FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Jeffrey Bruce BA Dip. Ed.

There’s a special day coming up for the mothers in our community this Sunday and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Mother’s Day. Hopefully, many of you may even be lucky enough to receive breakfast in bed and be pleasantly surprised by your son’s diligence in tidying up their bedrooms.

Exams and Reports

Our Year 11 students commenced their exams this week. These exams are particularly important because they will provide an excellent indication of how well they have settled into their senior courses.

Reports for our Year 12 students are currently being written and are scheduled for posting next week. Could I also bring to your attention the fact that the Board of Studies has released the timetable for the 2013 HSC exams. Students are able to access this timetable on the Board of Studies website by using their individual PINs.

Next week, all students in Years 7 and 9 will join their cohort from the rest of Australia when they sit for the NAPLAN tests which determine skills levels in Literacy and Numeracy. The results of these tests will be forwarded to parents later in the year.

Year 7 Parent Teacher Night

On Tuesday 21 May, the Year 7 Parent Teacher Night will be held in the School Hall between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. This is the first Parent Teacher Night for this cohort and parents will have an opportunity to experience the online booking system that we introduced in 2011. Year 7 students have been given instructions on how to access the booking website along with log in details.

Parents will be able to commence bookings online from May 10 up until 3.00 p.m. on May 21.

A general letter for all parents regarding the new online booking system is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Bus Update

We had a very productive meeting on Monday with local member for Hornsby, Matt Kean, representatives from the Roads and Maritime Services, our P&C President Michael Miller and staff representative Roland Briefrel, concerning the dangerous situation that exists for our students catching the afternoon buses on Pennant Hills Road. After viewing the problem first hand, Mr Kean agreed to take up our preferred solution with the bus company. This would see the designated school bus re-routed to pick up students in Denman Parade, a far safer location than at the busy Pennant Hills Road bus stop. Hopefully, this will be agreed to by the bus company, Hillsbus.

We are still negotiating with the bus company to have the new morning bus service from Castle Towers pick up students at the later time of 7.40 a.m. This would enable students travelling by connecting services to Castle Hill, to have sufficient time to catch the bus.

On the Sporting Front

We are all looking forward to this year’s Athletics Carnival which will be on Friday of this week at the State Athletics Centre at Homebush. This is a wonderful facility and as always, I am sure the event will be an outstanding success and I look forward to providing details of the day in next week’s newsletter.
General Contributions

One of the most impressive features of our school is the wonderful level of support that our parent community gives the school in a whole range of areas, not least of these being in the percentage of general contributions that are received. These funds are crucial for the maintenance of the quality educational programs that the school provides and I thank all parents who have already paid the 2013 amount. If you are yet to make your contribution, could you please arrange payment as soon as possible. Reminder statements will be mailed shortly.

Congratulations to....

Josh Attard (Year 11) who placed 3rd in the 1500m freestyle, 3rd in 800m freestyle and 3rd in the 200m freestyle at the Combined High Schools (CHS) Championships. Josh also placed 5th in the 400m freestyle. These were great performances at this elite level of swimming.

Our Year 7 Debating Team consisting of Anush Sharma, Jerry Leung, Anish Malish and Tanishk Malhotra who had a very impressive win against a Year 8 team from St Ives High School in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge.

VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE

Mrs L Venczel, Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

Josh Tong  Class of 2012

This week we are showcasing Josh’s Body of Work, titled “Human Alloy” from the 2012 HSC visual arts class.

Josh investigated the ideas of experimentation and medical process to do with the human form. He did this by producing 10 dry point etchings revealing close up views of human anatomy with various medical tools. The images reflected associations of past and future investigations and the blending of human and non-human imagery.

Josh is currently studying a Bachelor of Medicine/B. Surgery at University of New South Wales.

YEAR 7 PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

Mr R Sekaran, Maths Teacher

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Parents and carers are now able to commence bookings online up until 3:00 p.m. on Monday 20 May. For those parents or carers who do not have internet access or an email address, students will be able to make bookings on their behalf on a computer in the library using their DET email address.
If your son was absent on Thursday 9 May, he will be able to collect the instruction sheet from Mr Sekaran in the mathematics staffroom during recess or lunch.

**CAREERS NEWS**
Mrs K Woodhams, Careers Adviser

**Important Information – Calendar of Events**
Check this calendar for upcoming University Open Days, Parent/Student university nights plus more
**Go to** http://www.nbhscareers.com

**School Information:**
**MHSCAREERS WEBSITE**
Our school community also has access to the MHS Careers website. This has been updated
www.mhscareers.net
User name: nbhs - Password: careers
This is a very comprehensive site. I urge parents and students to investigate it further.

