COMING EVENTS

Term 4
16 - 20 November Year 10 Examinations
3 December Year 6 into Year 7, 2016 Orientation Day
10 December Presentation Day
14 December Parent/Teacher Afternoon 3.30pm-5pm
16 December HSC results released
Year 12 Morning Tea
Last day for all students
17 - 18 December School Development Days

Term 1, 2016
27 January Staff Development Day
28 January Years 7, 11 & 12 & IEC return to school
29 January Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school

CONGRATULATIONS TANIELA MOALA
FEATURED SOLO ARTIST IN THE
2015 SCHOOLS’ SPECTACULAR

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATORS AWARDS

On Tuesday 3rd December, two staff members of Holroyd High School were awarded Australian College of Educators’ Recognition Awards for World Teachers Day 2015

Congratulations to Sylvia Petreski and Paula Tohmeh, for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to Holroyd High School

PRESENTATION DAY

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER
COMMENCING AT 9AM
IN THE GYMNASIUM
ALL WELCOME
HELP US CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENT IN 2015

PARENT MEETING

Monday 23rd November 2015
10am-12pm
“A” Block Common Room
This is a NEW style parents and friends’ body for the school.
All Welcome!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

YEARS 7 - 11
MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2015
3.30PM – 5PM
SEMESTER 2 REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION
Term 4 is always an action-packed term, starting with a full month of examinations for our Year 12 Higher School Certificate students. There are no examinations in Term 4 for Year 11, however, as Term 4 is the beginning of their year of HSC study – they completed their final exams for the Preliminary HSC at the end of Term 3. Students in Years 7-10 are in the middle of their yearly examinations right now, and reports will be available on 10th December, from 3.30pm-5pm.

The Year 12 Formal took place on Wednesday evening last week at the magnificent Curzon Hall in Marsfield, a very glamorous venue and a very happy occasion for the students and their teachers. It was also a spectacular photo opportunity. The students can now relax and get used to life after school, well, at least those who have not started work immediately. A number commented to me how strange it seemed not to be getting up early and coming to school each day; however, one boy, who is working, told me how exhausted he was, going to work each day. He could barely keep his eyes open despite the very loud music and the excitement of the occasion!

HSC students get their results in the final week of the school year and their ATAR results just afterwards. University offers are not made until January. We hold a morning tea for Year 12 at school each year on the day the results are published, to celebrate their achievement and give the students the opportunity to seek advice about further education and training options. It is the last time they are all together in one place. School is well and truly out for these young people, on the brink of the rest of their lives.

Of course, we are busy right now getting ready for our annual Presentation Day, to be held on Thursday 10th December, starting promptly at 9am in the gym. 10th December is also International Human Rights Day, for us a happy coincidence, when we can celebrate the very real achievements of our own students, often against all the odds, and the basic right of all children to an education. Education is a fundamental human right and human rights are fundamental to education in a democracy. You can see those principles in action at Holroyd High School every day of the school year, in the way the school responds to the needs of disadvantaged young people, such as refugees or homeless youth and children with disabilities, and in the respectful operation of the school.

The right to an education is not something we should ever take for granted, although Australian children have had that right enshrined in law since the 1880s. There are currently an estimated 130 million children in the world who do not have the opportunity to go to school. Seventy per cent of those children are girls. Two thirds of the world’s illiterates are female.

Children suffer disproportionately during war, not only in their under-representation in casualty lists, but through the consequences of warfare: displacement, loss, disease, starvation, to name just a few. They also almost always lose access to schooling. The United Nations estimates some four million school age Syrian children are without schooling of any kind, this in a country where every child went to school before the civil war. Many will never now go to school. The consequences of that loss of education for an entire generation are far-reaching for Syrian society. It is impossible to reconstruct a society ravaged by war without an effective education system and educated people to carry the process of reconstruction.

The world is currently facing a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions. For the first time in 2014, there were more than 50 million people displaced around the world. The latest estimates are that the figure is now closer to 60 million. Just in the last year, millions of Syrians have fled the disaster their country has become. We have all seen the images of ravaged cities and of desperate people fleeing the devastation, going anywhere they can, hoping for somewhere safe. It would be impossible not to have been moved by the sad pictures of the toddler lying drowned on a Turkish beach. I am sure every parent thought of their own children when they saw that picture. The vulnerability of children in these dreadful conflicts is one of the grimmest aspects of what is happening. More than 34,000 unaccompanied children became refugees in 2013 alone. Of the 60 million people displaced, about 18 million are refugees; that is, displaced outside their country of origin. There are another 40 million people displaced within their own countries. More than ten million people were displaced in 2013 alone, an average of over 32,000 people a day forced to leave their homes. Fifty percent of all displaced persons are under eighteen years of age. The great majority will never be resettled.

