspahic, Kane Potoru, Carlos Sanchez-Kirkby, James Bradley.

15s WATER POLO

The 15s water polo team had a very successful season winning the Zone Finals 7 – 3 against Normanhurst. It was a very shakey start to the season with only 6 students putting their names forward to be in the team. Fortunately Stathis Ioakim and John Wu joined the team in week 2 and brought the numbers up to 8. This meant a steep learning curve for these new members who also soon learnt just how unfit they were in the pool!!!!

Mention should be made of students who played in the 14s water polo last year including William Irvine-Brown, Vernon Lam, Joel Todd and Peter Brimfield whose combined experience was invaluable in getting the team to work as a team. Nathan Sorrenti was outstanding in his ball skills and fitness and usually led the Homebush attack ably supported by Peter Maxwell who has never played water polo before but being a strong swimmer soon developed ball skills and was responsible for scoring 4 goals in the final.

Luckily in 2008 Michael Parker joined Homebush Boys in year 7 and was able to add his skills to the team.

All in all it was a good year with all members involved in the team effort and all games played in a friendly and sportsman like manner. Congratulations to all concerned.

**Andrew Smith
Coach**

1st GRADE WATER POLO Knockout – CHS

This year was a very successful one for Homebush Boys' 1st Grade Water polo team led by year 12 student – Chad Watkinson. With a strong team line up, the boys were able to win the 1st Grade competition against Ashfield in a hard fought match with the end result being 5-4.

The team then entered the CHS 1st grade State Water Polo Knockout Competition and proceeded to win the first round of competition comfortably. After a few more qualifying rounds the boys made the top 16 in the State and were invited to compete in the finals at Raymond Terrace. We were drawn in the same pool as Alstonville, a very competitive school who beat us 7-5 in our pool game, however we both qualified for the semi-finals.

Our semi was against Kirrawee, the winners of pool B and also a very strong squad. The game was goal for goal all the way and both teams fought hard for the win. Young Bradley Parker played a key role marking one of one of their strongest players and was bitten in the dying moments of the match, making the game more important to win. The score was locked at 7-7 causing the game to be decided by a penalty shoot out. After missing the first shot, Connor Martin went in goals for an injured Peter Jackson, who proceeded to save the next 3 shots. The end result was a 10-9 win to Homebush.

After the excitement of a hard fought semi the boys were given a pre-game pump-up talk by captain Chad Watkinson with great input from another senior player William Parker. We were set to play Alstonville in the grand final after their impressive win in the semis. We started strong, scoring first and going into the second quarter with a 2-1 lead. Alstonville fought back in the second and at half time we were drawn at 3-3. After a long tournament the boys were tired and lost 9-5. Although it wasn't the outcome we would have liked, we were happy with our success.

The boys would like to thank Ms. Chapman for her efforts in organizing the trip and putting up with the boys, and to Chad for leading us to the grandfinal of the State Knockout. Well done and goodluck for next season.

Taylor Di Val

Team: Chad Watkinson, William Parker, Matthew Hay, Connor Martin, Bradley Parker, Taylor Di Val, Travis Lavdaras, Peter Jackson, Blake Watkinson, Robert Polec, Nathan Sorrenti and Andrew Sorrenti.



Above: Cruising Yacht Club 'Learn to Sail' program.

Below: Andrew, David and Peter Brimfield CHS Rowing Award.





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2008 NSW Combined High Schools Regatta, Belmont

Standing upon the shore of Belmont 16fts skiff club looking into the teeth of the ferocious southerly, Owain Brady, William Parker and myself were faced with the decision of choosing appropriate sized sails for the wind conditions. Now keeping in mind that Owain, Will and I have never sailed together and never sailed this class of boat before, we were lucky enough to be in the company of the most brilliant sailing minds of Belmont, who all disagreed with each other about the wind conditions which only confused the three of us further.

So when there was a report of 18 knots on the course the decision was made to put on the small set of sails. We attempted to rig the 16ft monstrosity which seemed to be held together with hopes and dreams rather than alloy and fibreglass. The boat went together like a puzzle, complete with 5 rolls of tape holding bits and pieces on.

As we lifted the fully rigged Rumblefish off the beach we felt the immediate burden of our hasty decision to sail a 16ft skiff. The vessel must have weighed a tonne; it was like carrying a Manly Ferry into the water. We managed to get the Rumble fish into the water and as the boat took off we felt the full power of the 16ft skiff. It was all a little bit nervous to begin with as William and I braved it out on the trapeze, while the mast made a few protesting noises. But once we were on the plane, the boat just seemed to belong.

We motored down towards the start line, and as we were about half way there we heard a shot being fired from the starter's boat. Lucky for us this was only the invitation race, so it did not count. We had to be the last boat over the start line yet by the top mark we were half way through the fleet. We finished the invitation race in the top 20.

As we returned to the beach we were in discussion about the best way to stop the boat. My personal favourite was William's suggestion to just run the boat up the concrete. However in contrary to William's brilliant suggestion we managed to stop the vessel without causing too much damage. We returned the Rumble fish to her cradle and then made our way to the canteen for a well earned refreshment.

The next day we were fully rested and determined to make the start. We got to the club nice and early and we rigged the boat as best we could. We launched the obese

boat for the second time, and we made the start. In fact we had a good start and it was all looking good, coming in the top 10 boats in the fleet. As we were coming up to the top can, we rounded the mark and hoisted the spinnaker.

I then ran out onto the wire and we saw this massive gust coming down on top of us. We braced ourselves and at that moment the hopes and dreams which were holding up the mast didn't seem to be enough, as the puff of breeze filled the spinnaker the back stays of the mast snapped, leaving the fibreglass tip of the mast in an awkward position. I packed the spinnaker into the boat as quickly as possible as to not break the tip of the mast. We had to retire the first race having only completed one half of three laps. We spent the rest of that afternoon shopping for replacement wire and then fitting it to the boat.

On Thursday we put the boat in the water, sailed off and were pleasantly surprised when we noticed that the boat didn't produce protesting noises as William or I trapezed. This race we had an average start, actually finishing the race and achieving a 6th place out of a fleet of 141 boats.

The Friday morning we were faced with a bit of a decision. The breeze had died off a little, yet the forecast showed that we would be getting 20knots, however throughout the race it never got over 15knots. We ended putting the big rig on, as William Parker always says "Big rigs win big races".

We had the most respect when we put on these 67m² and the other competitors were in awe as the largest and fastest boat in the fleet made its way through the water. To be a little more honest the other competitor's scattered as the largest and most out of control boat ploughed erratically through the fleet. We had a rather good start this race and we snuck in from the pin end underneath most of the fleet and just took them on boat speed rather than just tactics. As the Skiff Guru Wolfy says "There is no substitute for sail area." We achieved a 10th in the third race.