**Year 12**
**UBS Business Cadetships:**
School information pages need to be to me by Monday 13 May.

**Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening**
This evening is very important to attend if you are applying for an Accounting Cadetship.
Wednesday 15 May from 4.30pm
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre
Bayside Foyer Level 1 Darling Harbour
Registration: www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students

**2013 HSC Exam Timetable Now Available**
HSC Students can now view their personal HSC examination timetable by logging into their Students Online account. The complete 2013 timetable is now available on the Board of Studies website, and copies will be sent to schools from Mon 13 May.
Contact: (02) 9367 8001 or records@bos.nsw.edu.au

**UMAT Test**
Registrations are now open and close 5pm 7 June.
http://umat.acer.edu.au/

**Upcoming Lunchtime Seminars**
*UNSW Scholarships including Co-op – Year 12*
Monday 13 May in the library
*B Accounting & B IT (UTS Co-ops) - Years 11 & 12*
Three ex-students who achieved the UTS Co-op scholarship will be attending this session. First round for B Acc due June. Thursday 16 May Room 14
*Macquarie University – Years 11 & 12*
Includes courses, bonus points, scholarships etc.
An ex-student now studying law at MU will be attending. Friday 17 May Room 14

**Guest Speakers updated – Lunchtime Seminars**
An updated spreadsheet has been emailed to years 10, 11 & 12 this week.

**Universities:**
**UNSW Law School Information Evening**
Thursday 16 May 6 -8pm
The Law Building, UNSW Kensington Campus
For full program and to book seats visit: www.law.unsw.edu.au/ps
Brochures outside my Office.

**University of Notre Dame**
Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery

**Information Session**
Tues 21 May - Darlinghurst Campus
This is a post graduate course but some may want to attend to see what is required for entry.
www.nd.edu.au/applynow

**Macquarie University dates**
**Parent Information Evening**
Topics include HSC Bonus Points, Macquarie Uni scholarships, courses and alternative entry.
12 June 2013
**Business and Economics Information Evening**
21 August 2013
**Faculty of Science Information Evening**
August (date to be confirmed)
**Open Day**
14 September
**School Leavers Information Evening**
11 December 2013
**2014 Information Day**
3 January 2014
Go to www.mq.edu.au/events for more details

**Australian Catholic University's University Experience & HSC Enrichment Programs**
Sample the degree of your choice at ACU's University Experience program and hear from university academics that have set and marked HSC subjects at ACU’s HSC Enrichment Days.
University Experience:
**THU 11 JULY – North Sydney Campus – Business, Environmental Science, Law & Health Sciences**
**Fri 12 JULY – Strathfield Campus – Exercise Science & Psychology**
**HSC Enrichment Day:**
**Tue 9 JULY – Strathfield Campus – Economics & English**
**Wed 10 JULY – North Sydney Campus – Law & Business**
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate/experience_uni_before_you_start/events/university_experience

**Private Colleges:**
**Australian Institute of Music Workshops**
Tue 2 to Thu 4 July
1-55 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills
The Australian Institute of Music are holding holiday music workshops for years 7 to 12.
The “Music Factory” Workshop provides masterclasses with industry professional musicians, the use of AIM’s recording studios and will culminate in a concert at AIM.
The “HSC Music 1 & 2” workshops are for Year 12 students and offer study tips & advice from HSC Markers & industry professionals about performance, composition, musicology, and written & practical HSC exams.
Contact: (02) 9219 5444 or events@aim.edu.au

**Student Programs/Workshops:**
**Shaping the Future of Design Education**
Thu 6 June, 3:30pm to 5pm
The Museum of Contemporary Art – 6 Forum (Harbourside), 140 George Street, The Rocks
Hear from leaders in the design industry about their ideas for the future of design education. Teacher and Student tickets are discounted.
Future Leaders Photography Prize
Entries close Fri 17 May.
Contact: photographic work. The winner will receive $1,000.
http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/node/40499

UNSW Law Essay Competition
Entries close Fri 17 May.
Year 11 and 12 students are invited to write an essay on ‘How should the law respond to Hactivism?’ that is a maximum of 1,000 words. The top 3 entrants will share in a prize pool of $1000.
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Future Leaders Writing Prize
Year 11 and 12 students are invited to submit a piece of writing between 800 & 1000 words long. The winner will receive $1,000 and have their work published.

Future Leaders Awards 2013
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Nominations due by Mon 1 July.
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Future Leaders Photography Prize
Year 12 students are invited to submit a digital photographic work. The winner will receive $1,000.
Contact: Helen@futureleaders.com.au

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Bond University Film & Television Awards
Entries close Fri 27 September.
Students in Year 11 or 12 are invited to submit a short film that is no longer than 10 minutes. The grand prize is a full fee paid scholarship to study Film and Television at Bond University.
Contact: (02) 5595 2638 or hssevents@bond.edu.au
http://www.buffta.com.au

Young ICT Explorers Competition
The competition requires students to apply what they learnt in the classroom to develop a technology related project. Each project is assessed on the criteria of creativity, uniqueness, quality, level of difficulty and project documentation.
http://youngictexplorers.net.au/cms/

Miscellaneous:
Australian Government JobSearch Smartphone App
This app allows users to search for job vacancies and employment services providers across the country.

