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Picnic Point High School Newsletter

September 2016 Edition

Term 3 Week 9

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 has been extremely busy and productive and full of amazing learning opportunities and successes for students and staff.

The exhibition of HSC major works and HSC music recital night was once again a highlight of the term. The talent shown by our Music, Visual Arts and Industrial Technology Timber and Multi-media students was outstanding. Congratulations to Mr O'Mullane, Mr Burgess, Ms Tarsenko, Mrs Gourlay and Ms Camus for the work they have done with our Year 12 students and showcasing the display in such a professional manner. The display was a real testament to the hard work both staff and students have put into getting these major works and items ready for the HSC markers.



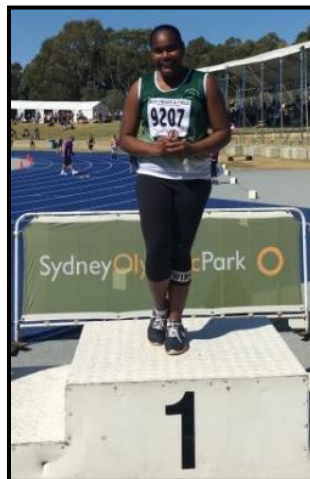
Cabinet made by Jessica Dostal

As we approach the end of term, Year 12 teachers are continuing to work hard with Year 12 to put the final touches on their preparations for the HSC Examinations which commence next term on Thursday 13 October. I commend the amazingly dedicated approach that our staff has towards their students.

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Many of our talented athletes qualified for the 2016 NSW CHS Athletics championships achieving some outstanding results.



**Deamma Taganesia
(Year 8)
NSW CHS Shot put Gold
medallist and Discus
Bronze medallist**

We recently selected our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2016/2017. We congratulate the new successful appointments:

Captains: Bronte Tonks & Daniel Papagianopoulos
Vice Captains: Annalise Summers & Luke Colley
Prefect co-ordinator: Ms Davilla



Next week, work will commence on the basketball courts upgrade (funded by a successful sporting grant application). Initially the new posts will be installed and the resurfacing will follow (hopefully in the holidays).

As the term draws to a close, I wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday break and remind parents that school commences in Term 4 for all staff and students on Monday 10 October.

**Principal
Mr Wolly Negroh
B Ed, Dip Teach**

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DEPUTY REPORT

MRS SHERRY

Year 11 are currently completing their Yearly Examinations which mark the conclusion of their Preliminary Studies. All students are wished the best and encouraged to return fresh next term ready to begin their HSC studies. The majority of our students have had a successful year in getting all assessment tasks submitted by their deadline and have been able to make a committed effort to performing above their previous level of commitment.

At the beginning of next term, the assessment schedule begins for the HSC course, which means that all students have a fresh start and those that missed a submission deadline will have another opportunity to ensure that all tasks are handed in on time.

On Wednesday, 2 November we will be holding a Year 12 HSC Information Night which is compulsory for all students and at least one parent to attend. On this evening, information is given on how the HSC Mark is calculated using the School Assessment mark and the HSC Examination mark. The information received on the evening provides a solid basis of understanding for students and parents for the following 12 months about the requirements of the HSC year and the final examination. It is just 12 short months until Year 11 students will be finalising their studies and preparing for graduation.

As a Deputy Principal, I am occasionally speaking to students who have spoken about another student in a mean or disrespectful way. At Picnic Point High School, we value all students and students are regularly reminded about respecting themselves, other students and our teaching staff. We strongly believe that all students and staff have the right to come to school and have the right to learn without interruption.

In order to ensure this, we consider the safety, care and wellbeing of all our students and staff in line with the Department of Education's Suspension and Expulsion of School Students Procedures Policy. Parents are encouraged to monitor the Millennium Student Portal and contact the school if there are concerns about your child's learning or behaviour at school.

I have been regularly walking through Year 7 and 9 classes and I have been enjoying seeing students engage in their learning. From Year 7 Art classes completing their clay work to Year 9 Science studying Sport Science during the Olympic period.

RELIEVING DEPUTY REPORT

MR LE

As part of the school plan, Year 9 students will develop **Personalised Education Plans (PEP)** in week 9 of this term to help each individual focus on their strengths, weaknesses and develop some strategies that will lead to improved performance and achievement. Each student will be asked to consider their performance over the last 3 semesters and set some goals and put some strategies in place to help them achieve better educational outcomes by the end of the year.

Personalised Education Plan are based on the belief that students will be more motivated to learn, will achieve more in school, and will feel a stronger sense of ownership over their education if they decide what they want to learn, how they are going to learn it, and why they need learn it to achieve their personal goals.

In developing PEP, students are asked the following:

- Self-assess their individual learning strengths and weaknesses, or reflect on what they have academically achieved, excelled at, or struggled with in the past.
- Identify specific learning gaps or skill deficiencies that should be addressed in their education, or specific knowledge, skills, and character traits they would like to acquire.
- List or describe their personal interests, passions, pursuits, and hobbies, and identify ways to integrate those interests into their education.
- Identify 2 measurable, achievable academic goals for the next semester and put steps in place in working towards achieving these identified goals.

The general goal of a personalised education plan is to bring greater coherence, focus, and purpose to the decisions students make about their education. For this reason, it will include learning experiences that occur outside of the school, such as extra curricula activities and other outside of school commitments.

Parents are encouraged to assist their child in developing the PEP and be involved in substantive discussions with their children about their learning goals and educational interests.

Personalised Education Plans will be revisited and modified annually to reflect changes in student learning needs, interests, and aspirations. The completed PEP will be available for parents to access via Millennium.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – MS STAVROS

LITERACY AT PPHS

At PPHS, teachers have been explicitly teaching the skills of **visualising** by asking students:

When reading a text do you create pictures in your head?

What do you think visualising means?

When do we visualise?

Why is it important we visualise?

How do we visualise?

Visualising involves **picturing in your mind** what is happening in the text. It helps us to **think** about what might happen next, to **remember** details about the text and it helps us to get really **involved** in the text too. It brings the reading to life and all of this helps us **understand** the text better! When reading a passage, try to create a **picture** in your mind of the scene. Then begin to add in the **characters**, the **smells**, the **tastes**, and what the character may be **touching**. It's like making the passage into a movie. We can use the skills of visualising before, during or after we read a text. Whether reading fiction or non-fiction, **visualising is central to reading** and to thinking with what we read.



Here are some clips which can further assist in understanding the skill of visualising:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-E-X5XhbXiY>

http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev094.shtml

<http://supercomprehensionstrategies.wikispaces.com/Visualising>



Visualising

Description

Learners create a mental image from a text read/viewed/heard. Visualising brings the text to life, engages the imagination and uses all of the senses.

