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Newsletter 3

Term 2, Week 3

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The new netbooks have arrived in the school for distribution to Year 9 students. They take quite a while to commission however so will not be issued until Week 4 or 5 by which time our upgraded wireless connection should also be completed. At that point we will have a full third of the student population 'connected' – a very exciting prospect. In addition, we had 13 new data projectors installed over the holidays so many more classrooms are now better equipped to deal with the technology demands of teachers and students.

The exam centre is complete and Year 10 should be the first to use it for their Half Yearly exams this week. Carpet is being installed on Friday and Monday. Turf has been placed on the building site and we will endeavour to keep it alive over winter. The memorial garden will require some restoration work but has survived the neglect of a building site quite well. Unfortunately students have been asked to stay off the new turf until it is established so they still have limited access to the full playground.

The Year 10 Welfare Day was held last Friday. It proved to be an interesting opportunity for students to discuss and ponder their future and their relationships and attitudes to others.

Parents will have seen the recent publicity relating to the Naplan testing for Years 7 and 9. The objection is based on the fact that a diagnostic test designed to help students improve in certain skills is being used by the media to rank schools using the MySchool website. At the moment it would appear that teachers will refuse to implement and supervise the tests set down for Week 4 however that may change at any moment. We will be ready for any eventuality.

Planning is progressing for our 40th anniversary celebrations on June 27th. We plan to sell commemorative pavers to past and current students and parents which will have their name and the years they were associated with the school engraved on them. These pavers will then be placed either as a courtyard feature or a path in the playground. Look out for the flier which will arrive with the next newsletter.

Students were reminded again that any misuse of technology, particularly associated with social websites, will not be tolerated. If students engage in any cyber communication which is hurtful to others or brings the school's name into disrepute they can expect severe consequences. No student has access to social websites while at school so these activities are taking place at home. Parents are asked to keep a close watch on their child's internet communications.

Congratulations to:

- **Krishni Jayawardana** who was the 14 Years Zone Cross Country champion.
- Our Cross Country runners who helped place our school second at the Zone Carnival.

Jeanne Bathgate, Principal

HSC PIN - 2010

All Year 12 students received their HSC PIN letter last week. Students need their PIN to:

- see their personal HSC written exam timetable on 29 April, four days before the public release. You will have the same early access via *Schools Online*.
- check they are entered for the right HSC courses
- organise their online HSC study links
- check their assessment rank order is correct in November
- view their HSC results in December
- find answers to frequently asked questions

SPORTS REPORT



School Cross Country 2010 - Age Champions

	BOYS	GIRLS
12 years	David Shen	Cindy Dong
13 years	Jacob George	Amelia Gonsalvez
14 years	Ruben Robertson	Krishni Jayawardana
15 years	Sherman Lai	Buddhima Fernando
16 years	Arkash Jayanandan	Cissy Zhi
17 years	Susumu Yamamoto	Germaine Tsang
18 years	Ryan Fernando	Erica McCarthy

House Championship

- 1 **Hughes**
- 2 **McDougall**
- 3 **Suttor**
- 4 **Meehan**

Hills Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all 136 students who attended and represented Baulko at the Zone cross country carnival at Macquarie Uni Sports Fields last Wednesday. It was a very successful day with Baulko finishing second overall behind James Ruse. Huge thanks again to our senior students who again showed great Baulko spirit in attending and encouraging the junior school participants. Special thanks to Germaine and Arthur our Sports Captains in assisting with team management.

Thanks also to Mr Filewood for all his work in setting up the course and coordinating the day and to our wonderful House Captains who so ably assist with recording and overall event organisation.

Hills Zone Age Champion

14 years Girls – Krishni Jayawardana

Notable performances at Zone

18+ Boys	Ryan Fernando	6 th
18+ Girls	Erica McCarthy	8 th
17+ Boys	Susumu Yamamoto	2 nd
17+ Girls	Cecilia Hidajat	2 nd
16+ Boys	Arkash Jayanandan	5 th
16+ Girls	Cissy Zhi	9 th
15+ Boys	Sherman Lai	3 rd
15+ Girls	Buddhima Fernando	3 rd
	Clarissa Goh	4 th
14+ Boys	Edward Lun	8 th
14+ Girls	Krishni Jayawardana	1 st
13+ Boys	Jacob George	4 th
13+ Girls	Amelia Gonsalvez	5 th
12+ Girls	Cindy Dong	5 th

The students and schools teams to represent Hills at Sydney West will be available this week when final results of the Zone carnival are sent to schools.

