Deputy Principal’s Report

HSC 2016 Parent Information Night

A very successful Information Night for parents of our 2016 HSC Cohort was held on Thursday 19th November in the school library. Parents had a presentation from Headspace Parramatta on identifying and managing stress related health problems with their children. Ms Bedwany outlined the many Wellbeing supports available to students and Ms Johnstone spoke about HSC assessment procedures. Mr Gokel finished the evening with a presentation to parents on the importance of sleep for our senior students.

All presentations were warmly received and we thank the parents and children who attended for their continued support of their children in their final year of school.

We plan on having similar evenings for parents from different years over the coming year.

Year 11 students have commenced their HSC courses and have now been connected with a teacher mentor. The mentor program aims to assist students in achieving their academic goals and manage stress associated with the HSC.

Our Annual Presentation night is on Tuesday 15th December where we acknowledge the achievements and academic success of our school community. Invitations for this event will be distributed in the coming weeks.

This newsletter highlights the wonderful activities and achievements that our students have recently been involved in. This could not happen without the dedication and organisation skills of our staff.

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Week 9: Year 10 Activities Week

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Music News

Remembrance Day
11th Hour, 11th Day, 11th month

Music students from Parramatta High School performed at the Remembrance Day Service at Prince Alfred Park and further strengthened our community partnership with the City of Parramatta RSL sub-Branch.

Ms Splatt was able to attend the service and was delighted with the performances from our students and the compliments she received from many of the guests.

Proud Principal Ms Domonique Splatt with School Captains Jessica Tandera Yuana and Caelum Davis

The students who performed at the ceremony are to be congratulated for their professionalism: The Naval Hymn Eternal Father Strong To Save and The National Anthem were sung by Liaana Pokoina from Year 10 who was accompanied by Ms Piper on keyboard. Alex Jin from Year 11 sang the tribute song Can You Hear Australia's Heroes Marching? and the narration between verses was recited by Louis Broadfield from Year 9.

Congratulations to the following students from Year 9 Elective Music who formed the backing choir to the musical items: Louis Broadfield, Olivia Chung, Jacob Darma, Sheril Dass, Jenny Huynh, Jeyvicknan Jeyadevan, Charles Jin, Iris Johnson, Katabahan Karunakaran, Kesev Kirupairajah, Cindy Lam, Alec Rosh Lee, Edward Lee, Chiran Madduma Pattabandi, Matthew McGuire, Nathan Nuulitiia, Jaspreet Singh, Moneer Sultani, Jennifer Sung, Leanne Vo and Carria Xie

All students were awarded with special Merit Awards at last week’s Assembly.

Mrs Nyilos kindly gave her time to assist with supervision on the day and the music students and Ms Piper would like to say a special thank you to her.

Assembly Performances

PHS students continue entertain us with their wonderful performances at our weekly Formal Assemblies.

On Wednesday 18 November at the Prefects’ Induction Ceremony, Year 11 Elective Music students performed on piano. Winner Ling played Canon in D by Pachelbel for the Processional Music and Jingo by Christopher Norton was performed by Jason Nguyen.
On Wednesday 25 November, Year 11 Elective Music student Sarena Park performed Officially Missing You by Tamea. Her classmate Alex Jin provided expert accompaniment on guitar.

Sarena Park (vocals) accompanied by Alex Jin (guitar)

Congratulations to year 10 Music students, Christopher Wragg, 6th Grade and Stephanie Cook, 3rd Grade who were both awarded an “A” in their recent AMEB exams and were invited to perform at a Classical Guitar Society of NSW Concert.

Christopher Wragg with guitar tutor Mr Ben Secrett

Rock Show - Our 44th Rock Show is coming soon!!
Our 44th Rock Show will be held in the school hall next Friday 4 December, after lunch, during Periods 4 & 5. Students from all years will be attending. Students from Elective Music classes and the Stage Band will performing an exciting range of items. Your school captains will be co-comperes and will dress appropriately for the occasion - like you’ve never seen before!

We hope you have a great afternoon.

Admission is free.