Example questions/statements

What are the pictures I/you have in my/your head as I/you read/view/listen to this text?

Can I/you describe the picture or image you made while you read/heard that part?

How did the pictures in my/your head help me/you to understand the text?

Example teaching idea

Sketch to stretch: As a passage/story is read students sketch their visualisation. In groups they share their sketches and discuss reasons for their interpretation.

ACADEMIC ORDER OF MERIT

YEAR 12 ORDER OF MERIT - SEMESTER 2 2016

Below are listed the names of Year 12 students who have finished in the top 20 of their year group at the end of semester 2, 2016 or who have made significant academic progress since their last semester report indicated an * above their names.

Bitz Kiarne*, Bogar Elle, Cook Chelsea, Cox Alana*, Driver Mitchell, Fartek Christopher, Gale Georgia, Georgiou Elly, Green Ashley*, Hargreaves Natasha*, Herlihy John*, Johnstone Ian*, Kannedy Emily, Lee Stella, Lloyd Serena, Lovegrove Thomas*, Mangos Antonia, Martyn Alison, Maude Lachlan*, Millar Hayley, Morris Daniel, Morris Nicholas, Peake Emma, Pieters Ellie, Single Cameron, Stace Louise, Steele Jessica*, Totsis Theodore, Zhai Annie.

Congratulations to all the above students and I wish every year 12 students the very best of luck in the HSC and also in the pursuit of their dreams and goals.

Mr Le
Relieving Deputy Principal

Revesby Vet Hospital

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C7 Vaccination - \$75

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F3 Vaccination - \$45

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\$25

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\$250

Cat/Rabbit Desex:

Male - \$70

Female - \$140

Male Dog Desex:

0-15kg - \$110

16-30kg - \$130

30-35Kg - \$200

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SRC UPDATE LACE IT UP

The SRC's main fundraising focus for Term 3 has been 'Youth of the Streets' **Lace It Up Campaign**. The Lace It Up Campaign is a program that raises awareness for the homeless youth in Australia. They use laces as a symbol because normally, homeless people do not have good shoes that they are able to wear or do not have any shoes at all. Almost 47,000 of the total homeless population in Australia are youths under 25 years old. This amount makes up just under half of the homeless population.

The SRC team were very willing to help raise awareness for this important issue and promote this campaign at PPHS. In the front quad, the SRC took turns in selling laces along with baked treats for this charity. The SRC created our own hashtag, #pphlaceitup. The person who created the best designs and ideas with the laces and posted a photo of it on Instagram would be eligible to win a \$10 canteen voucher!

The SRC raised \$650 for **Lace it up Australia**. A big "Thank you" to all staff and students who were generous enough to donate.

Adam Zidan & Luke Papagianopoulos
Year 8 SRC



WHAT'S ON – TERM 3

Wednesday	14-21 September	Year 11 Exams
Monday	19 September	P&C Meeting
Wednesday	21 September	Year 12 Parent Teacher Dinner
Thursday	22 September	Year 12 Big Day Out
Friday	23 September	Year 12 Graduation Last Day Term 3

WHAT'S ON – TERM 4

Monday	10 October	All Students Return
Thursday	13 October	HSC Exams Commence
Monday	24 October	P&C Meeting
Wednesday	2 November	Year 12 2017 HSC Information Night
Friday	4 November	HSC Exams Conclude
Monday	7 November	Year 12 Sign Out Day

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



MICHEL'S REVESBY

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

AUGUST

	NAME	REASON FOR THE AWARD
7	Jack Pike	For his willingness to extend himself across all subjects especially mathematics.
8	Peter Koletti	For his mature approach to his studies and outstanding participation in class.
9	Zahir Khodragha	For consistently seeking extension activities and feedback regarding his work and always conducting himself in a polite and well-mannered way.
10	Sana El-Zein	For exceptional effort and motivated approach in Mathematics and English.
11	Saige Gordon	For her significant improvement in Business Studies.
12	Joshua Sullivan	For his significant improvement in Geography and Economics





Picnic Point High School Evening of Dance 2016



**Picnic Point High School
School Auditorium
Tuesday, 20 September 2016 7pm
Tickets \$5 at the door**

DREAM BIG

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016

Friday 25 & Saturday 26 November
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

In November, over 40 students from Picnic Point High School will perform in the Schools Spectacular 2016 Production – Dream Big.

The **Schools Spectacular** is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools. In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the Schools Spectacular is unequalled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers. This iconic cultural event engages and showcases students of varying ages, cultures, skills and socio-economic backgrounds; from metropolitan, rural and remote regions of NSW.

The Schools Spectacular unites kids to be a part of the biggest performance of their lives. We value everyone and challenge performers and audience alike to experience new perspectives through the creation of the Spectacular.

If you would like to watch this amazing performance, tickets can be purchased from Ticketek by following the link below or by calling Ticketek directly.

Phone: 13 28 49

Website: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS16>

MORE REASONS TO TAP ON WITH OPAL



Opal data is now being used to measure the demand for services across the state. This means that it is important

that students tap on and off when boarding any services to give Transport for NSW accurate data.

When students don't tap on, this records low patronage and Transport for NSW may decide to reduce or remove certain school services that don't appear to be utilised. Please remind your students to always tap on and off with their School Opal cards to keep your school services running.

LOST PROPERTY

If you or someone in your group leaves their belongings on our bus, please contact us as soon as possible. All lost property enquiries should go direct to our Bankstown Depot 02 8700 0555 or via our website www.transdevnsw.com.au. We encourage you to make your enquiry as soon as possible to help speed up the recovery process.



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Dear Parents/Carers

Our student's ongoing health is always paramount and can be at risk if they come into contact with infectious illnesses, in particular: chicken pox, measles or mumps. If your son or daughter is ever suspected of having one of these illnesses it is very important that he/she does not attend school. It is also important that while your child is unwell he/she remains at home until he/she is no longer contagious. Information on infectious conditions can be found on national health websites e.g.: www.health.gov.au or alternatively contact your local GP.

If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an infectious illness please contact the school immediately. This will allow the school to assess the probable contact and therefore exposure to other students and staff to the disease. Notification can then be given to parents and medical specialists.

As a school community we value your support in relation to the well being of all of our students. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Wolly Negroh

Wolly Negroh
Principal

NEWS

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Last term 59 students entered the Science Competition.

The following students are the high achievers that obtained a Credit or a Distinction in the Science competition 2016.