Saturday morning was a little bit of a struggle as most of the fleet were still recovering from the Friday night festivities however not the dedicated crew of Rumble fish. The Saturday race was the windiest race of the regatta reaching a top of 21knots on the course. So we were back to the

extremely dodgy second rig. We launched the boat, sailed about 200m from the shore then decided we didn't like sailing upright, so we had a very spectacular capsize which all I recall was Owain screaming "ABANDON SHIP" as I see him flying through the air (There is photo evidence of this spectacle).

We right the boat and head off towards the start line where we sail around behind the start line. As we are waiting for the start Will and I decide we need a swim, and we fall out of the boat being dragged along for about 100m (I am still trying to get the salt water out from between my ears). Anyway as the start gun goes off we launch off pulling everything on hard to get as much power as possible. A few seconds later all these rivets begin to fire out from the mast launching themselves all over the boat. We notice the goose neck begins sliding down the mast slowly as the rivets that were holding it there are rolling around on the front tank. There was a little bit of deliberation about what to do next and trust young Will to say "Lets just tape it on, it'll be alright". We noticed quite quickly that the tape wasn't working, so we begin to limp back towards the shore line to retire the final race of the 2008 NSW Combined High Schools Regatta.

Overall we did not do that well as we only finished half of the races due to the boat falling apart on us. But we did achieve an 11th in the miscellaneous division and we did win our class. This was an incredible achievement when we were sailing a boat that had been lost in time, no one knows how old it is, The boat was 24kgs over weight, and we learnt that the second rig was so bad because the owners have never put it in the boat. Once the wind got more than 17knots they just didn't sail. But we achieved an extremely good result for three students who have never sailed with each other before, never sailed a 16ft skiff before and the fact that it was a dog boat.

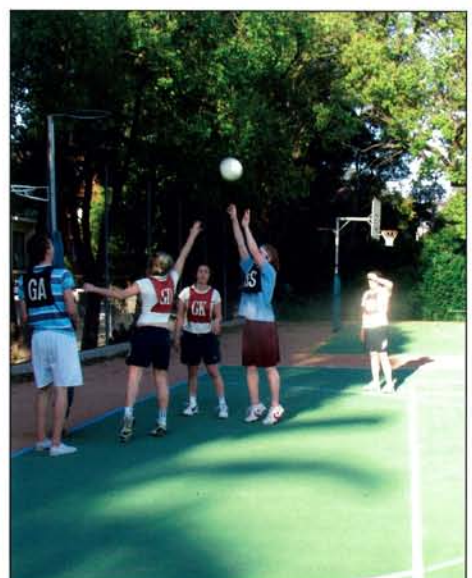
As always congratulations have to go out to Belmont 16ft skiff club for hosting an extremely memorable regatta.

Rob Polec

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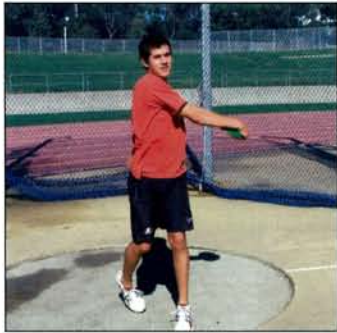
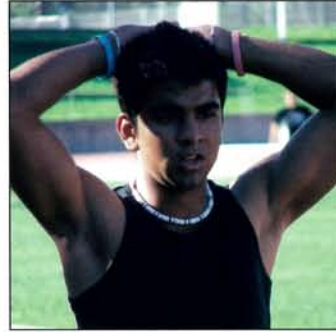


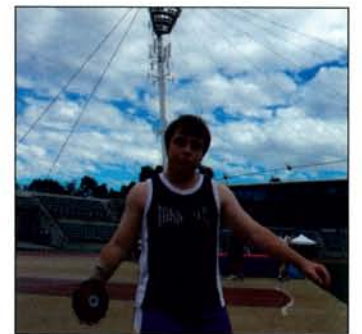
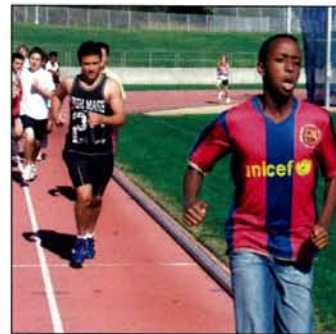
ATHLETICS

The Annual Homebush Boys High School Athletics Carnival was held at the Olympic Athletics Centre. Vaughan with 982 points was the victorious house followed by Howe, Hayes and Greening. The house champions in the corresponding order were Harley Merzi, James Shutre, Hammond Iqbal and Abdul Malek Rahman.

The twelve year division saw Abdul Malek Rahman victorious over Bavi Indrakumar. Justin Cheng outlasted Jack Codd-Miller to be the thirteen years champion. The fourteens category saw a battle between Brian Griffin-Colls and Dilan Khalil with Dilan the narrow victor. Hammad Iqbal was the standout in the fifteens with Dennis Griffin-Colls dominant in the sixteens. James Shute was the senior champion in front of Mehran Modasser, Kaan Sozen and Nathan Massey.

The boys went on to form the nucleus of a strong school team to contest the Metropolitan North-West Championships.





NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The annual Zone cross country championships were held at the Macquarie University Sports Fields on a beautiful autumn day on Tuesday 27th May. The 12 s & 13 s (3 kilometres), 14 s & 15 s (4 kilometres), & 16 s, 17 s & 18+ (6 kilometres) ran over a very demanding course which had one very steep incline.

The top runner in each age group was as follows: Abdul Malek Rahman (12 Years) 3rd, Leonardo Pane (13 Years) 6th, Nick Taylor (14 Years) 4th, Brendan Jenkins (15 Years) 11th, Simon Ede (16 Years) 6th, Giorgio Speranza (17 Years) 6th & Scott Tonkin (18+ Years) 12th.