Sydney West Cross Country Carnival

Penrith Regatta Centre, 18th June

School Athletics Carnival, School Ovals

Week 5, Tuesday 18th May, all day

Wednesday 19th May, Periods 1 – 5 (then sport)

Sporting Representatives

Congratulations to Nicholas Graham and Benjamin Graham on their selection in the Sydney West Basketball team to compete at the CHS State Carnival in Albury 17th – 19th May

C. Sheridan, Sports Organiser

CALENDAR TERM 2



The calendar in this newsletter is subject to change so please check carefully each week for any alterations. A full calendar for the whole year is available on the school website at www.baulkhamhillshighschool.com.au

Week 3
Monday 3 May - Y12 Modern History Assessment, in class - Girls Soccer Clinic, P1 & 2 and 7 & 8 (G. Smith)
Tuesday 4 May - UMAT Prep talk for Y12, TLC lunchtime (Savage)
Wednesday 5 May - Y10 Half Yearly Exams commence, 5-11 May inclusive
Thursday 6 May - UNSW Economics Competition, P7 & 8 (Ford) - Girls Soccer Clinic, P3 & 4 (G. Smith) - Enrol to Vote (age 17+) lunchtime (Johnstone)
Friday 7 May - Y12 Ext English Composition
Week 4
Monday 10 May - Blood Bank at school, over 2 days, 10-11 May inclusive
Tuesday 11 May - Yrs 7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests, over 3 days, 11-13 May inclusive - Y11 Modern History Assessment, in class - Y11 Biology Prac Exam, in class
Wednesday 12 May
Thursday 13 May - All Y12 Tertiary Info Expo, P2-5 (Savage) - UNSW Business Competition, in class (Ford) - Music NightS, 13-14 May
Friday 14 May - International Volleyball Tournament (Kennedy/Drew)
Sunday 16 May - Senior Band Workshop (Croyle)
Week 5
Monday 17 May - Y11 Source Analysis Ancient History - AAA Harmony Day
Tuesday 18 May - School Athletics Carnival, over 2 days 18-19 May inclusive
Wednesday 19 May
Thursday 20 May - Y12 Reports issued to students, over 2 days 19-20 May incl. - Yrs 9 & 10 PASS and Y11 PDHPE Wheelchair Roadshow
Friday 21 May - Y8 Half Yearly Mathematics Exam, P 3 & 4 - Y7 & Y11 Peer Support Leaders Picnic Day, all day (Chiem) - Baulko Aid Rockfest, evening
Sunday 23 May - Concert Band Workshop (Croyle)
Week 6
Monday 24 May - Y12 Recognition Assembly
Tuesday 25 May - UNSW Computer Skills Competition, Yrs 7-10 - Y9 Duke of Ed Training, over 4 days, 25-28 May - Y7 Brainstorm Verbal Combat, P1 & 2 - P & C Meeting
Wednesday 26 May
Thursday 27 May - Y12 Ext 2 Mathematics Assessment, P3 & 4 - Y7 HPV (1) + Chicken Pox, P1-6, 180 students (Johnstone) - Y11 Reports issued to students, over 2 days, 26-27 May
Friday 28 May - Y12 Adv English Module B - Y8 Science Half Yearly Exam, P1 & 2 (180 students)
Week 7
Monday 31 May - Y12 Ancient History Oral Task (31 May to 4 June inclusive)
Tuesday 1 June - Y11 Legal Studies Excursion to courts (Barkas/Jones) - Creative Arts <i>Fest</i> , 7pm
Wednesday 2 June - Y9 Half Yearly Science Exam
Thursday 3 June - Y9 Half Yearly Mathematics Exam, P1 & 2 - Y11 Youth Leader Welfare Day, all day (Pigram)
Friday 4 June - Y12 Mathematics Assessment, P6 - Y10 Vaccinations (Diph/Tet/Wh.Cough, P1-6 (Johnstone) - Girls Soccer Clinic, P3 & 4 (G. Smith)

MUSIC NIGHTS

Music Nights to be held 13th & 14th May!

Parents and students are invited to watch a showcase of performances by school music ensembles and a number of talented soloists. The concerts will begin at 7pm in the TLC with a different program each night. Gold Coin Donation for entry. Look forward to seeing you there.



On Tuesday 25 May, Brainstorm Productions will visit the school to present *Verbal Combat*, a play about cyber bullying and harassment. The performance makes it clear to students that certain behaviours (such as excluding people, spreading rumours and sending unwanted text messages or emails) is in fact considered as bullying and will not be tolerated at our school. This is an entertaining way to promote discussion and give students strategies to avoid being a bully or a target.



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