Year 7

Zac Cantrill-Credit, Joel Ormerod-Credit, Bradley Porter-Credit, Henry Quach-Credit, Victoria Sakis-Credit, Alexander Stengos-Credit, Nathan Southon-Distinction

Year 8

Jarrold Brown-Credit, Andrew Lyall-Credit, Riley Meredith-Credit, Vincent Pham-Credit

Year 10

Emma Forster-Credit, Hayden Ormerod-Credit, Matthew Urban-Credit, Matthew Blight-Distinction

Year 11

Thomas Alexakis-Credit, Sean Klimczak-Credit

Congratulations!



YEAR 10 PASS

SPORTS COACHING ASSESSMENT TASK



YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS UPDATE

Year 7 students have now received two rounds of Immunisations. Nurses from NSW Health will be visiting the school next term to administer the final vaccine to students. Below is an outline of Picnic Point High School's Immunisation Schedule for 2016.

Dates	Vaccination
Wednesday March 30 2016	HPV and dTpa
Thursday July 28 2016	HPV and Varicella
Wednesday November 30 2016	HPV

***Human Papillomavirus** vaccine is recommended for all Year 7 students. Human papillomaviruses are common and affect both males and females. These viruses are responsible for a range of cancers and diseases.

***Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis** [Whooping Cough] vaccine is now recommended for all Year 7 students. This dose replaces the 15 year old dose.

***Varicella** [chickenpox] vaccine is recommended for students who have **not** had chickenpox or have not already been vaccinated.

You can check your child's vaccination history [up to 7 years of age] by calling the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

Ms Karavias



WHITE RIBBON DAY

On Tuesday 30 September Police Sergeants from our local PCYC attended PPHS to talk to some of our Rugby League teams to promote the message of White Ribbon Day. Our teams have been competing in the Hazem El Masri League competition which has seen us play games against Holsworthy High School. It is great to be involved in a Rugby League competition that supports an important message and provides meaningful education.



FACULTY REPORTS

ENGLISH

Year 12 is nearing the end of their studies at Picnic Point High School. The English Faculty wish them well in their HSC examinations and urge them to remain positive and engaged until their examinations are complete. Furthermore, Year 12 students are reminded that they can contact their English teachers for assistance leading up to their examinations.

All junior classes are attempting their speaking tasks at the end of this term and students are urged to revise their skills in public speaking to facilitate a strong and confident presentation. Students are encouraged to take the opportunity to express their views with strong evidence and supporting examples from their own research.

Book Week

To celebrate Book Week, 7E students, Amira Kahla-Dunn, Paige Roche, Victoria Sakis, Jaxon Skead and Nathan Southon hosted a reading of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* in A4, renamed A4 ¾ for the week. Students from across the school attended the readings at different stages of the week. The students are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and commitment to the week. Great fun was had by all!



The Picnic Point High School debaters have continued their good form with increasingly impressive performances.

Year 7 and 8 Debating Report

On the 18th of August, students from the Year 7 and 8 Debate team competed against Beverly Hills Girls High School. The topic of the debate was that the voting age in elections should be reduced. Our debate team argued in the negative and despite a strong argument and rebuttal, the adjudicator awarded the debate to Beverly Hills Girls High School.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 teams for their dedication and determination in debating this year. We look forward to coaching the team next year!

Ms Ashton

Year 9 and 10 Debating Report

It has been an extremely exciting time for The Year 9 and 10 Debating Team, who progressed to the Semi-Final Stage of The Premier's Debating Challenge. After victories in the Inter-zone Final against Bankstown Girls and the Quarter Final against Sir Joseph Banks, Picnic Point travelled to Sefton High. Arguing the topic that all schools should be single gender, Picnic Point were narrowly defeated in a brilliant and challenging debate.

Picnic Point's achievement in reaching this stage of the competition, the final 40 schools in NSW, should not be underestimated, especially as Sefton High went on to win the Regional Final.

In addition to being outstanding ambassadors for the school, the team of Rachel Stace, Tim Warren, Jasmin Avramovski and Sami Croft have demonstrated that students from Picnic Point have the talent and ability to compete with the best in the state. It has been a privilege to coach the team this year.

Mr Wright



MATHS

Year 7

Students are currently learning about angles, length and finishing off this term with area. Being a more spatial topic, this helps some students visualise mathematical problems in a different context. Again, we encourage students to complete all homework exercises on time including the use of Mathletics. A reminder that Wednesday afternoon tutoring is still available to all Year 7's, please encourage your child to attend if they can't access Mathletics from home or you feel they need help with homework.

Year 8

Students have been studying on rates, ratios and time. They also learnt about volume and then finishing off this term with linear relationships. They should have completed their Mathletics tasks as well during this term as there will be a checkpoint towards the end of this term, and certificates for bronze, silver and gold will be printed off for those completing tasks on time. If there are any technical difficulties please inform your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Years 9 & 10

Year 9 and 10 have been studying various topics depending on the course they are in. However, they are also encouraged to do Mathletics tasks set by their teacher, and students will be rewarded with certificates once those tasks are completed sometime by the end of term 3.

Year 11

Students are currently doing lots of revision in preparation for their yearly exams. Please ensure that your child is making effective study time, as the yearly exams begin next week.

Year 12

All year 12 students are encouraged to attend a mock HSC practise exam that the Mathematics faculty will be holding during the school holiday period. This will take place during the 1st week on Tuesday 27th of September between 9am -12.35pm.

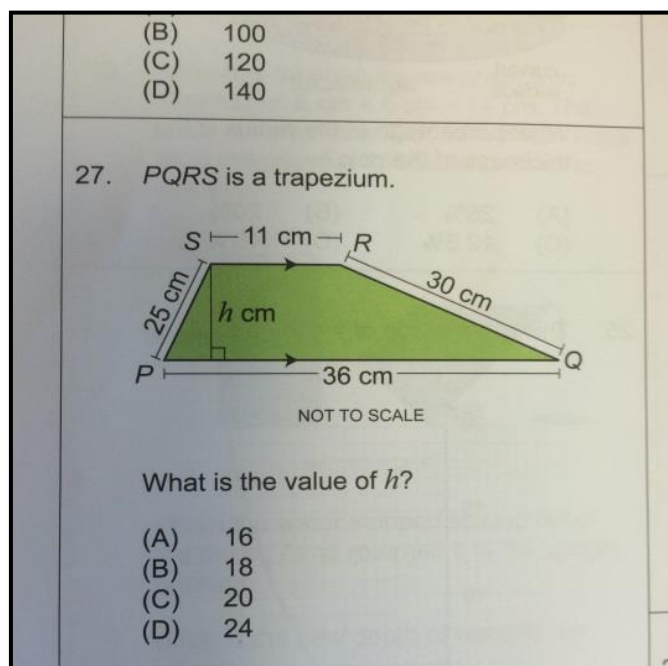
MATHEMATICS ICAS TESTING

Thank you to all those parents who encouraged their child to participate in the ICAS mathematics test. These tests were conducted across all years ranging from years 7 -12. We had a large number of student's attempting the tests and feel there is great benefit in doing these competition testing. All

students will receive a certificate for their involvement and results as well.