Asylum seekers will continue to come, no matter how harsh our laws or our treatment of the relatively small numbers of people who get as far as Australia, because there is no choice or alternative for them. One Syrian woman put it this way, “You can stay and get killed or you can take your chances and leave.” You might still die but at least you have done something. There is no “orderly queue” for resettlement in a crisis of this proportion. There never was. The orderly queue is a figment of the political imagination, to give credence to the view that asylum seekers are illegal. It is not illegal under international law for people to seek asylum.

Australia is a signatory to the UN Convention on refugees as it is to all the other UN human rights conventions. In fact, we take relatively few refugees for resettlement, on average less than 14,000 per annum, or about 0.25% of the world total of refugees who are resettled. As I said earlier, most refugees will never be resettled.

It isn’t all bad news. As you will know from the media reports, the Federal Government will be resettling an additional 12,000 Syrian refugees in Australia in 2016, many in Western Sydney, where there are a lot of support services for new arrivals. It is quite possible that some of the children will come to our school. They are welcome.

Much less certain is the future of young asylum seekers currently living in the community on bridging visas or in community detention. Although they are now permitted to complete their schooling, there are few options available to these young people after they finish school. Further education and training comes only on payment of full international student fees, which none can afford. Not to allow these young people to continue their education beyond school is a
short-sighted waste of their potential, not only in terms of personal cost but for what they can contribute to Australian society.

We can only hope that having stopped the boats, the Government will now move to more humane and sensible policies in regard to the people already living in our community, and allow them to stay. We have little to lose and much to gain from taking that step.

Last month, Head Teacher Science, Mrs Nirupma Kumar and I travelled to the Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science presentation in Canberra, presented at a splendid formal dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House. Mrs Kumar was shortlisted for the second year running for one of those prestigious awards, the Prime Minister’s Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools. Although Mrs Kumar did not win the prize, it is a great honour to be a finalist, and I would like to congratulate her on that achievement.

That prize was won by another South-Western Sydney teacher, Head Teacher Science at Casula High School, Dr Ken Silburn. When we spoke to Dr Silburn after the presentation, he told us that it was the fourth time he had been short-listed for the award. We will certainly be nominating Mrs Kumar again next year!

What was interesting at the awards was the change in the expression of Government support for science under the leadership of the new Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. He spoke of his government’s strong support for science and science teaching and for research. Last year was very different. The awards took place in the wake of huge cuts in funding to scientific research and to respected organisations, such as the CSIRO. The then Prime Minister, Tony Abbott, told the audience, made up of some of the most distinguished scientists in Australia, that the Government was interested only in research that had a commercial application.

Let’s hope Mr Turnbull’s pledge to put science at the heart of school education will result in more support for science at all levels of schooling, including primary schools, where it is currently neglected. Very few primary schools in Australia have a specialist science teacher. The winner of the primary teaching prize this year was Rebecca Johnson, from Windaroo State School in rural Queensland, a primary science teacher who has initiated a whole-school science program at Windaroo, engaging her students with learning science and preparing them for science at high school.

Altogether, a wonderful evening, and one where we learned a lot about the state of science around the nation. Congratulations again to Mrs Kumar.

There are other congratulations to make: on 3rd November, at the Australian College of Educators’ World Teachers’ Day Dinner, our Head Teacher TAS, Mrs Sylvia Petrovski, and Sports Coordinator, Ms Paula Tohmeh, received ACE World Teachers’ Day teaching excellence awards. Congratulations to those two outstanding teachers!

Our students are also making their mark, as well, with 2016 School Captain, Taylah Howell, competing in the national finals of the Australian Physie and Dance Association (APDA) awards at the Opera House on 24th November. Congratulations, Taylah, and good luck! We have our very own super star, as well. Year 12 student Taniela Moana, who will be performing as a Featured Artist at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in the Schools’ Spectacular later this month from 27-28 November.

The Schools’ Spectacular showcases the talents of students from kindergarten to Year 12 in our public schools. It must be one of the biggest events of its kind in the world, bringing together literally thousands of students to play, dance and sing their way through what is always a great performance.

Young people who are chosen as featured artists have all gone through a lengthy and demanding and highly competitive audition process. Many have training and experience in performing arts, and many attend performing arts high schools. Taniela is exceptional in that he has had no formal training and no professional experience. What he does have is a huge natural talent and a beautiful voice. I can only hope that he will go on from this experience to a career in the entertainment world. He certainly has the talent.

There are still tickets available for the Schools’ Spectacular performances at: https://premierticketek.com.au or www.schoolsspectacular.com.au

Holroyd students have taken part recently in two sponsored events: one was to the Sculpture by the Sea open air sculpture exhibition. This excursion was made possible through the generosity of the Brennan Family Foundation, and I would like to thank the Foundation for their continued support of our school. The other was the sailing experience on the historic sailing ship, The James Craig, undertaken by five Year 9 boys and Ms Rees in October through the Helmsman Project.