All of our runners acquitted themselves admirably. Special thanks go to Ben Green & George Lassithiotakis from the 11B Sport/Lifestyle & Recreation class for assisting with the officiating of the championships. All of the students who represented Homebush and their final positions are as follows:

12 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
3rd	Abdul Malek Rahman	30th	Jarryd McFarlane
7th	Matthew Yu	37th	Mahmoud Ayish
8th	Serge Houhlias	44th	Ibrahem Al Attyia
24th	Ayman Hill		

13 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
6th	Leonardo Pane	30th	Joseph Croquennec
12th	Rowan Castro	37th	Hassan Koussan
21st	Daniel Collis	39th	Trae Chamma
28th	Peter Totidis		

14 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
4th	Nick Taylor	24th	Adam Alley
9th	Matthew O Neill	29th	Derim Alkadmani
10th	Dilan Khalil	41st	James Bradley
17th	Brian Griffin-Colls	44th	Raymond Xian

15 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
11th	Brendan Jenkins	24th	Joel Todd
16th	Tariq Atchan	35th	Shakti Rathore
17th	Yusuf Suryantoko	36th	Tim Barrett
23rd	Fletcher Rowe	51st	Kabilan Bascaran

16 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
6th	Simon Eade	39th	Eren Demiroz
10th	Roberto Speranza	42nd	Blake Watkinson
13th	Mitchell Davidson	43rd	Daniel Sit
29th	Kook Bo Stone	44th	Tom Burton

17 Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
6th	Giorgio Speranza	18th	Scott Mackay
10th	David Von Dinklage	24th	Taylor Di Val
13th	Lachlan Irvine-Brown	43rd	Nick Ivassi

18 + Years

PLACE	NAME	PLACE	NAME
12th	Scott Tonkin	16th	Elijah Chan
14th	Bismellah Latifi	21st	Ben Green
15th	Daniel Ingrati	22nd	Matthew Sheath

The top 10 runners in each age group went on to represent the zone at the Sydney North Regional Cross Country Championships.

R. Tedford
Sports Organiser

1st GRADE FOOTBALL

The 2008 season was one of 'if only?' as the rebuilding process begun in 2005 came to fruition. Unfortunately the campaign was to end in grief but the ride was glorious and at times exhilarating. The campaign started in an unusual manner with a forfeit in the new improved Errea Cup. For the second year running we had to play another match. The new look team brimmed with confidence, dominated possession and territory, had more shots on goal and actually won the match 6-2 against the much vaunted and fancied Narrabeen Sports High boasting many Premier Youth League and even HAL players. There was even the luxury of a missed penalty. Oh, the joy.

This meant that we actually had to play a third match but this one did not have the familiar ring to it as we dominated Ashfield in every respect and on the scoreline. There was to be none of the usual recriminations as they were despatched 3-2 and both Ashfield goals came from penalties.

The eager and talented team prepared for the NWM zone competition. Yet again the first round match against Normanhurst did not occur as the weather conspired to wash the game out.

Round 2 was against Asquith at Powells Creek and a more ruthless, uncompromising Homebush turned up to inflict an 11-0 hiding on the hapless opposition. George Asiedu-Afari missed a penalty, Mehran Modasser scored a hat trick and Scott Mackay added two goals to the five he had scored earlier in the second grade victory.

Round 3 was against Ashfield and the 3-0 win was a true reflection of the teamwork and ability of the squad.

Round 4 in both the Zone and Cup was the dreaded trip to North Sydney where we had not won since about 2001. Nothing seemed to have changed as North Sydney jumped to an early lead. However, the lads put their heads down and got on with the job to establish what seemed to be an unassailable lead at 4-1. Hubris intervened and North Sydney pulled a couple back and the match got interesting at 4-3. Wise heads took control and a fifth goal settled the issue.

The fifth round match at Epping was a reality check as the team failed to overcome a stubborn opposition and some over zealous officiating to go down 2-1 in the last two minutes after dominating long passages of play.

Round 6 was at Normanhurst where the curse had been broken last year. The result was most impressive at 3-0 with Scott Mackay knocking in all three goals and missing half a dozen other chances.

The fifth round of the Cup loomed against the highly credentialed Erina at Pluim Park, Lisarow.

The lads did the standard trick of talking up the opposition who seemed to be six inches taller. Scott Mackay's opportunistic goal got the team moving and they went on with it. When the fourth goal went in just before half time the match was all but over. The last four rounds against Asquith, Ashfield (4-2), North Sydney (5-1) and Epping were all positive with a washout and three rollicking wins. The sweet taste of revenge came against Epping at 5-2. Minor Premiers, who would believe such a miracle?

The semi final was against Ashfield and following well-taken goals by Grant Colombo, Scott Mackay and Scott Tonkin (2) we ran out 4-0 winners to assume our rightful place in the final against Normanhurst. Unfortunately this was to be Mitchell Davidson's final match as he fractured his right patella in a freak accident in the last minute.

Later that week we travelled to Lambton in Newcastle for the last 16 clash with Lambton High. In a match played in driving rain we dominated for long periods and made all the running. However, we were to rue half a dozen missed chances as Lambton scored from a lucky bounce from a free kick and we were out 1-0. Lambton went all the way to the final

where they were beaten 2-0 by Epping. What might have been? The zone final was washed out much to the disappointment of the players and their loyal band of supporters.

Highlights of the season.

- The development of new, young players in Thomas Burton, Mitchell Davidson, Eren Demiroz and Robbie Speranza

- The continued dedication of the retiring veterans, George Asiedu-Afari, Grant Colombo, Nick Ivassi, Ibrahim Kerem, Emre Mehmet, Mehran Modasser, Matthew Sheath, Giorgio Speranza and Scott Tonkin.

- The unassuming support and encouragement given by Mr Avery, the Burton family, Mr Davidson, Mr Ivassi, Mrs Mackay, Mr Tonkin and especially Mr Speranza who hardly missed a game. Your assistance with transport and morale has been much appreciated.

- The assistance freely given by Mr Attwood, Mr Carrozza and Mr Fairley during Mr Doenau's lay off. Mr Carrozza's wise counsel to an at times excitable manager had a suitably calming effect.

The future is bright with eleven players returning in 2009 and some promising prospects from the seconds and 15As. All 2008 contracts have been renewed for the 2009 season.

Awards.

Player of the year: Giorgio Speranza

The Malcolm Brown Trophy for Summer Grade and Football: Nick Ivassi and Scott Tonkin

Most improved: Jack Avery and Scott Mackay

Goal scorers.

11 Scott Mackay; 10 Scott Tonkin; 6 Mehran Modasser; 5 Jack Avery and Steven Gabor 4 Roberto Speranza, David von Dinklage; 3 Mitchell Davidson; 2 Grant Colombo, Nick Ivassi, Emre Mehmet; 1 Ibrahim Kerem



Under 13s April - Asquith



Above: 13A Rugby V Epping.