Students doing the ICAS Test



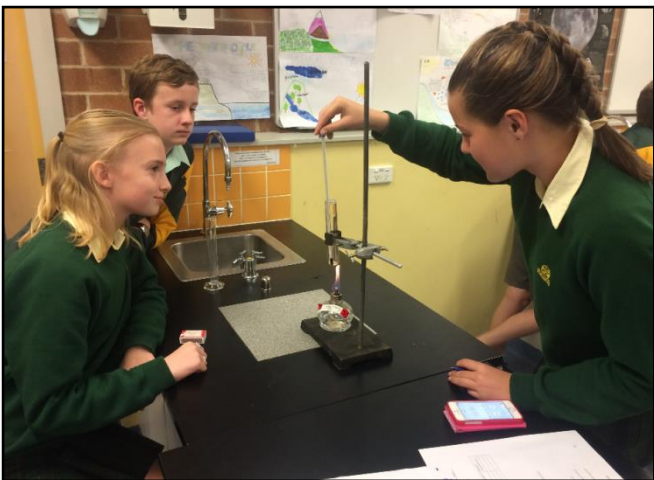
See if you can work out the answer to this question?

Mr Dannaoui
Year 7 Adviser
Mathematics teacher

SCIENCE

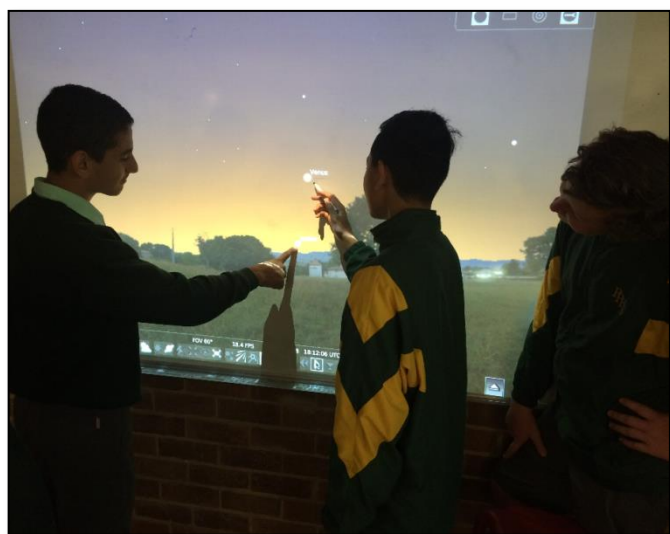
What is an Ore? How do we measure distances in Space? Are proteins drinks affective for performance? How did evolution produce something as complex as the human eye? These are some of the questions that students from Years 7-10 have been addressing in Science this term.

Year 7 have been learning all about the Earth's resources, completing a series of investigation that simulate the process of mining and the efficiency of burning certain fuels.



Year 7 investigate the difference in efficiency between Biofuels and Fossil fuels

Year 8 has been learning all about the recent, exciting discovery by scientists of Proxima B, a planet that is close enough to its Sun that it could support life, as we know it. The planet is relatively close to our solar system speaking in space terms as it is only a mere 4.24 light years away which means it is still in our galaxy. Year 8 are wondering whether with current spacecraft, will we reach



Year 8 using the program "Stellarium" for identifying what is in the night sky this month and pinpointing the location of Proxima B

Year 9 have finished their final independent research task where they have researched a range of questions related to Sport Science.

Year 10 has been answering a series of questions about the origins of life from the Big Bang to the appearance of Humans in the topic called Time Traveller. As part of this topic, students looked at the complexity of the human eye and it's evolutionary origins. Students then had the opportunity of dissecting a bull's eye and identifying the different structures.



Year 10 students dissect a bull's eye and identify the main structures

Ms Elwell
Science Teacher



COMPUTING STUDIES

Year 12 Multimedia students had the opportunity to show off all their hard work and effort by displaying their Multimedia projects to the community on Thursday 1 September at school. A number of the community along with family and other students dropped in to check out the efforts by the students over the course of the HSC.

Mr O'Mullane
TAS Faculty



SOCIAL SCIENCES

On the 7th September Year 8 Geography classes visited Taronga Zoo as part of the Threatened Habitats topic that is being studied. Ms Worthington's class was asked to report on their excursion.

8 Geography O

The Taronga Zoo excursion was lots of fun and a good educational experience for all of those who attended. During our visit we completed different activities to complete our fieldwork handout. We looked at many native and foreign animals. We enjoyed being in the outdoor classroom bonding with fellow class mates and our teachers over the beautiful scenery of Sydney Harbour and the Zoo. Located inside of the enclosures were animals of all shapes and sizes, as big as elephants and as small as penguins. There were also a few cheeky brush turkeys running free range about! The funniest thing was where one animal thought they could reach us through the glass partition by pounding on it. We thought that the day was great and we would like to thank the teachers and in particular Mr Stayte and Ms Worthington for an awesome time.



8 Geography E

In Geography with Mr Sassine we have been studying ecosystems and threatened habitats. In these topics we have studied various ecosystems, habitats and wildlife. During these topics we have taken a different approach of study and have been learning more interactively. The class has created worksheets for their peers, completed research tasks and played the interactive learning game 'Kahoot', whilst giving us a chance to let Mr Sassine become one of the students. With creating worksheets and presentations, we have been able to teach our peers and give them information about ecosystems that are under threat.

Various ecosystems at risk are:

- The Everglades
- The Great Barrier Reef
- The Arctic
- The Amazon

Here is a link to my prezzi I created for my peers.

<https://prezi.com/cdm7uberpqzk/the-everglades/>

Year 11 classes are preparing for their final Preliminary examination - Good Luck to you all. The Faculty would like to wish Year 12 all the best for their future and hope they get what they deserve and want.

Team Social Sciences

TAS

I would like to congratulate both the Year 12 Industrial Technology students on the completion of their Major HSC practical projects and Portfolios. These students have worked tirelessly to produce practical projects of a very high standard.

These projects represent a year of hard work and display the incredible talent we have within the TAS faculty.

Below are some pictures of the finished items.