The Helmsman Project is a philanthropically funded program aimed at building life effectiveness skills through what they call an “integrated adventure education experience and evidence-based coaching program”. Students take part in a coaching/mentoring program and learn the challenges of sailing a large sailing ship in the open ocean. They also devise and implement a program of some kind back at school or in the community. I am waiting for a full briefing on the boys’ proposed project. Including costings, and will provide further details in the next edition of Spotlights.

The boys were selected after a rigorous selection process. The Helmsman project is an exceptional opportunity and I would like to thank Helmsman for their support of our school. I would also like to thank Ms Rees for taking part, above and beyond, although I haven’t heard that she actually climbed to the top of the mast, unlike the boys.

Dorothy Hoddinott AO FACE
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Report

The final examinations for the Higher School Certificate finished with Visual Arts on Wednesday 4th November and Year 12 students
celebrated the end of their examinations and the conclusion of their formal schooling at their Year 12 Formal at Curzon hall on Wednesday 11th November.

Year 11 have started on their HSC year and received their assessment booklets on Monday 12th October. Year 11 students need to ensure that they have a home study program and organise their time in preparation for the Higher School Certificate in 2016.

Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have completed their yearly examinations and will continue to be assessed on their progress until the end of the year. Students in Year 10 will complete their yearly examinations this week from 16th – 20th November inclusive. It is important that all students attend school until the end of the year.

1. Uniform
As the school year draws to a close we would like to remind parents of the importance of their child wearing full school uniform. A trend has started with some female students wearing leggings – these are NOT acceptable and students who wear these to school will be provided with appropriate attire from the clothing pool (if available) or sent home. Male students have started to wear pants with elastic on the bottom – these are NOT school pants and are NOT appropriate and again students will be sent home to dress appropriately.

Uniform is very important to our school community for many reasons:
- Students look well-presented and this gives the school a good name in the local community
- It is easier to identify Holroyd students, especially if we have trespassers who may wish to cause trouble
- Sometimes it can be a question of safety eg. enclosed leather shoes provide the protection required by Workplace Health & Safety legislation for practical work in classrooms

The school insists that students are in full school uniform. If you have any difficulty in providing all items of the uniform, please contact Mrs Hoddinott on 96319410 to discuss how the school can assist you

2. Playground Issues
In order to ensure that the playground remains a safe environment for all students we have included in students’ school diaries an explicit list of playground rules and appropriate behaviour.

In recent weeks and with the number of windy days there has been an increase in the amount of litter left in the playground. Students are reminded that all rubbish must be placed in the bins provided as we are proud of our school grounds and would like them to be litter free.

If a student loses a ball onto the roof of a building or onto the covered walkways they are not to attempt to retrieve the ball themselves but tell a member of staff who will organise for our general assistant to safely retrieve the item.

Students are reminded that the school has a NO touching policy and that all students should show respect towards each other.

3. Safety and Security Issues
Students are reminded that they cannot leave the school grounds at any time this is to ensure the safety and security of the school community. Any breaches of this policy will be severely dealt with by the school executive.

Students are reminded that they are not to be in out of bounds areas and staffrooms without direct teacher supervision.

Mobile phones are to be switched off and stored securely out of sight during learning time. If a phone is used during this time, it will be confiscated, sent to the Principal and an after school detention issued.

4. Attendance
As we approach the end of the year, the school often receives request from families for their children to take extended leave to travel overseas. Families should be aware that this may impact on a student satisfying course requirements and successful completion of a school year. If students are absent for an extended period work must be organized prior to taking the leave. This work needs to be completed and returned to your child’s teacher to ensure that course and completion requirements are met.

If your child needs to take extended leave during term time, they must apply for leave before their departure by completion of an application form and an interview with the Principal.

If your child is taking leave over the Christmas holidays and will not be returning at the beginning of Term 1 the family must apply for leave in order to hold their child’s place at Holroyd High School.

COMING EVENTS
Before the end of Term 4, the following activities may be of interest:
- Year 10 Bridging Students Work Experience week from 23rd November – 27th November
- Parent meeting in Common Room on Monday 23rd November from 10am.
- Year 9 UNSW Aspire Taster Day on Wednesday 25th November
- Year 9 Geography excursion to Cronulla on Friday 27th November
- Year 8 Beach Safety Excursion to North Wollongong Beach on Friday 27th November
- Schools Spectacular excursion on Friday 27th November
- IEC Swim School – weeks 9 and 10 from 30th November – 11th December
- Year 6/7 Orientation Day on Thursday 3rd December
- Years 9 & 10 PASS excursion on Friday 4th December
- Presentation Day on Thursday 10th December at 9am
- Parent/Teacher afternoon on Monday 14th December from 3.30pm – 5pm – Semester 2 reports will be available for collection.
- IEC Gala Sports Day @ Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday 15th December
- HSC 2015 Morning Tea on Wednesday 16th December
- Last day of Term 4 for students on Wednesday 16th December