MMM – Manic Music Matinee #2 for Year 8 COMING SOON!!
Year 8 students are putting the finishing touches on their class items, small group items and solos in preparation for their MMM Concert which is for Year 8 students only. It will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday 8 December during Periods 4 & 5.
Magic Carpet Kite Flying Event
On Wednesday 11th of November, students participating in the Magic Carpet Program attended their first kite flying event at Parramatta Park. During the weeks leading up to this event, professional kite makers helped students construct and decorate their very own kites. Students who were also part of the Magic Carpet Program from Arthur Phillip High School attended the event where both schools had a great time seeing who could fly their kite the highest!

Sports Report
AFL Giant Junior Talent Testing Program
On Thursday 12th of November, representatives of the Wester Sydney Giants AFL club came out to Parramatta High School to run a Junior Talent Testing Program for our Year 8 boys. Male students from 8A and 8B participated in a variety of fitness tests using the latest technology, putting themselves through similar training practices used by first grade AFL players. A big thankyou to the boys involved who were exceptionally well behaved and cooperative on the day, and of course thanks to the Western Sydney Giants for running the program. Congratulations to Mataika Sione and Kundai Harrison for being recognised as promising young talents.

Following the success of Saleen Ahmed, our Year 8 Sydney West Girls Tennis Champion, Samuel Yu, also of Year 8, recently represented the boys in the New South Wales Combined High Schools Tennis carnival. Samuel, currently ranked number 2 in the Sydney West region, was selected to represent Sydney West at this carnival after his outstanding performances throughout the year. Playing more than 15 matches over the three days ranging from singles to doubles to mixed doubles, Samuel came away with only three losses. Being ranked number 2, Samuel was selected to play some of the more difficult opponents in New South Wales, often a lot older than him, so he deserves much recognition for his excellent efforts on the day. Parramatta High School is extremely proud of Samuel and wishes him all the best for what will hopefully be a big future.
Year 12 History Extension
State Library Excursion:
“The Project”

On Thursday 12th November, 8 Year 12 students who are studying the HSC History Extension course, attended a special excursion run annually by the State Library of NSW called ‘The Project: History Extension Seminar’. The 8 students studying this challenging but interesting university-like course include Trent Hugler, Khaled Jamal, Aynaz Hosaini, Curaza Sanie, Mariel Guevara, Joshua Cao, Hammish Hibbert and Arjun Giri. Students were accompanied by their History Extension teacher and Head Teacher HSIE, Ms Kougelos to various lectures and workshops held at the State Library and The Mint at Macquarie Street, Sydney. Students had the great pleasure and privilege of hearing lectures on the changing nature of, and approaches to history and archaeology from eminent and world renowned historians such as Professor Lyndal Ryan, who has conducted extensive historiographical studies into Tasmanian Aborigines and Australia’s ‘Black Wars’. Trent Hugler and Hamish Hibbert attended a workshop held by Dr Craig Barker, the Manager of Education and Public Programs at Sydney University Museums. These students had the privilege of handling ancient Greek, Roman and Middle Eastern archaeological artefacts. Another great lecture attended by students was by Associate Professor Harvey Broadbent whose presentation outlined his extensive research into Turkish perspectives of World War One’s Gallipoli campaign. Aynaz Hosaini had the lucky opportunity of directly conversing in Turkish with Professor Broadbent, who is a fluent speaker of Turkish himself! By the end of the day, our students were armed and equipped with a wealth of information and tips on how to conduct and complete their major History Extension Research Project, which is worth 40% of their HSC marks and is a total of 4,200 word long!

The HSC History Extension class and Ms Kougelos will also attend another special excursion to be held on Saturday 5th December. This event is organised by the History Teachers’ Association of NSW and held at Macquarie University and will give students additional learning experiences and support on their HSC course and The History Extension Project.

Ms Kougelos             Head Teacher HSIE

English Extension 2 Study Day

The Year 12 English Extension 2 students attended a study day run by the English Teachers’ Association at Sydney University on Friday 13th November. The course requires students to complete a Major Work and reflection statement. Our students have selected text types that range from short stories to speeches and critical essays to explore ideas of their own choosing. This is an exceptionally vigorous course that tests students’ research and organisational skills as well as their creativity and articulation. The day equipped the students with a deeper understanding of the research process they need to undertake as well as ideas about how to select an appropriate form of text to complete their major works within. All students commented on the value of the day, and of course their behaviour was exemplary.