Tara-Leigh Macintyre



Phillip Moggs



Jessica Dostal



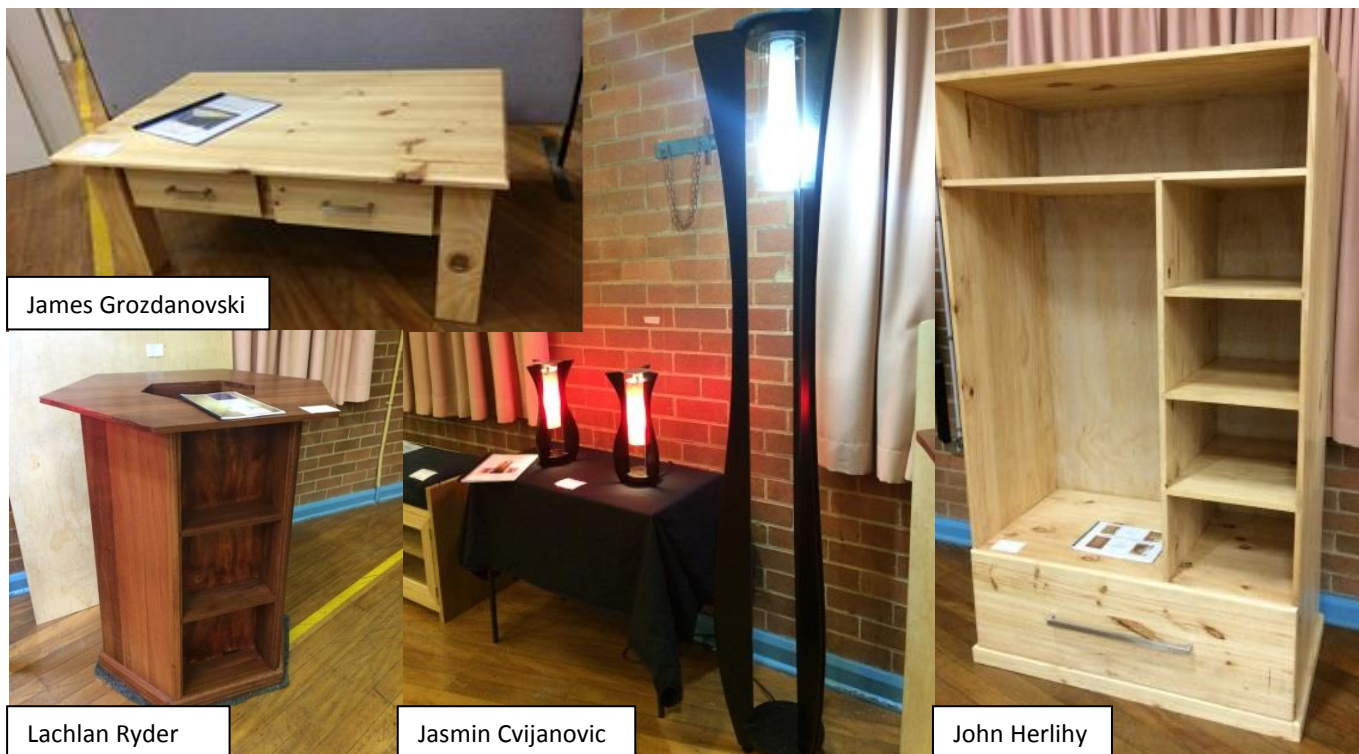
John Rotziokos



Mitchell Bailey



Daniel Marriott



As you can see there has been a lot of hard work and effort put into these projects and folios and all students are to be congratulated for the effort and dedication that they have displayed.

Students that undertake practical subjects will produce a series of projects, food items out of their chosen medium. The materials and food used for these projects incur a cost payable by the student. Please ensure that this payment is made in a timely manner.

If you require any further information regarding student learning please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Burgess
TAS



PDHPE

As Term 3 comes to a close we are preparing to say goodbye and good luck to our two Year 12 PDHPE classes who are well prepared to sit their HSC examination and achieve excellent results. On behalf of Mrs Wolstencroft and myself we would like to say what a pleasure it has been to teach those classes and what great friendships have been forged in the name of PDHPE.

I am confident the students are well prepared and ready to achieve great success in their exam and as long as they maintain their focus and motivation they will do themselves, their families and the school proud.

We also wish our two Non-HSC examination classes (SLR and Sport Coaching) all the very best in their future endeavours and have enjoyed them being part of our faculty over the last 2 years.

Year 11 commence their Yearly Examinations in Week 9 and we wish them well and hope they achieve the results that reflect their level of ability. We have a very talented PDHPE group who will do extremely well if they revise effectively and prepare fully.

Our Year 9 PASS students are about to present their newly created sports to their respective classes who will play them during practical lessons. Each group will then be assessed on their presentation, written submission and how well the sport is able to be played. In previous years, students have designed such original and creative sports we have incorporated some of them into our PE classes.

Mr Millican
Head Teacher PDHPE

CAPA

HSC SHOWCASE EVENING

On Thursday September 1 Picnic Point High School showcased the work of Year 12 students in Music, Visual Arts, Photography, Industrial Technology (Furniture), Industrial Technology (Multimedia) and VET Entertainment Industry.

The event involved an exhibition of practical works as well as a music recital. Our Year 12 VET Entertainment students demonstrated their excellent skills in sound, vision and lighting to organise and run the evening. We would like to give a huge thank you to them, as well as all students involved, for their involvement in the preparation and execution of the event.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved for a wonderful event showcasing excellent work in all areas.

YEAR 12 MUSIC PERFORMANCES



LOTE

Stage 4

Year 7 students are continuing to work productively in class as they learn more about the Japanese language and culture. They are nearing the completion of Unit 3 of the Obento workbook. Next term, they will begin studying about family and complete a self-introduction poster and speech as their final assessment. Year 8 students have now completed their study of the Hai! 2, Chapter 4 'What a weekend!' unit and will soon begin their in-depth study of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings at the end of World War II in 1945. Students will view documentaries and read survivor accounts which put this devastating event into a historical context and learn about the significant effect this event had on people all around the world. A letter explaining this unit of work will be sent home with all Year 8 students, please contact Ms Marquis if you have any concerns.

Tanken Centre

On Monday, September 5, Mrs Morris and the 8E Japanese class visited the Nihongo Tanken Centre at Kirrawee High School. The students participated in a full-day language immersion program and completed many activities using only their Japanese communication skills. Below is a report from Adam Zidan.

On Monday, September 5, 2016, 8E was lucky enough to attend a special Japanese excursion at the Nihongo Tanken Centre. The Nihongo Tanken Centre is a Japanese-themed house located in Kirrawee High School. On this excursion, students were able to expand their understandings of the Japanese culture and language by communicating with the host teachers in only Japanese, reading and learning Japanese words, exploring the Japanese-like house, learning about cultural guidelines and eating a delicious Japanese 'bento' lunch in a Japanese themed garden. It was an informative and mega fun experience! Thank you Mrs Morris and Mr MacDonald for taking us!