Results

Opponent	Venue	Result (HT)	Scorers
Fort Street (EC)		WOF	
Narrabeen (EC)	Narrabeen	6-2 (4-0)	Gabor, Kerem, Mackay, Mehmet, Tonkin, von Dinklage
Ashfield (EC)	Powells Creek	3-2 (2-1)	Colombo (pen), Davidson, Mackay
Normanhurst	Powells Creek	Wash out	
Asquith	Powells Creek	11-0 (6-0)	Modasser 3, Ivassi 2, Mackay 2, R Speranza 2, Tonkin, von Dinklage
Ashfield	Powells Creek	3-0 (2-0)	Gabor, Mackay, Tonkin
North Sydney (EC)	Cammeray	5-3 (3-1)	Modasser 2, Avery, Davidson (pen), Tonkin
Epping	Epping BHS	1-2 (1-0)	Davidson
Normanhurst	Oakleigh	3-0 (1-0)	Mackay 3
Erina (EC)	Lisarow	4-0 (4-0)	Mackay, Modasser, Tonkin, von Dinklage (pen)
Asquith	Asquith	Wash out	
Ashfield	Ashfield	4-2 (2-1)	Gabor 2, Mehmet, R Speranza
North Sydney	Powells Creek	5-1 (3-0)	Avery 2, Tonkin 2, Mackay
Epping	Powells Creek	5-2 (2-1)	Avery, Gabor, R Speranza, Tonkin, von Dinklage (pen)
Ashfield (semi final)	Powells Creek	4-0 (1-0)	Tonkin 2, Colombo, Mackay
Lambton (EC)	Lambton	0-1 (0-0)	
Normanhurst (final)	Powells Creek	Wash out	

Matches (13)	Name
13	Thomas Burton, Nick Ivassi, Travis Lavdaras, Giorgio Speranza, Roberto Speranza, Scott Tonkin, David von Dinklage
12	Jack Avery, Mitchell Davidson, Steven Gabor, Scott Mackay,
11	Mehran Modasser
10	Grant Colombo
6	George Asiedu-Afari, Eren Demiroz
5	Daniel Gabrielli, Emre Mehmet
4	Ibrahim Kerem
2	Matthew Sheath
1	Ben Green

FIRST XV RUGBY

An outstanding season, by a team that gave themselves every opportunity to be victorious in all aspects of the game.

With the experience of players like, Matt Pluis, Sam McCartney, Ben Green, James Shute and Nathan Massey the boys were off to a flying start, with convincing wins over Ashfield (51-3), Normanhurst (22-20), and Randwick (19-11). Unfortunately, the old Epping rivals would not go down and had a narrow win at Epping, (24-21). This loss inspired the boys to regroup and produce a more organized approach to the game. Rain once again had a role to play in the season resulting in two rounds being missed.

A break for the season, due to the CHS carnival was welcomed as Homebush had several players selected in the North Metropolitan West Regional side: Matthew Pluis (Captain), Sam McCartney, James Shehadie, Kane Lees, Emilio McFarland, Daniel Ingrati, and Konrad Ilohahia and Tyson Parcel (North Districts). Needless to say, the boys performed extremely well in treacherous conditions with rain for the entire four days of competition. The team were instrumental in their performance in all facets of the game, and represented their school well both on and off the field with game results of; North West Metropolitan Zone defeated Convener's Team 10 - 7 North West Metropolitan Zone 17 defeated North Shore Warringah 12 North West Metropolitan Zone 17 defeated Hunter 5 to be placed 3rd overall in the competition.

A return to the season saw the end of both Lawrence Pene, and Sam McCartney's season due to injuries which would mean a significant blow to the strength of the forward pack. With the return of Lachlan Jenson and added combination of 'who is that bloke', Nathan Massey in the backs, the boys ran rings around their opposition managing convincing wins over Ashfield (31-0), Randwick (44-0) and Epping, (27-0). The boys also beat Epping in the Waratah Shield match, 24-20.

Unfortunately, this would not be enough for the final and history would once again repeat itself and allow EBHS to be victorious in the final match. The boys played well, but having to defend their line for 25minutes straight in the first-half, they could not drum up the energy to put the ball over the line, even after breaking the defensive line numerous times in the game

A great learning experience for all

involved and an enjoyable time had by the coach, and hopefully, you guys too. Thank you to our water boys/managers/taxi drivers: M Muhana, B Eldejanya, J Kitharas who did a splendid job throughout the season. (Don't forget to pick up your Bronze awards.)

Forwards: J Shehadie: 'Can I start 2nd half sir? D Atchan: 'Some day I'll make it to the break-down', Emilio 'Australian Jnr... 'McFarland, S Sakib: 'Anyone got any tape...my knees cum-off', S McCartney: 'don't worry sir...I'll just cut it off', M Pluis: 'don't worry sir, I've got it covered...', 'E Chan: 'tie your scrum cap', K Lees: 'common bro, have a go...', Lawrence Pene: you fit? Yeh I'm fit.' B Green: 'anyone need a lift?', T Parcell: 'don't worry, I'll lead the troops next year sir, P Jackson: 'double jointed finger...'

Backs: M Beattie: 'Quiet as a mouse...', L Jenson: 'should be ready in a few weeks sir. T Delai-vulaca: 'run straight, run straight, run straight', Nathan 'who is that bloke?' Massey, J Shute: I think I can, I think I can, I know can, I can... J Harris: 'not bad for a soft-baller', D Ingrati: 'look sir, I am going flat-out...' K Ilohahia: 'I will not run from my own 22...' A. Khare: 'sir can I have a go at 5/8 or senas sir? L Irvine-Brown: 'Thank god for head-gear'

Thanks, Mr Martin



13 FOOTBALL

Coach: Mr McFarlane
Captain: Ricky Fradel
The 13'As had a very successful season with their attacking style often producing strong victories. They were enthusiastically captained by Ricky Fradel and the team always showed a great sense of sportsmanship and spirit. Homebush went into the final as the minor premiers, being unbeaten throughout the season. However, bad weather and a cancelled match meant that they were denied the chance to be outright Premiers. There were some extraordinary displays of skill throughout the season and it was always a great team effort from the boys. They always gave one hundred percent right up till the final whistle and were great ambassadors for the school.

13 B FOOTBALL

Coaching is made easy and enjoyable when a team like this year's 13b soccer team played on every occasion. The Boys were committed every game, never questioned a decision whether write or wrong, and played in the true Homebush way. The team played well all season and just missed out on playing in the finals with a 2-2 draw against Randwick. A big congratulation goes out to the team and I'm sure that season 2009 will be a better year for them.

Mr. Tserpes

14B FOOTBALL

Coach: Mr. S. Prasad
Captain: Sharmarke Ahmed

The 14 B soccer team had a very successful season with one draw and all wins in the season. The team showed true sportsmanship with their personalised jerseys and skills displayed were above the expectations of the age group. Team spirit has been the key factor in the success and under close supervision of the captain, there has not been any incident. All the reports received proved that once again the boys had been true ambassadors while travelling on public transport to various venues and been excellent hosts for the home games.

Homebush went into the final as the minor premiers, being unbeaten throughout the season. However, bad weather resulted in final match being cancelled and denied the chance to be outright Premiers. As a consolation we had the opportunity of keeping the trophy as we were the leaders.

Rustam Mia had an outstanding performance in all the games and our goal keeper Fahim Takbir was marvellous in defence with the very few attacks at our goal.

Dr. Balan and some parent supporters were always giving the extra encouragement and pointers for such a lovely finish to the season.