Ms Jones and Ms Ford
Language Perfect Achievement!

Congratulations to Maryone Joseph of Year 8 who has accrued over 30,000 points in Language Perfect enabling her to apply for a prestigious, all expenses paid Internship at the Education Perfect Headquarters in New Zealand worth over $5,000. If successful in her application, Maryone will enjoy 5 nights in New Zealand learning about how an international company is run and operates. Languages students in year 7-10 have the opportunity to engage with Language Perfect online to improve their language skills and go in the running to win fabulous prizes such as this. Students can also access materials to practise other subjects such as Mathematics and Social Sciences. Congratulations to Maryone on her excellent achievement!

Build the leadership capability of the executive team in developing and maintain professional practice.

Drama & Dance News

On Wednesday 28th of October 2015, Year 10 and 11 Drama and Year 10 Dance students were given the opportunity to attend a matinee for the production of Matilda at the Sydney Lyric theatre. This excursion provided the students with a greater understanding of performance and movement in theatre. The musical was packed with exciting surprises and touching moments which left the audience in awe. Being the very first experience of a live production for many students, it led to the development of new ideas and perspectives. A product of the talented, Tim Minchin, adapted from Roald Dahl's original tale, the story took the audience on a journey with young Matilda who is wise beyond her years, and completely out of place in her eccentrically corrupt family. The production glistened with fantastical set designs and costumes, hilariously moving songs and captivating dance compositions. It was an unforgettable day which would not have happened without the teachers. Thank you Miss Heron and Miss Hough!

Tammy Zhong,, Drama Captain 2015.

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EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN

On Tuesday the 24th of November, 35 girls along with Ms Bouziannis, Ms Edwards and Ms Mathur attended a Warrior Woman’s Conference, hosted and sponsored by GWS Giants at Bankstown Sports Club. Issues such as domestic violence, resilience, self-esteem and confidence were raised. There were over 500 girls in attendance at this forum which really emphasised the strength of Sisterhood.

To begin our session, we all received a “Recipe for life’s journey pack”. In this pack there were various items with practical and symbolic meanings. For example, we had a rubber band to ‘keep you flexible and able to bounce back’.

Following this, we had performance by a group of Pacific-Islander girls from Wiley Park High School who sung for us ‘Lean On Me’ which affirmed the message of unity between females. Afterwards, we had our first session of the day which was about a victim of domestic violence, Angela Barker, and her inspirational story.

Initially, we were shown a 16 minute video, ‘Loves Me, Loves Me Not’ about her tragic history and her boyfriend, this shocked, moved us in ways we didn’t think imaginable. The video was confronting and quite alarming in parts, however, we have learnt from this and have become more aware. After this, Angela, came on stage and shared her personal story of strength and resilience. Along with her mother, she answered thought provoking questions asked by the audience about her ex-boyfriend, her friends and her aspirations.

After lunch, we had a belly dancing performance by a group of girls who were great ambassadors for the celebration of culture. Also, we had a second performance made by the Wiley Park girls who danced for us all again. Channel Seven news anchor, Melissa Doyle, was the Master of Ceremony, and lead a panel of four strong women who had come from a variety of backgrounds to reach heights of success in their designated fields.

Many girls got involved including some of our own who asked questions related to overcoming adversities and challenges as a woman with a career and how to be successful in getting the career they want. Resilience and personal strength were also key themes discussed on this panel. After this, we departed from the venue all having gained knowledge on domestic violence and resilience. This was an inspiring and moving excursion that we have all really benefitted from.

Many of us have expanded our understanding and awareness about domestic violence and how to tackle it with a good support network. With this new knowledge, the girls of Parramatta High School hope to bring more awareness and attention to this topic by creating multiple events for all to be involved with. Things such as International Women’s Day, Wellbeing Day and Girls’ Night In will hope to achieve educating the students of Parramatta High School.

Brooke Bohannon Yr11