Denise Carrick
Deputy Principal
Term 4 has been a busy term so far for IEC students and staff. Some groups of students have been involved in programs with external partners. Ms Kayrooz has been taking a group of twenty students to the city as part of the InterAct program which is organised by ABCN the Australian Business and Community Network. The Interact program is one of a variety of programs delivered by ABCN set up specifically for IEC students. The ABCN programs aim to improve the opportunities and outcomes for students from high-needs schools by raising aspirations and increasing their awareness of the personal, educational and vocational choices available. This is achieved through structured programs and mentoring by business professionals in a corporate environment, which also provide students with an insight into the modern workplace and access to business networks. (See more at: https://www.abcn.com.au/our-programs) The IEC students have been attending 6 sessions with mentors in the city and learning about communication skills, goal-setting and possible future career options. The students have been enjoying and benefitting greatly from this program.

Another event which has involved twelve IEC female students is being part of the Abbotsleigh Cultural Exchange Program. In past years Holroyd High School has organised this event. This year some of the senior students from Stage 5 have had the opportunity to participate in this cultural exchange. It is a week-long program which began with Holroyd IEC girls hosting lunch and activities for the Abbotsleigh girls here at Holroyd. Our IEC girls then spent two days travelling to Abbotsleigh and participating in fun activities such as swimming and making damper. The last two days of the week involved a joint trip to Auburn for a walking tour and lunch with a final day in the city. Many thanks to Ms Rubie and Ms Naidu for organising this cultural exchange. Thanks also to two of our SLSOs – Nooria and Yilan – who have also assisted in making this week a fun learning experience for the girls from both schools.

This term has a focus on water safety in the IEC. Thank you to Ms Broschofsky for organising the Surf Awareness Day at Cronulla Beach for forty IEC students. Students learnt about safety at the beach, the role of lifesavers, how to ask for help if needed and how we must never turn our backs on the ocean. IEC students were keen to participate on the day and will now feel more confident and aware about water safety at Australian beaches.

During weeks 9 and 10 this term, another forty IEC students will have the opportunity to participate in Swim School. This is another very important skill for staying safe in Australian waterways.

Ms Kim will be taking four of the IEC’s best student public speakers to the Intensive English Programs Oratory Showcase which will be held at Cabramatta High School. This is where students from many different IECs come together to deliver their winning speeches to a large audience. The speeches will be followed by a multicultural lunch where the students will be able to meet and chat with students from other IECs around Sydney.

As we move into the warmer months, there is a reminder that the only hats that can be worn are the green caps with no logos or writing on them.

Also, if students have moved house recently or changed phone numbers, please come and tell the IEC office so that we can update the school records.

Sonia Durney
Deputy Principal
Intensive English Centre

INTRODUCING THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD

The School Opal card officially launched its new online application for students travelling in the Opal public transport region on Monday 2 November. The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students. Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network. Students with school passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, their home address or moving from Year 6 to 7, those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to your school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

Visit transportnsw.info/school-students for more information.

2015 SCHOOLS’ SPECTACULAR

27th NOVEMBER
TICKETS $25
FOR SALE
A BLOCK OFFICE
www.schoolsspectacular.com.au
5 DAY HELMSMAN ADVENTURE

On 19th October, five boys from Year 9 embarked on a sailing adventure on the historic sailing ship, The James Craig. The trip was sponsored by the Helmsman project, a philanthropically funded project to develop young people’s resilience and self-reliance through sailing and action projects.

Abdelbasit Ibrahim, Parth Patel, Jonathon Khazen, Deva Rajalingam and Ethan Turnbull embarked on a fun-filled adventure. The ship motored to Rose Bay where the boys reviewed the skills learnt on the first two day trip. They climbed the rigging, scrubbed the deck and pulled on lines (ropes) to move the sheets (sails). After an easy first day, the boys had an early night due to a really early start the next day.

Tuesday morning everyone on the ship rose early to prepare for the journey to Jervis Bay. A good northerly wind aided the sails to push the vessel south. Dolphins accompanied the ship for some of the voyage. The food on board was plentiful and helped sustain the boys for the effort needed to help sail the ship. Late on Tuesday evening, we arrived at Jervis Bay.

Wednesday was spent at anchor in the bay. All on board learnt new skills and had a relaxing day. In the afternoon the ship moved closer to the entrance for a quick exit the next morning.