13A RUGBY

The 13A's had a successful season where they were semi-finalists. The competition was very even between Homebush, Randwick and the eventual premiers, Epping. Each team recorded victories and losses against each other.

The team was led by tough-as-teak front rower Nathan Waipouri. Along with Thomas Fletcher and Micky Parker, they provided a very sound scrum platform. Tim Davidson, Justin Shon, Robert Lopes and Steven Rosen provided tremendous "go-forward" with their determined running. The "care-bare" twins, Riley and Perrin Tasker, were outstanding, constantly winning possession at the breakdown and making countless breaks with determination and a high work rate.

The backline was organised by Hassan Koussan and Hamish Campbell, who also possessed accurate kicking games. Ayden Cochran and Brandon Vuong were very strong defensive centres. Aaron Ilohahia and Levrone Cokanasigia finished off many a backline raid, while Jack Codd-Miller gained many metres with his strong running and towering kicks.

Cameron Parcell, Youseff Morgan, Steven Luo and Brian Dowling played several games in 'A's and were outstanding contributors.

The team traveled over large areas of Sydney to play their games. They now have a good understanding of City-Rail. At all times, as we moved around Sydney, played Rugby and had fun, the 13A's and 13B's were terrific ambassadors for themselves, their families and their school.

Mr Wilson
Mr Hilliard



Homebush was represented by a full squad of runners and was placed third in the metropolitan North West Zone Cross Country carnival.

13B RUGBY

Many of the boys were new to Rugby and team sports, but they quickly got into the ethos of competitive sport and reached the semi-finals.

Cameron Parcell was team captain and played a strong attacking and defensive game. Along with prop-forward, Steven Luo, he was our best performed player. Brian Dowling, Munro Kahukura, Max Altman, Dane Kennedy, Beauden Hellyer and Linden Talbot made up a talented and rugged pack of forwards.

Youseff Morgan, Naje Roude, Fadi Allamedine and Karim Alkadmani were very quick players who made lots of breaks in the opposition defense. Dylan Kang and Daniel Fielding were our most penetrative players who often gave good passes to Andrew Suamili. Bilal Zraika, Riley Curran, Jordan Labone and Jayden Rapasardi were outstanding defenders. Cameron Murray, William Dowsley, Aryan Chandra, Albert Tin, Declan Lindsay and Ekjot Singh completed our playing roster. All the boys performed creditably and will be bigger and better in 2009.

Mr Wilson
Mr Hilliard

15A FOOTBALL

Season Summary
Played 10 Won 9 Lost 1
Goals For 31 Against 12

A solid start to the season via a couple of close wins set us up for a definite top 4 finish. We had the measure of the majority of sides with the exception of Asquith who we had a narrow win and a 2 goal loss against. A subtle change to our team formation opened up our attack and we managed to string some wins together and take out the Minor Premiership.

Our midfield dictated the play via Andrew Matt and Tariq. Opportunities were created up front by Yusuf, Hammad, Nathan and Patrick while Omar G and Suffan led the backs of Kabil, Michael and Omar. Fletcher was solid in goals while Kieran and Pranavan played well upfront and in midfield when called on.

Our Semi was washed out and based on our ladder position we were into the Grand Final versus Asquith. Unfortunately we were a bit flat on the day and went down 3-0. A little disappointing after making all the running on the ladder and playing

so consistently all year.

Tariq Atchan – Great central midfielder, controlled the play.
Andrew Depta – Excelled in midfield.

Patrick Dixon – An exceptional talent, Bound for the UK.

Omar Gebara – Sensational at Sweeper.

Matt Hatzi – Determination and speed out wide.

Suffan Hassan – A skilled stopper.

Omar Ibrahim – Dependable back with pace.

Hammad Iqbal – A damaging runner and goal scorer.

Kieren Khatri – Solid midfielder, neat passer.

Kabil Kulnane – Quality out wide at the back.

Fletcher Rowe – Produced some good displays of keeping.

Michael Shearman – A much improved defender.

Pranavan Sivalohan – Showed some nice touches in midfield.

Nathan Sorrenti – Solid skills in attack.

Yusuf Suryantoko – Forward creativity and flair.

Player of the Year – Tariq Atchan in a close one over Andrew Depta

Coach Mr B. Wilson

JUNIOR HOCKEY B

This year's Junior Hockey B team was fantastic. A whole group of boys who had never played hockey before came together and 'became a team'. I stress 'became a team' because many people play *in* a team but they don't always play *as* a team and these guys definitely did just that.

They had to learn everything; from how to hold the hockey stick and run with the ball to the finer points of long and short corners and they did all this together in a really supportive and (usually) friendly way. The effort the boys put in and the positive attitude they had, created a most enjoyable environment and, I hope I speak for us all, we had a lot of fun.

I really look forward to watching these guys play next year – I know they will be fabulous.

Team: Zaheer Ebrahim (captain), Sai Ng (vice captain), Ibrahim Al-Atyyia, Nayan Bhatthela, Raymond Cai, Apurv Dogra, Ambrose Hill (Goalie), Gary Le, Tommy Ng, Nirushian Parthibhan, Farbar Siddiq, Song Lin Wu, Michael Xu, Darren Zhang.

Miss B Gobel
Coach



13's B FOOTBALL



13's A RUGBY



4th FOOTBALL



3rds FOOTBALL



13's A FOOTBALL



14's RUGBY



15s RUGBY



14's A FOOTBALL



15 B's FOOTBALL



FIRST XV RUGBY



15 A's FOOTBALL



13 B's RUGBY



14 B's FOOTBALL



2nd XV RUGBY



13 B's FOOTBALL



Nathan Massey represented NSW under 18's. He played against Queensland in the 'curtain-raiser' to the Brisbane State of Origin Rugby League game.



SENIOR A HOCKEY



SENIOR B HOCKEY



JUNIOR A HOCKEY



JUNIOR B HOCKEY



1st XV FOOTBALL



2nd XV FOOTBALL



SENIOR TENNIS



JUNIOR TENNIS



JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS



SENIOR B TABLE TENNIS



JUNIOR B TABLE TENNIS



FIRST GRADE TABLE TENNIS
CHS CHAMPIONS



JUNIOR A TABLE TENNIS

SENIOR B HOCKEY

The 2008 season was to see senior hockey with 2 teams for the third time season in the last 4 years. 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 not the easybeats of the competition. The captain Craig Ford who was the centre half would lead the team by example always looking to get the best out of all the players. The statistics showed 14 goals for and 24 goals against. In most of the games we lost by only one goal. Unfortunately we missed out on the finals by coming 5th.

The main goal scorer was Daniel Speed who played right wing and managed to score a goal in almost every game. He was also the best and fairest for the season along with Thomas Stefoulis who was great in defence, 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.