Stage 5

Year 9 have started to learn about Japanese school life in the Hai! 4 course. Year 9 are learning about modes of transport and to describe how they travel to and from school. Year 9 are also working diligently on their Differentiated Assessment Task, completing a wide variety of language activities across the four macro skills. Year 10 have completed their Speaking and Writing Assessment Task and are now preparing for their Yearly Examination in Term 4.

Stage 6

Year 11 Japanese Continuers students are diligently completing their coursework in preparation for their Yearly Examination at the end of this term. We wish our students all the best as they prepare and complete these important examinations. The Japanese Continuers HSC exam is on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – we wish our Year 12 students all the best as they complete their revision and preparation for the listening, reading and writing components of the exam.

Japan Trip

There are only two weeks to go before we jet-set to Japan. Our students are completing their final preparations for the trip, eagerly sending emails to their host families, buying little Australiana gifts to take with them to Seibi Fukuchiyama High School and folding hundreds of origami paper cranes to donate to the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima. Our final fundraising barbecue was held on Friday, September 9, 2016, we thank the school community for their support of our students this year.

Did you know approximately 56% of the world's population can speak a language other than their native language?

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Ms Marquis, Mrs Morris and Ms Wu



HISTORY

YEAR 10 SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 17 August 2016, Year ten students had the opportunity to travel to the Sydney Jewish Museum located in Darlinghurst. For the duration of Term 3, Year 10 has been learning about the severity of the Holocaust on Jewish people and other groups.

The excursion began with an introduction to the Holocaust and what the museum offered for students. Year 10 was separated into two groups, in which one would have the amazing opportunity to listen to a Holocaust survivor, 92 year old Eddie. Eddie discussed how he escaped death through his engineering skills and knowledge. He had a major influence on us all. Despite all of his difficulties in life, he was extremely content and wished for us to be grateful for everything we have in life. His life story and attitude was an inspiration for us all. Every piece of advice he offered was willingly accepted by students.

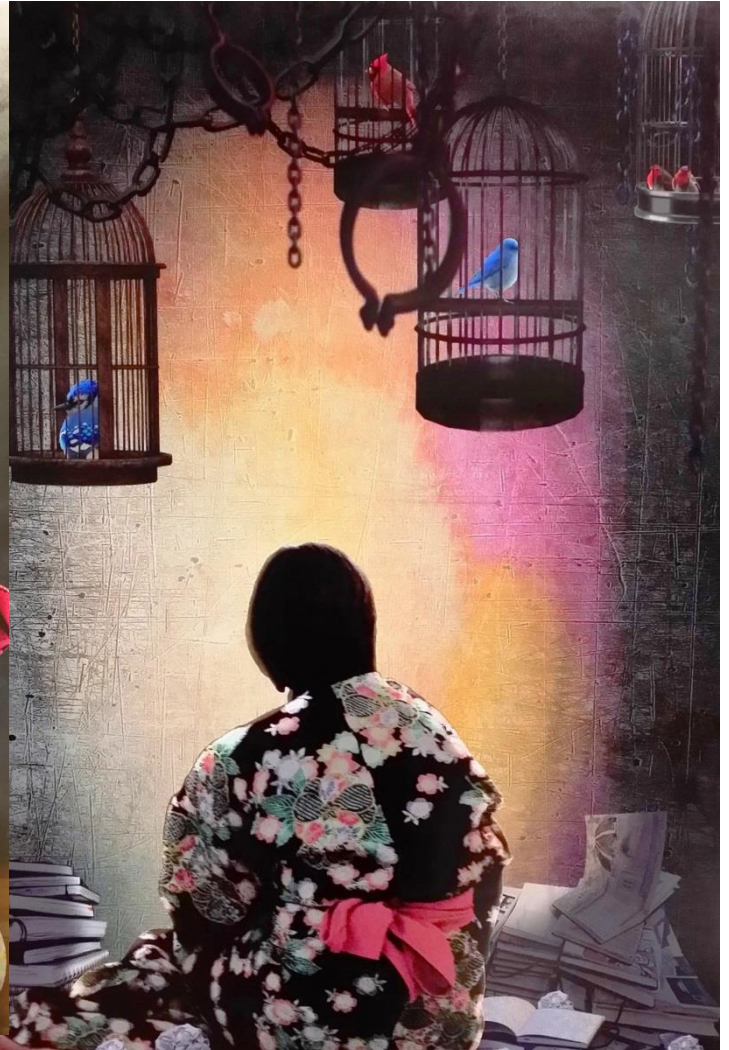
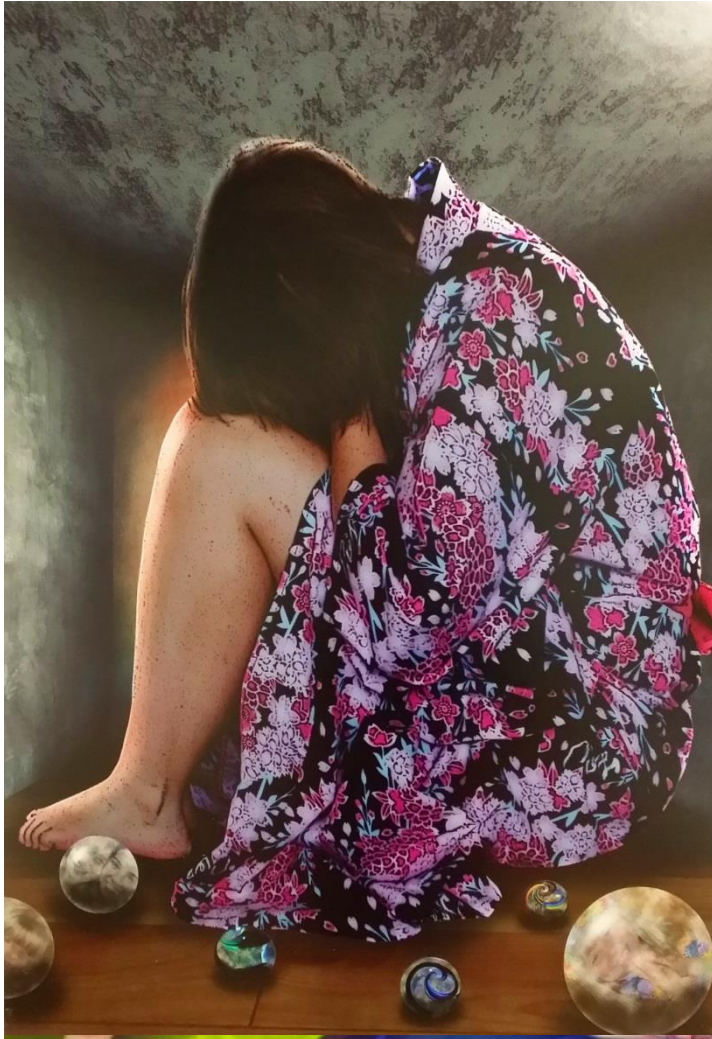
After taking a small break, the groups swapped and we were seated in a lecture room in which we had a discussion about the German side of the Holocaust and the effect on German soldiers and citizens. We were then divided into smaller groups to examine the Anne Frank exhibition. Here, we were taken on a journey through the life of Anne Frank and the Annexe her and her family lived in. Following this exhibition, we were able to view primary evidence- original letters written by members of the Holocaust.