Thursday morning was again an early start for the return journey to Sydney. A strong southerly was due and the ship needed to be at sea before it hit. It was raining and windy and the seas were rough. Some boys became seasick, others enjoyed the ride. It was an amazing example of nature at its wildest. The ship was driven north, back to Sydney. Turning across the wind to get into Sydney Harbour was particularly exciting. The ship anchored in Rose Bay for the night.

Friday morning everyone on board was feeling a little sad that the adventure was nearly at an end but also looking forward to seeing family and friends again.

This experience was one that the boys will not forget. They made new friends, learnt new skills and developed a sense of teamwork and responsibility over the five days. I was very proud to be a part of this adventure.

Rochelle Rees
Learning and Support Teacher

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
70TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 23rd October, Holroyd High School was invited to attend the United Nations 70th Birthday celebration. The 70th Birthday Celebrations was held at Cenotaph Ceremony and then followed by a luncheon at Parliament House. The Guest of Honour for the event was Justice Elizabeth Evatt AC. We also witnessed the UNAA launch, a major three year Human Rights Education Program, at the luncheon.

LIBRARY NEWS

K.O.A.L.A. (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards)

The 2015 Winner of the KOALA Years 7-9 category is TWO WOLVES by Tristan Bancks.

On Thursday 5th November we (Salma Rahimi, Parbati Baidya, Jessica Hazell and Nasrin Bakhtyari) were selected to attend the KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literature Awards) program located in Newington College. We had a lot of fun and we got the opportunity to meet some great Australian authors and illustrators like Tristan Bancks, Jules Faber and other fabulous people. We also won the Lucky Door Prize which was a cute image of a character by Jules Faber from one of Anh Do’s Weirdo books. We want to thank KOALA Committee, Newington College and our great school’s librarian Mr Darlington for providing us this amazing opportunity to meet our favourite Australian writers.

Author Tristan Bancks, Parbati Baidya, Jessica Hazell, Salma Rahimi and Nasrin Bakhtyari

Nasrin Bakhtyari and Salma Rahimi
Year 11
LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE AND NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM.
The Library will cease borrowing from week 9 (Week Beginning Monday 30th November) until the New Year in preparation for stocktake in the last three weeks of Term. Please return all your resources. The library will have reduced opening times whilst stocktake is being carried out. Only printing, assignment work on the computers and chess games during recess and lunch.

Preparation is also being made for the implementation of the new Library system called OLIVER which will be rollout on in February 2016. Stay tuned for this exciting new format.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday period. See you all in the New Year.

Until next time, happy reading!

Jason Darlington
Teacher Librarian

MUSIC FACULTY REPORT

I would like to congratulate the group of girls who have been involved in the Massive Band program over the past few terms at school and in particular, Amy Charlesworth, Boshra Bandi Amirabad and Jessica Hazell for their outstanding performance at the final event. The girls have spent the past few terms practicing songs on the guitar, keyboard, bass, drums and vocals to come together with about fifty other students from neighbouring high schools to perform in an all girl rock band performance at Campbelltown Arts Centre on Saturday 17th October. The girls performed a rendition of Gloria, Respect and Wild Thing on the day led by renowned percussionist Bree Van Dyke and delivered an outstanding performance.

Dimity Christian
Music Teacher

SPORT REPORT

HEALTHY EATING BREAKFAST CLUB

The Holroyd High School Healthy eating breakfast club is up and running!

On average we have has approximately sixty two students attending each morning. It has been fantastic to see a huge number of students eating a nutritious breakfast.

ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

Details as follows

Where: Holroyd High School, Common Room

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday anytime between 8:00am – 8.30am

Cost: FREE OF CHARGE

What food will be supplied at the Healthy Eating Breakfast Club: Bread, spreads, cereals, juices and fruit.

Teachers in charge: Supervised by various teachers on the Healthy Breakfast Club committee.

If you would like your child to attend on a drop-in basis (no obligation to attend every day) please fill out a permission form and return to Miss Tohmeh in the PDHPE Staffroom in advance.

I would like to thank in advance the breakfast club committee for all their hard work so far: Miss Joseph, Mr. Jasmin, Ms. Bailey, Mr Fields, Ms. Chetty, Ms. Bolzonella, Ms Wrightson and Ms Menezes.

Breakfast club interesting FACT:

Did you know?

So what is the best drink? WATER
SAVE THE DATE:
- Tuesday 17th November: Beach safety talk year 8 students
- Friday 20th November: Touch football gala day selected year 7 and 8 students.
- Friday 27th November: Year 8 beach excursion
- Friday 4th December: PASS V8 excursion
- Tuesday 15th December: PASS wet and wild excursion

Paula Tohmeh
Sport Co-ordinator

MERRYLANDS MEMORIAL PARK REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND WREATH LAYING CEREMONY
On Wednesday 11th November at Merrylands Memorial Park, Treves Street, Merrylands, our Captains and Vice-Captains attended the Remembrance Day service to pay our respects by laying a wreath and remembering all those who have been touched by conflict. Remembrance Day commemorates all conflicts.