Our defence is what kept us in most games, the fullbacks Umair Awan, Arham Soomro and Sajeeb Roy worked tirelessly. Lachlan Heron, Asritha Chintamani and Harish Vellimalai 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 Shivayan Saravanapavanathan and Aaron Costa who played right wing and sometimes fullback, had a very strong hit and so could cross the ball into the D with great ease and clear the ball when we were defending.

The goalkeeper was Phillip Stapleton 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 lets not forget Darusan Nagaratnarajah and Simon Bull 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 despite not winning any games I would look forward to wednesday sport with these boys because they made the afternoon most enjoyable with their sportsmanship and desire to have fun no matter what the result. I look forward to coaching these boys again next year. Thank you all.

C.Halkidis (coach)

3rd GRADE FOOTBALL

This was an enjoyable season, made by an outstanding effort from all the boys in the 3rd grade team. The team finished 3rd after the all the round games were completed only two points from 1st place North Sydney. Unfortunately we were unable to make the grand-final, being narrowly defeated 2-1 by Epping Boys in the last minute of the game. A big thank you to the 15/A boys who filled in for the final since we had nine players on the day of the final due to sickness and students on holidays. Fantastic year from Alex Burjan and Faisal Khan who played with great determination every week. Congratulations to those year 12 students in the side that have represented Homebush for the last six years and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. To the rest of the team well done, we will be bigger and better next year.

Mr Belgre



The photos left and above were taken on the Rugby Grand Final day.

JUNIOR A HOCKEY The Homebush Boys' junior hockey team A had a fantastic season. They finished undefeated as minor premiers, and as premiers. During the season the team conceded just 4 goals, whilst putting in over 64.

The first game of the season resulted in a 4-0 win against Normanhurst. Homebush A's continued their great form beating Homebush B's and demolishing Ashfield 12-1. Homebush then faced North Sydney Boys. Although the team proved to be the most difficult team we would play, our team came away with a 3-1 victory. We then beat Epping 5-0 to finish off the first half of the season.

The second half of the season proved to be even stronger than the first. Homebush crushed Normanhurst A 11-0 and then beat Homebush B and Ashfield 8-0. We then beat North Sydney 6-1, confirming our spot in the final.

The first game of the finals was against Epping Boys. Homebush A proved far too good for them defeating them 11-2. The result put us through to the grand final.

The grand final was against North Sydney Boys. Homebush started with only nine players on the field and a missing coach! However, everyone arrived soon after for what was to be the closest game of the season. The end result was 3-1, Homebush's way.

Thanks to Mr. Standen and the team for a whole hearted effort. What a great season!!

Zac McCowage
Captain

2nd GRADE XV RUGBY UNION

As with 2007, this season promised to be a good one, when many students trialed for grade rugby at the senior level. The selection trials were well attended and we had excellent fitness and training sessions. With a mixture of experienced and novice players it looked as if there would be plenty of players for every game.

Second Grade began the season with a disappointing washed out game that was to have been against Normanhurst.

With 30 players on the team list bursting to get onto the field, the sidelines were crowded with fresh reserves in the next game against Epping Thirds. Playing on our home ground the team began to develop

some team work and understanding. With so many reserves it was necessary to have a buddy system to manage the many interchanges. Bradley Parker scored two tries in a good 27-5 win.

The next game against North Sydney was a lesson in Rugby for the seconds as even though Homebush had a full team of reserves, North Sydney only had 2 reserves. The many fresh players made little difference as the North Sydney forwards dominated possession and they scored a solid 22 to nil victory. Kailin Moodley saw stars but was expertly tended to by Ms Chapman and 2 nice ambulance officers.

William Parker was proving to be a very conscientious and thoughtful Captain, ably assisted by Vice Captain, Kaan Sozen. William organized early morning training runs at Airey Outer, where his father assisted with his expert knowledge of rugby skills and techniques.

The next game was against Epping Seconds at their school. Epping scored 2 tries in the first half from Homebush mistakes. William gave a stirring speech at half time and Homebush won the second half but lost the game 12 to 26. The training sessions had improved the skill level and the team played good rugby in this game and in every game for the rest of the season.

An exciting game was played against Normanhurst when Jack Barrett, Gokhan Can and Mahendirarajah Sinnarasa excelled and 3 excellent tries were scored in a very good 19-10 win.

The next game, our reserves had disappeared and against a strong North Sydney at Tunks Park we lost 8 to 26.

Back at Hudson Park for the home game against a depleted Epping Seconds, the team played a hard fought contest resulting in a 7 to 5 win.

Term 3 begins and in the semi final against Epping Seconds, Homebush was struggling to field a full team and only did so five minutes before kick off. However the team played with commitment and courage.

They never gave up, and even though the score was 7-31 against them, Ms Chapman and Mr Doolan were two very proud coaches. Injuries and unfortunate circumstances had made their numbers dwindle but even though

the score was not in their favour the players had performed to their best and played the game in a true sporting spirit.

William Parker was the clever and quick thinking halfback and captain, Bradley Parker never stopped at flyhalf, Suthan Sriharan, Gokhan Can and Kailin Moodley were reliable as the centres. Musa Ozkan, Michael Edgington, George Lassithiotakis, Stuart Holbrook, Rasheeq Mahmood and Michael Talarico made up a determined front row.

Abdullah Akgul, Kaan Sozen, Selem Elhelou, Jack Barrett, Cooper Lindsay, Connor Martin and Sheshan Saravanamuthan were solid in the second row or as

committed flankers or as lock.

Matthew Hay and Lachlan Irvine-Brown were soon promoted to the first XV.

James Ha, Ryan Harrison, Cameron Ngo and Hilal Roude ran hard on the wings. Steven Grasion, Alan Rawcliffe and Mahendirarajah Sinnarasa were reliable at fullback. Ganan Bupalashinka, Abdul Shanjari and Joel Thevarajah filled in anywhere as needed. Dinesh Karunanithy and Mathew Piper were the diligent managers.

Alan Doolan, Annabel Chapman
(coaches)

Results for the season were as follows:-

Round 1	9th April	Hudson	v Normanhurst	Washout
Round 2	30 th April	Hudson	v Epping 3rds	Win 27-5
Round 3	7 th May		BYE	
Round 4	14 th May	St Lukes 2	v N. Sydney	Loss 0-22
Round 5	21st May	EBHS	v Epping 2nds	Loss 12-26
Round 6	28th May	NBHS	v Normanhurst	Win 19-10
Round 7	11th June	Marsfield	v Epping 3rds	Washout
Round 8	18 th June		BYE	
Round 9	25th June	Tunks Park	v N.Sydney	Loss 8-26
Semi Final	23 rd July	TGMilner	v Epping 2nds	Loss 7-31
Round 10	7 th July	Hudson	v Epping 2nds	Win 7-5
Semi Final	23 rd July	TGMilner	v Epping 2nds	Loss 7-31

14's RUGBY UNION

Our season started strongly with a team mixture of a few Rugby Union regulars, several Rugby League players and a few first time Rugby code participants. A win against Asquith put us in the right frame of mind for the rest of the season. The game showed that as a team, we had many physically strong players and everyone was tough enough to cope with the physical nature of playing against Asquith.