This excursion allowed Year 10 students to gain great knowledge and an understanding about the Holocaust. It had a personal impact on all the students. Overall it was an amazing experience.

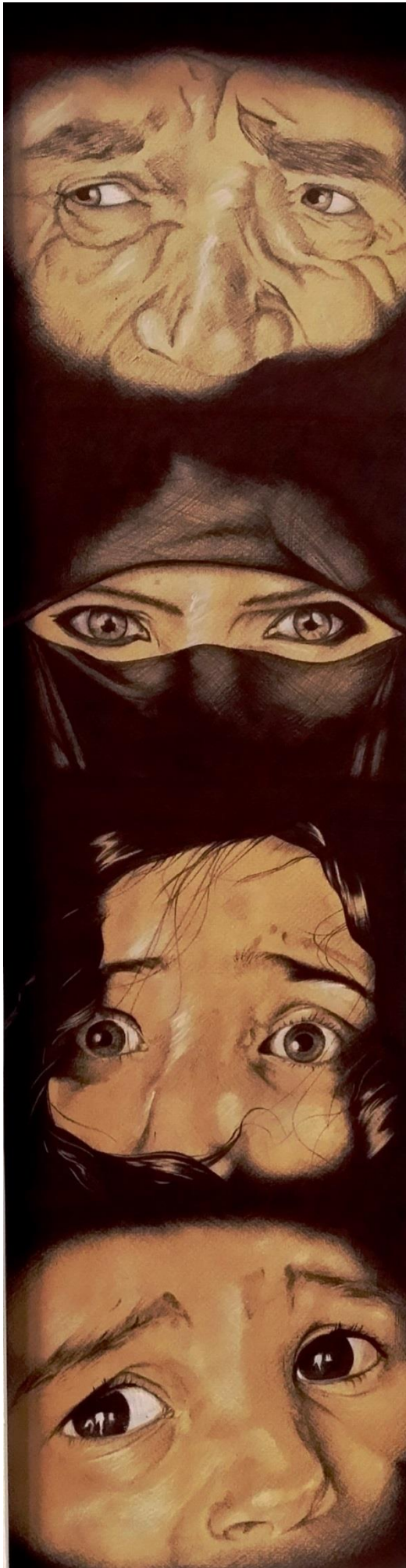
By Hayley Macdonald and Tara Taylor



YEAR 12 VISUAL ART BODY OF WORKS 2016



Caitlyn Smith



Hannan Kahla- Dunn



Annie Zhai



Kristina Haira





Kaitlin Macdonald



Jasmin Cvijanovic



Year 12 Visual Arts class is to be congratulated for successfully completing excellent Body of Works for 2016

YEAR ADVISER REPORTS

YEAR 10

During week 7, Term 3, Year 10 had their Formal Assembly. Formal Assemblies are important for two reasons. They provide the opportunity for students to receive valuable information from different speakers and they also allow students to showcase their various talents. The Year 10 music class put on an excellent performance which involved three vocalists and a myriad of instruments, George Bakopolous performed on guitar in support of one of our HSC students; and our SRC representatives, Cameron Walsh and Matthew Blight delivered a great presentation to raise awareness for youth homelessness.

Ms Harding also delivered a highly engaging and entertaining presentation on goal setting. With the Senior School fast approaching for most students, setting goals and putting a plan together to achieve those goals provides the platform for student achievement. As French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery eloquently put it; "A goal without a plan is just a wish".

In 2017, Picnic Point High School will be putting on the musical 'Hairspray'. The students in the performance were presented with their roles in front of the whole school last week. I was very impressed to see that many Year 10 students will be involved in the production and quite a few in lead roles too!

Congratulations to Sana El-Zein who was awarded Year 10 August Student of the Month; and congratulations in advance, to the students who continue to be recognised for their hard work and positive approach to their schooling and will be invited to the upcoming rewards day.

A reminder to all students and their families, that attendance at school is compulsory. Students must arrive to school on time every day and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours, wherever possible.

Ms Martin
Year 10 Adviser



YEAR 11

All Year 11 students are busily working towards the end of Term Three and the end of the Preliminary Certificate course! The first three terms have flown past; it is amazing and perhaps a little bit scary to think that the students will be in Year 12 in just a few weeks. The Preliminary Examinations will occur in Week 9 and 10 of this term, I wish all students the very best of luck.

Congratulations to the Student of the Month – Saige Gordon [August] and the five students nominated for Canterbury-Bankstown Youth Awards for 2016 – Courtney Baxter [Community Involvement], Ethan Bowmaker [Sporting], Jackson Bell [Academic Achievement], Nathan Eirth [Leadership] and Joshua Maestrelli [Creative and Performing Arts]. Keep up the great work!

All jacket payments have been received and students should receive their jackets on their first day of Year 12, in Term Four. I look forward to seeing everyone in their new jackets.

On Wednesday, August 17 2016, the Year 11 students and six teachers travelled to Kudos Bank Arena at Sydney Olympic Park, to participate in the bStreetSmart Program. The program provided students with first hand experiences, information and strategies to avoid serious injuries and death and how to reduce risk taking behaviour on the road. The first session was a re-enactment of a crash, discussion of the causes of the crash and a demonstration of how emergency services, such as ambulance, police and fire and rescue, worked together in response to the crash. The scene was very confronting. After this, the students heard stories from spinal and brain injury victims, who sustained injuries as a result of crashes, as drivers, passengers, riders or pedestrians. All students found the day to be very informative and educational. Hopefully, students will become safer drivers as a result of attending this program.



I hope the last two weeks of term and the school holidays are enjoyable for everyone!

Mrs Morris
Year 11 Adviser

SPORT

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

During Wednesday and Thursday of week three, Picnic Point high school had the ability to send many students to the Sydney South West 2016 Regional Athletics Carnival. There were many students who qualified for this carnival. Picnic Point High School made up the majority of Bankstown Zone Athletics team. All students at the carnival battled the cold weather and rain to give their very best effort.