“It’s not just about those who served in wars — their families were also affected. The students also get a better understanding of Australia’s history.”

On Thursday 29th October, Holroyd High School students’ went behind the Canteen to support BANDANNA DAY. The Student Representative Council was busy selling Bandannas to students. In total we sold over 200 and raised $623. Thank you to all students and staff and the SRC for supporting Canteen!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING YOUR YEAR GROUP AND BEING PART OF THE SRC FOR 2016?
- MONDAY 16th November: Collect nomination form during year assembly
- THURSDAY 19th November: Nomination forms are due in to Miss Joseph or Miss Tohmeh
- MONDAY 23rd November: Voting will take place during year assembly

Paula Tohmeh and Lilian Joseph
SRC Co-ordinators

VISUAL ARTS REPORT
SCULPTURE BY THE SEA
We caught a bus from school and about fifty minutes later, we reached Bondi Beach. When we got there, we had twenty minutes for breakfast. Everyone ate their breakfast, after that, we went to look at Sculptures by the Sea. We walked around Bondi Beach and looked at amazing and awesome sculptures that had been done by intelligent artists. Then we had twenty minutes for lunch and next we met one of the artists and she gave us some materials to make our own sculpture with. Everybody did really well.

Later, we said goodbye to her and caught the bus back to school.

Nargis Nazari and Nasrin Nasrin
Year 10 Visual Arts students

ENGLISH FACULTY REPORT
There have been some very tired looking students walking around the corridors of Holroyd High School with all students busy undertaking exams this term. Year 12 began their HSC with the two English papers in October and finally finished their examinations late last week. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our English students. We look forward to seeing your results when they are released on the 16th December.

Term 4 has seen Year 7 examining stereotypes in film, Year 8 studying Indigenous language and ways of being, Year 9 exploring teenage experiences through the study of plays and Year 10 are looking at documentary and mockumentaries. It’s always fun to finish off the year with some hands on practical study and with this in mind we look forward to Year 8 starting their mini unit on animation next week. No doubt we’ll have some great work to share on the school website next month.

Year 7 ESL, Standard and English Studies students have begun their HSC courses this term. It hasn’t been long since we farewelled the class of 2015 and already we begin the HSC run again. Year 11 students need to keep in mind that although it is the end of the year, they need to keep up their attendance and efforts as their current units of work will be examined in the Higher School Certificate.

And as always, keep on reading! It nourishes your soul.

Rebecca Franklin
Head Teacher English, ESL and Languages
SUPPORT CLASS REPORT

The Support Unit have had a very busy and productive term. Students attended an enjoyable excursion to the planetarium in Wollongong on the 29th October. Students also got to practise their social skills when they attended the community access excursion to Greystanes shops on Wednesday 11th November.

Congratulations to Aaron for creating an impressive diorama to complement our current science unit on the environment and weather. Aaron demonstrated a complex level of knowledge and passion for this topic, discussing in detail destructive weather forces such as 1974’s Hurricane Tracey. His interest for such forces was produced from many visits to Questacon in Canberra where he experienced on numerous occasions the simulated earthquake machine. This house has many moving features and was a design of the highest quality.

Well done to Kevin Ha for creating a great Lego model of a spaceship and sharing it with his peers during social skills class.

Congratulations to our merit award recipients: Emily Charlesworth, Kevin Ha and Justin Do. Congratulations to Priyanka Bhattacharjee for receiving a bronze award for consistent effort.

BREAKFAST CLUB WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Priyanka Bhattacharjee who has demonstrated some excellent work related skills during her work experience with the Breakfast Club. Thank you to the co-ordinator Miss Tohmeh and the teachers’ aides who supervise and help out - Tina Wrightson and Debby Bolzanella. Keep up the good work Priyanka!

Support unit students are enjoying getting active in sport this term with the current focus on kicking and catching skills. Physical activity is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. In combination with healthy eating, it can help prevent a range of diseases. Physical activity builds muscle, promotes strong bone, muscle and joint development, and decreases the risk of obesity. Well done to our students for being active and trying their best.

Support students enjoying sport

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Blizzard on receiving his Masters of Education from the University of New England, Armidale.

MATHEMATICS FACULTY REPORT

Term 4 has been a busy term so far with Year 7 and 8 completing their yearly examinations in week 5 and Year 9 in week 6. Year 10 have their Mathematics yearly examination next Friday 20th November. We would like to encourage all students to be revising the work taught this year and utilise online programs such as Mathletics and Mathsonline to help them prepare for these important exams. There are also lunchtime tutorials running for students looking to do Mathematics (2unit) and Mathematics Extension 1 in Year 11.