Ashfield were not the dominating team of old, however, they too were very physical. Again, our boys matched their enthusiasm on the field with some excellent individual performances. However, as a team, there wasn't much cohesion.

Several boys were keen to train and did so on many occasions. It was these boys that showed a great level of improvement throughout the season. Having only a handful of boys training made it difficult to develop team plays and gain momentum around the breakdown. We relied heavily on one off runs from our skilful players, with many

of our workhorses not able to reap rewards for their efforts.

Our lack of cohesion brought us undone against an Epping 15's team and a Normanhurst 15's team that out-played us on the field. Neither Epping nor Normanhurst were in consideration for the premierships due to being older, but they were still a barrier to overcome.

A couple of close wins against Epping 14's put us into a good spot on the table, with a few rained out weeks ensuring us a place in the semi-finals. The boys defeated Ashfield convincingly (48-0) in the semi-final, giving them a chance against Asquith in the grand final.

The Grand Final was played at TG Milner Oval in Eastwood, with our team excited to be there. A good game on a wet pitch was eventually won by Homebush with first points only coming just before half time. Our forward pack stepped up to the challenge and performed with great strength, out-muscling the opposition. Our backs made some classy breaks and capitalised on

several occasions to lead us to victory. The last game of the season showed how much the boys have developed physically and how much they enjoyed the season. There have been many talents unearthed with big Rugby futures, with our Rugby regulars being the linchpins and consistent performers of the season and the others showing amazing skills and tenacity throughout the season. Well done boys!

Team: Sam Hayward (Captain), James Bradley, Ali El-Kheir, Kane Potoru, Dilan Khalil, Khalid Derbas, Lachlan Jones, Josh Brown, Danny Pitsavas, Dastan Halmet, Pratik Kar, Patrick Harris, Paul Rere, Dominic Furneaux-Bate, Myat Minn, Mehdi Khalili, Zac Kennedy, Reece Ilolahia, Mouhammad El-Helou, Scott Bunch, Hugh Blaxland, Winston Wong, Jaxson Murphy.

Mr Sculthorpe
Coach



The North West Metropolitan Zone team and Team Manager Mr Martin.

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1st Grade Rugby Team provided eight players to represent the North West Metropolitan Zone at the recent NSWCHS Rugby Carnival. Nathan Massey had to withdraw as a result of his selection in the NSW Rugby League side which played as the warm up game prior to the State of Origin Game in Brisbane and Tyson Parcell was also selected to represent the Convener's Team. All players were supported financially from the school Excellence Fund.

Led by Captain Matt Pluis, the Zone produced an outstanding team effort in treacherous conditions to give them their best result in a number of years. 1st Grade Homebush Coach Mr. Seddique Martin who was elected team manager stated that the students represented their school and zone with great distinction both off and on the field of play and were great ambassadors.

The team went through the competition undefeated and on the basis of for and against finished third. The result is remarkable considering the North West Metropolitan Zone is the only side that is represented in the championships – all other teams are regional sides which are an amalgamation of a number of Zone sides. Their best performance was against the highly fancied North Shore Warringah side who they defeated 17-12.

Results:

- North West Metropolitan Zone 10 defeated Convener's Team 7
- North West Metropolitan Zone 17 defeated North Shore Warringah 12
- North West Metropolitan Zone 17 defeated Hunter 5

Below and at right: The Homebush 14's Rugby team on Grand Final Day.





TENNIS



2nd TENNIS



Harley, Dennis, Oliver, Grant.

2nd GRADE FOOTBALL UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS

Team: George Asiedu-Afari, Eren Demiroz, Daniel Gabrielli, Ben Green, Dennis Griffin-Colls, Imran Maarabani, Harley Merzi, Yannick Milligan-Saville, Rueben Rajkumar, Wayne See, Andrew Sorrenti, Matthew Sheath, Kook Bo Stone, James Tampion, Suthangan Thanabalasingam, Omer Topcu, Ruhullah Zahedi,

This season again confirmed the strength and depth of football at our school. The second grade side was minor premiers and was crowned champion for the second consecutive year, again going through the competition not only unbeaten, but also only conceding two goals in the entire season. Epping again proved to be the main rival but unlike last year were no match for this side losing to us 4-1 in the final game.

This side needs to be congratulated on the manner in which they approached each game. They always played for each other, encouraging and backing one another both in attack and in defence. The team consistently controlled all aspects of each game they played. We had an impenetrable defence led by George and Dennis and Yannick ensuring nothing went into our goal. The midfield was always ready to help the defence and also provided precision passes for the forwards to act upon. Wayne, Kook Bo and Suthangan relished the heavy work in the middle of the park and controlled most of the play. James and Ruhullah enjoyed plenty of goal scoring opportunities and found the back of the net quite frequently.

The team was a pleasure to coach, always polite, cooperative and displaying great sportsmanship on and off the field. I wish them all good luck in their future sporting careers.

G. Carrozza
Coach

15's RUGBY

The 15's Rugby team of 2008 weren't able to write themselves into the record books of Homebush Boys High, but indeed it was an eventful season. We went through the competition practically unbeaten in spirit and heart on the field, Unfortunately we managed to get beaten in just about every game we played, but we never gave up.

The campaign started in a promising manner with a team full of skill, Agility, speed, technique and most importantly hope. As it turned out, the hope of winning many games turned to hope of winning a game.

Our first few games indicated that much work was needed in order to succeed as a team. The boys had some work to do but not many stood up to this task, training was ignored by many and the team slowly and gradually fell to an end. But despite the losses occurring in the first 5 rounds showing what a truly grueling and tough competition it was. Ashfield, our main rivals and undefeated team for 3 years were struggling to beat the new and improved Epping and Asquith team.

The boys remained determined and the team did play some exceptional rugby. Our strong forward pack (tight five) provided brute raw talent and power to the game, And our skilled and shifty backs provided the plays needed to get over the line, unfortunately injuries interrupted the game plan, with many boys sitting out most of the season. Claude Tasker and Ghassan El-helou decided that they didn't need their collar bones any more, Bassam Alam found the mid season was the best time to dislocate his hip bone and Youssef Dib wanted to amuse the rest of the team by getting KNOCKED out resulting in him being carted off by an ambulance to the nearest hospital, thankfully he was ok.

Round 9 was against Randwick, who had previously beaten us in round 4, 12-7, this was our glory day. The team had actually trained for this game and was rewarded with a comeback win 43-5; this had shown our true colours. Natural talent and toughness on the field by all the boys gave us this outstanding victory over Randwick, hats off to Claude for his consistency through out the match.