Congratulations to all students who competed with an excellent attitude and in particular well done to the following student who will be representing Sydney South West at the State Athletics Carnival later on this term:

Shayla Broughton	12 Year's Boys
Jason Parmaxidis	4 x 100m relay team
Emily Parmaxidis	Kevin Nguyen
Mitchel Small	Masen Narvel
Deamma Taganesia	Bailey Winterstein
Josiah Tanni	Antony Kontakos
Hana Herlihy	
Madeline Carroll	



STATE CROSS COUNTRY

On the first Friday of Term 3 Picnic Point High School sent four students to represent Sydney South West at the 2016 State Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to Samantha Battams, Brayden Morris, Emily Parmaxidis and Mitchell Small on their great achievements throughout various cross country carnivals during 2016.



Mrs Wolstencroft
Carnival Co-ordinator

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR

LEADERSHIP CAMP 2016

On the 10th August to the 12th August, 58 students from the Picnic Point High School Student Leadership program went on a three day camp to Stanwell Tops to improve their leadership capabilities. After arriving at camp, the 58 students were split into four colour groups. These groups worked together over the 3 days to complete all the amazing leadership activities at camp. The theme for this year's leadership camp was **Think.Do.Lead**, inspired by the movie Kung Fu Panda. Think.Do.Lead was incorporated into our outdoor activities, where we had to display 360 degree leadership. We learnt that 360 degree leadership is when a leader is able to lead people above them, below them and at the same level as themselves. We also learnt about using a growth mindset instead of a fixed mindset when we come across new leadership challenges.

Each group completed the same fun and challenging activities at different times throughout the camp. The activities consisted of:

- a blind-folded bushwalk, which strengthened the communication and trust within each group
- a treasure hunt bush walk, where we had to cooperate as a team to find our way to a certain location using a map, GPS and clues given along the way
- the challenging high [really high!] ropes course, where we walked across a planks of wood, tyres or even just rope while attached to the structure with ropes and guided by our buddy on the ground. This activity allowed a lot of people to step outside their comfort zone and proved how encouragement can help achieve success by using your team members strengths to the group's advantage.

As a whole leadership group we were given the challenge of creating our own festival, which turned out to be an absolute success. Each colour group were allocated specific responsibilities to ensure that the festival was well organised and ran smoothly. The planning of the festival was a little different than normal - each group had to work from the previous group's plan and follow these suggestions. This was a huge challenge! The festival was extremely fun with lots of great food, games, and entertainment. At the end of the festival each individual was awarded with a chocolate medal in support of our Olympic themed festival.

Night activities at Leadership Camp are always fun and a great way to get to know the other student leaders. The first night consisted of 'A Minute to Win It' games organised by the Tops staff – the most popular game was definitely water bottle throwing. To spice it up a bit, Year 11 students organised for a Year 11 80's dress up night as their final contribution to Leadership Camp. On the second night, the Tops staff organised a 'never before done at Leadership Camp bonfire', which was a great success, bringing out the musical side within each student as they played instruments and sang along to a wide variety of songs.

We would like to thanks Ms Marquis, Ms Davila, Ms Stavros and Mr Burgess for organising and making this camp one to remember. We would also like to thank all the Tops Staff for their hospitality, great company and for planning this amazing camp for us.

Maddie Carroll & Annalise Summers
Year 11





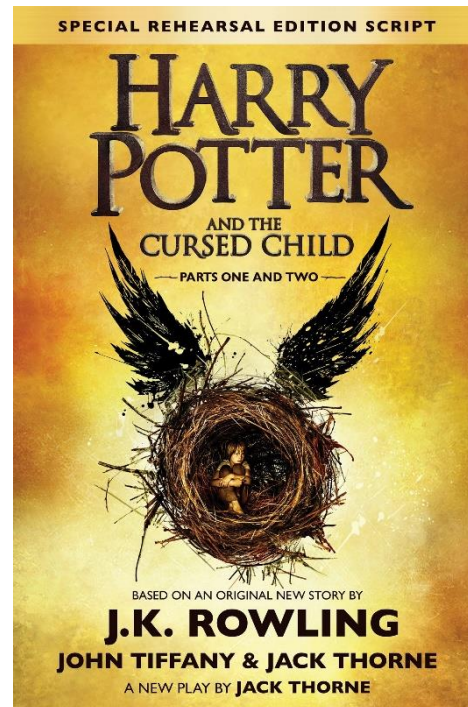
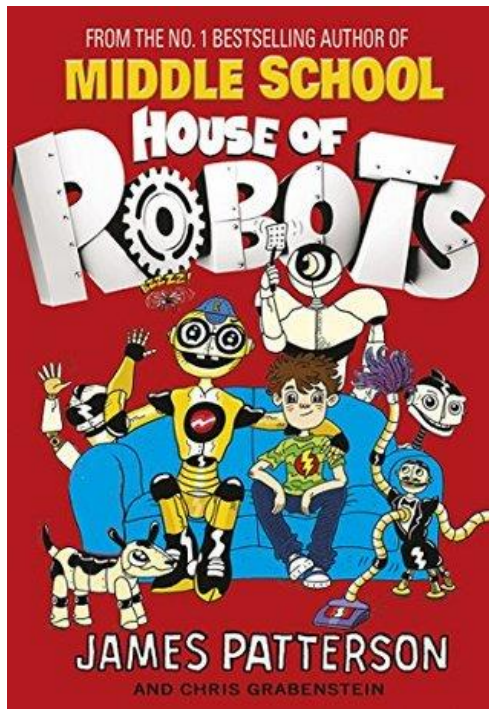
LIBRARY NEWS

Some exciting things have been happening in the library due to the refurbishment process. Our media room has been decked out with a projector and speakers to stream all the PICME videos to your heart's content. We shall be streaming videos of the Paralympics games once that is started.

We have also installed some sound proofing near our near computer labs to dampen some noise.

New resources

We now have Harry Potter in the library!! Get your hands on a copy of this book to get started! We have also purchased the new series of House of Robots written by James Patterson.



Up to date HSC Checkpoints and ATARNOTES have also been purchased for our HSC students to aid with their study.

Look forward to our next order of books which will include Graphics Novels from Justice League, Batman and Superman! If you would like to make a special order please let one of the teacher librarians know, or write a note and put it into our suggestions box.

Miss Ng
Teacher Librarian

CHESS COMPETITION

The chess competition is continuing in the library at Monday lunchtime. In term 4 we will be having a knock-out competition with a JB Hi-fi voucher for first place. It's not too late to join for the knockout and boards are available any lunch time for practice.

Make sure you get down to the library to watch the Paralympics! Go Australia!

Ms Myles