Last term Year 8 were involved in a project-based assignment looking at pyramids. Students were able to study the mathematics behind the design of a pyramid and then construct a pyramid using balsamic wood.
Year 11 tutorials to revise the preliminary course for Mathematics General are running every Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm until the end of term. All students in this course are encouraged to attend. We would like to wish Taniela Moala all the best as he performs at this year’s School Spectacular on the 27th November. This is a great achievement from a gifted artist.

Farid Awad
Head Teacher Mathematics and Music

SCIENCE FACULTY REPORT

Thanks to all staff and students who congratulated me on being short listed for the Prime Minister’s Science Prize. Mrs Dorothy Hoddinott and I went to Canberra for the prize giving ceremony where we by graced by the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr Turnbull. It was such a stimulating occasion and we had a fantastic time.

We all enjoyed the Year 12 formal that was held at Curzon Hall last week. The students looked fantastic - beautiful girls and handsome boys! They all looked so grown up and have turned into very distinguished young men and women. We look forward to seeing them and congratulating them when the Higher School Certificate results come out.

We are well on the way to completing all junior examinations this week. Teachers are busy marking and reporting. It is in the best interest of the students to attend school regularly and do their best in class. All missed work due to absence, must be completed.

This term the Year 12 Chemistry class is going to Western Sydney University to attend a lecture on Polymerisation.

8.1 students are going to the 2015 COMPASS Showcase on 1st December where students’ works which were completed throughout the year on the COMPASS film program, will be exhibited. I greatly look forward to seeing the capabilities of our students.

Eight students from Year 9 have been involved in a Science Gifted and Talented program run by myself every alternate Friday. They have refined their scientific skills and have completed experiments of interest to them. These are the scientists of tomorrow - students who find science interesting and stimulating.

Niru Kumar
Head Teacher Science

NUMERACY NEWS

DO YOU KNOW THIS ONE? - 8

MATHS RIDDLES:

1. Complete the following Fibonacci sequence.
   1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ______, ________, ________, ________.

2. What number is hidden under the car?

3. Calculate the weight of each animal. Dog ___________, Cat _____________, Rabbit ___________.

Winner for Numeracy Corner 7: Zubaida Al Khaznawi, Year 10.

Write your response and be the first one to bring it to Maths staffroom to win a MOVIE TICKET.

Numeracy Update - Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in Maths Labs which will be held in Week 8 & 9. Maths labs will consist of students working on a sequence of engaging numeracy activities in teams and competing with other teams from the same Year group.

Kanchan Saxena
Numeracy Co-ordinator

YEAR 8 REPORT

Year 8 have had a busy term so far. We have just finished yearly examinations and are now in the process of completing final assessments and programs. Students are encouraged to seek out opportunities for further enrichment by participating in extracurricular programs, such as team sports, breakfast club, Thursday afternoon training and book club.

There are a number of excursions planned for the coming weeks. On Tuesday November 24th, selected students will be going to SWU Blacktown campus to participate in a debating workshop. On Friday November 27th all of Year 8 will be going to North Wollongong Beach as part of their Beach Safety program. On Wednesday December 2nd, selected students in Year 8 will be visiting UNSW as part of the Aspire program. They will have an opportunity to explore a university faculty and explore different options for their futures.
Students are also reminded that although the weather is heating up, they are expected to be in school uniform and demonstrate positive behaviour until the last day of attendance.

Amy Ly and Joel Jasmine
Year 8 Adviser and Assistant Adviser

YEAR 9 REPORT

It has been an amazing start to the term for our fantastic Year 9 cohort as they continue to make a positive impact on the school community. Some of the highlights so far are:

- Richu George of 9.1 has received the amazing honour of achieving a Distinction in the ICAS English Competition. This means that she was a standout compared to other English students across the entire country! We are all very proud of her and we are sure she has a very bright future!
- A group of talented Year 9 students participated in the STEM day at Sydney University. This day provided our students with practical experience in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. A great day was had by all!
- Year 9 GOALS students participated in their final session on Wednesday 7th October. This has been an outstanding program and it was such a special moment for us as year advisers to hear this group give their final speeches. The way that the mentors spoke about our students really highlighted how amazing this group are. You all did the school, your teachers and your families proud!
- Congratulations to the forty students that were selected to participate in the High Resolves leadership program. This was an excellent program that helped these targeted students realise their leadership potential. We can’t wait to see how these skills translate into the school community.

Matt Fields and Kate Bailey
Year 9 Adviser and Assistant Adviser

YEAR 11 REPORT

The RYDA Road and Safety excursion was a great success with students attending a series of practical and powerful workshops that aimed to change the way young people think about road safety.