Unfortunately the season ended for us there, proving too little and too late, Denying the team the opportunity of playing in the finals.

Summary:

Draw 2
Won 2
Lost 6

Points for: 82
Points against: 102

The team of 2008:

Coach: Mr Harrison
Bassam Alam (C) (No 8, Prop) Strong player, shows leadership and never gives up.
Youssef Dib (Half back)- Consistent player, play maker and great foot movement.
Claude Tasker- Outside centre-Great acceleration,



Zone Rugby Reps.

try scorer.

Ghassan El-Helou-Hooker- Play maker, Great in defence

Peter Maxwell- 2nd rower- A strong defensive player.

Grant Bunch- inside centre- another strong defensive player, shows no mercy on the field.

Stephen Mayne- Prop forward- Strong runner, Meter gainer.

Khaled Alameddine- hooker- Defensive player, meter gainer.

Farhan Sajid- Fullback- Great acceleration, Quick and strong runner.

Vicnesai Thamaraja- 2nd rower- fast and strong runner.

Abe Jack- 2nd rower- Line breaker, crucial in defence.

James Lewington- prop- surprisingly fast and brutal runner.

Chris Poliopolous- hooker- Humorous player, Great strength resulting in line breaks.

Adam Hazim- Prop- Hard hits combined with strong defence.

Daniel Rosen-5/8th- elusive and great play maker.

Brendan Jenkins- Break away- Quick feet.

Dylan parcel- Wing- line breaker.

Kabilan Bascaran- Great step and quick feet.

Shyam-Wing- Great speed and defensive player.

Brendan Neiser-Manager/Water boy- Always off task with no water supply.

Tim Barrett-

Most consistent player: Youssef Dib and Peter Maxwell

Most improved player: Adam Hazim and Vicnesai Thamarajah

Most Brutal player: Bassam Alam

Most Effective: Claude tasker

Bassam Alam



Look straight ahead!



Yo bro!



Hocky winners.



Homebush on the move.



'Now we will do it my way!'



Well done Nick!



Look straight ahead!



Daniel Ingrati.



Jack Codd-Miller.



Sydney North Football Rep. - Ibrahim Kerem



Grant Columbo.



Giorgio Speranza.



Sam Hayward.



Steven scored 3 goals.

2008 North West Metropolitan Zone Winter Sports Season Premiership Winning Teams

<p>1st Grade Football Jack Avery George Asiedu-Afari Thomas Burton Grant Colombo Mitchell Davidson Eren Demiroz Steven Gabor Nick Ivassi (Captain) Ibrahim Kerem Travis Lavdaras Emre Mehmet Mehran Modasser Giorgio Speranza Roberto Speranza Scott Tonkin David Von Dinklage Mr R Doenau (Coach)</p> <p>2nd Grade Football Daniel Gabrielli Ben I Green (Captain) Dennis Griffin-Colls Imran Maarabani Scott Mackay Harley Merzi Yannick Milligan-Saville Rueben Rajkumar Wayne See Matthew Sheath Andrew Sorrenti Kook Bo Stone James Tampion Suthangan Thanabalasingham Omer Topcu Ruhullah Zahedi Mr G Carrozza (Coach)</p> <p>15B Football Mohammad Abdul Kareem Mohamad Alabalallah Erkan Altun Ali Azamy Mustaf Barud Mahmoud El Madbouly Safwat Hossain Hammad Iqbal Daniel Lee Mikaelee Lucantonio Quazi Manajir-E-Shafi Parathy Nakkeeran Joshua Natale Edwin Pike Prashant Sapkota (Captain) Saeid Sartawy Kwon Myung Stone Mr J Coskerie (Coach)</p>	<p>14A Football Munther Al-Hinti Zakariya Barud Omer Cenk Benjamin Eisikovich Brian Griffin-Colls (Captain) Andrew Ingrati Eddie Kadayifci Enver Kerem Kelvin Luong Matthew O'Neill Nick Taylor Sinan Topcu Aleks Wynne Raymond Xian Dr B Balan (Coach)</p> <p>14B Football Anoush Abdaly Sharmarke Ahmed (Captain) Adam Alley Edie Bacic Shahzain Charania Clinton Cheung Andrew Finch Luke Gabrielli Christian Iacullo Nikhil Joshi Kenan Kolar Rustam Mia Desmond Ngo Fahim Takbir Dimitri Tourta-Alego Giordano Verrelli Simon Xin Mr S Prasad (Coach)</p> <p>13A Football Saif Ali James Burton Nathan Carter Rowan Castro Trae Chamma Justin Cheng Ricky Fradel (Captain) Jacob Hill Mehmet Inak Harry Kim Jarryd McFarlane Abdul Malek-Rahman Adrian Talevski Peter Totidis Mr S McFarlane (Coach)</p>	<p>13C Football Zakaria Bardouh Koray Cetindag Hassan Faour James Ford Aram Goldsmith Ayman Hill (Captain) Omar Holali Arjun Kumar Brian Lee Lachlan Mackay Tony Nam William Tran Jin Sheng Wong Min Suk Yang Matthew Yu Anthony Zhu Mr B Crowweller (Coach)</p> <p>Senior Hockey Oliver Buckley Luke Dassaklis Taylor Di Val Elison Furneaux-Bate (Captain) Jake Imer (Captain) Steuart Macallister Scott Madycki Stuart Mansfield Andrew Maxwell Jonathan O'Connor Aaron Russell Michael Tran Patrick Turbit Mr S Madycki (Coach)</p> <p>Junior Hockey Lachlan Foster David Hristoforidis Vimalan Kanagalingam Mamraiz Khan Zachary McCowage (Captain) Andrew Mo Amman Morgan William Poulos Shakti Rathore Beau Russell Joel Samways Sobidan Siva Kumaradas Theeran Suntheradas Jacky Tran Mr M Standen (Coach)</p>	<p>14's Rugby Hugh Blaxland James Bradley Josh Brown Scott Bunch Khalid Derbas Ali El Kheir Mouhammad El-Helou Dominic Furneaux-Bate Dastan Halmet Patrick Harris Sam Hayward (Captain) Reece Ilohahia Lachlan Jones Pratik Kar Zac Kennedy Dilan Khalil Mehdi Khalili Myat Minn Jaxson Murphy Danny Pitsavas Kane Potoru Paul Rere Winston Wong Mr J Sculthorpe (Coach)</p> <p>1st Grade TableTennis Leo Liang Richard Pang Matthew Robson (Captain) Ming Yang Zhou Ms C Dwyer (Coach)</p> <p>14's Tennis Benjamin Chiu Sean Dowdall Simon Huang Liam Jameson Jason Ou Daniel Yao (Captain) Ms M Catalano (Coach)</p>
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