As part of an interactive one-day experience, students learnt about braking at different speeds, devised travel strategies and received tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves and their loved ones. In one session, students watched a powerful and emotional video on the life and tragic death of an 18 year old provisional driver and her best friend. In another session, they listened to a crash survivor and heard first-hand how one poor choice can change a life forever.

The formal and fundraising committee worked very hard at creating a wonderful Halloween bake sale on Friday 30th October with students raising money to go towards the Year 12 formal next year.

Louise Ciano and Mohammad Moussa
Year 11 Adviser and Assistant Adviser

YEAR 12 REPORT

What a wonderful night!
The Year 12 2015 Formal was a success.
Thank you to all teachers and students who attended. Everyone looked amazing and had so much fun. Taniela Moala and Lubna Hamed won the best dressed male and female awards.

Sally Flores, Haider Al-Khalidy and Raj Sekhon
Year 12 Adviser and Assistant Advisers

From left to right: Patricia Matshioz, Taniela Moala and Lubna Hamed at the Year 12 Formal at Curzon Hall
OPEN DAYS
AIE Open Day | Saturday 21st November
3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Saturday 21st November. For more information, head to http://www.aie.edu.au/opendays

You’re invited to Australian Careers Business College Open Days on December 8, 9 & 10 Students can discover how to graduate in one year with a Nationally Recognised Qualification, a pathway to University and hands on work experience. Liverpool - Tuesday 8 December and Parramatta - Thursday 10 December http://www.acbc.nsw.edu.au/

CADETSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS
Mantra Group Operations Trainee 2016 Mantra Group is offering a Sydney Hotel Operations Traineeship. Commencing in March 2016, students are able to obtain a full time paid position within our hotels for a contracted 2 year period and at the same time complete a nationally recognized qualification, a Certificate III in Hospitality Operations. For more information please contact simon.hoole@mantragroup.com.au

SUMMER COURSES
Digital Filmmaking Distinction Course 18th-22nd January 2016 10am - 3.30pm Learn the fundamental aspects of digital film production in this 5-day intensive workshop for senior high school students (Years 10-12) Cost: $420 http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/courses/digital-filmmaking-distinction-course.aspx

Ellie Apostolopoulos
Careers Adviser
Parramatta Dental Clinic welcomes eligible children under the child dental benefit scheme to receive $1000 worth of dental treatment.

To find out if your child is eligible please contact Medicare on 132 150 and organise for them to send you a voucher.

Parramatta Dental clinic offers NO GAP treatment for All children covered by Private Health Insurance - or - 20% OFF dental treatment for all children not covered by Health Insurance.

Please contact us on 8677 0155 to organize an appointment. We look forward to seeing you soon.
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LODGING YOUR TAX RETURN?

The easiest and fastest way to lodge your return is online.

Follow these simple steps

1. Make sure you have your tax file number (TFN) handy and one of the following documents:
   - Your birth certificate, passport
   - or citizenship certificate.

Create a myGov account
(See my.gov.au for more info)

2. Call the ATO on 13 28 61 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code to verify your account.

In myGov, go to the Services page and link to the ATO.
Select ‘I have a linking code’ and enter your linking code when prompted.

SERVICES

From 1 July, lodge your tax return online.
(See ato.gov.au/lodgeonline)

3. When are tax returns due?
   - You have from 1 July to 31 October to lodge.

Keep track of your tax and super by downloading the free ATO App

Silverwater Motor Registry is transforming into a Driver Test Centre

From late November, motor registry transactions and more will be provided at Auburn Service Centre.

When the Silverwater Driver Test Centre opens in mid-December it will provide Driving Tests only.

Open:
- Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm
- Saturday 8:30am to 3pm

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Auburn Service Centre open from late November

More services for your convenience

Your Auburn Service NSW Centre enables you to complete over 800 NSW Government transactions in the one location.

Open: Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm
   - Saturday 8:30am to 3pm

Transactions include:
- Driver licence and photo ID cards
- Vehicle registration
- Seniors Cards
- Contractor licence
- and many more.

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On 19th October, five boys from Year 9 - Abdelbasit Ibrahim, Parth Patel, Jonathon Khazen, Deva Rajalingam and Ethan Turnbull went on a 5 day sailing adventure on the historic James Craig. These are photos from their adventure.
SUPPORT STUDENTS VISIT THE WOLLONGONG SCIENCE CENTRE AND PLANETARIUM

On the 29th October, the Support Unit visited the Science Centre and Planetarium in Wollongong. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by enthusiastic guides who took them through a large array of interactive science and technology exhibits. The activities that the students participated in, supported important aspects of their Science curriculum including; weather systems, natural disasters, and the properties of water.

The students all agreed that the standout activity on the day was the planetarium experience, which was viewed inside the specially made dome.
Students from Holroyd High School elective art classes attended Sculpture by the Sea at Bondi on Wednesday 28th October 2015.
A fun time was had by all.