IT Security Skills Shortage Demands Training & Hiring Rethink
Open Days/Expos/Information Sessions:
My Health Career
Find out more about careers in the health industry and the duties and responsibilities of a health care professional.

A Career in Radiation Oncology
Find out more about how to get a career in radiation oncology.

MyFuture Emerging Occupation Videos
MyFuture has released a series of videos detailing a range of emerging occupations. These occupations include Consultant and more.

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Skill Shortages
The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations releases information on national and state level skill shortages. It covers over 100 occupations and focuses on skilled occupations that usually require post-school education or training.

All of the information is emailed in good faith and it is the responsibility of the reader to confirm all details with the appropriate institution. Make sure you look at any relevant websites.
Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.
Parents rostered on to help in the canteen for the next weeks are:

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Normanhurst Boys High has an online booking system with ‘school interviews’ for Parent Teacher Nights.

This system makes booking interviews easier and more convenient for both teachers and parents. You are able to book interviews in a couple of minutes, instead of having to hassle your children over several days. You can also choose more convenient times for your interviews, without the confusion of a third party (your child) making bookings on your behalf. This system allows you to also better manage the gaps in between interviews. You then get a clear printout of the times and the name of the teacher. This can be printed out at any time, so no longer will lost interview sheets be a problem.

Once you have made your interview bookings online, you will get an emailed confirmation of the interviews, and can confirm, cancel or re-schedule on the internet at any time up until the cut off time and date. All you need is an email address, but will need to adhere to the same email address to make changes. Parents who do not reside together will be able to make separate interview bookings using their respective email addresses.

For those parents who don’t have access to internet at home, a booking kiosk is set up in the library where your son can make a booking on your behalf. Where parents do not have an email address, students will be able to use their DET email address. Interviews will be emailed to this address and it will be the student’s responsibility to print off the interview list and ensure that the parent gets it. Before using the kiosk to make bookings students will need to present written permission from their parents to Mr Sekaran in the maths staffroom. Interviews will be emailed to this address and it will be the student’s responsibility to print off the interview list and ensure that the parent gets it.

Parent Teacher Nights are generally held in the school hall between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m.

More specific information about accessing the online booking system is given to students closer to the Parent/Teacher Interview night.

Please note the dates for the following Parent/Teacher Nights:

**Year 7**

Tuesday **21 May** (online booking code will be issued to students at school on Thursday 9 May and parents can commence booking from 4.00 p.m. on this day. Bookings will then close at 3.00 p.m. on Monday 20 May)

**Year 8, 9, 10 & 11**

This combined Parent Teacher Night will be spread over two blocks – **Thursday 20 June** and **Tuesday 25 June**. (Online booking code will be issued to students at school closer to the time)

For further enquires please contact the school and ask for Mr Sekaran in the Maths Department.
Elections for the 2013/2014 Student Representative Council will take place for Years 7 to 10 in week 8 of this term.

There are 4 representatives per Year. Year 7 will elect one representative per class. Years 8 to 10 will elect their representatives across the year group.

If you wish to be a member of the SRC for 2013/2014, you must be nominated so that you can then be voted for in the SRC election.

To be nominated, you must find 2 students in your year who are willing to support your nomination. (You may not nominate yourself).

You, the nominator and the seconder must all complete and sign the SRC NOMINATION FORM.

It is very important that you state on that form any leadership experience you have had and your reasons for wanting to be a member of the SRC. Your nominator and seconder must also give their reasons for nominating you as a student representative. You then submit your completed nomination form to the SRC Adviser, Mr Wall (Maths staffroom), for approval.

Once approved, your form will be displayed for other students in your year to read.

WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED?

The role of an SRC member is, as the name clearly says, to represent students. An SRC member particularly represents the concerns and opinions of their own year, but also works for the good of all students at Normanhurst Boys. So, popularity is not the main criterion, nor is public speaking ability. Students should nominate and then elect their peers who they are confidant will work unselfishly to represent them.

Students who accept nomination will be expected to sign the following agreement:

If I am elected to the SRC I agree to:

- attend and actively participate in all SRC meetings and activities.
- serve the students in my year by representing their concerns and opinions.
- give time and energy to make our school a better place for all students.
- wear the school uniform with pride.
- be punctual to all SRC meetings and activities, including roll call.

Please contact me (Mr Wall) if you have any questions about the SRC nomination process.

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Parents and Students are invited to The Institute of Chartered Accountants – Cadetship Evening on 15 May, 2013 at the Sydney Convention Centre.

A cadetship offers students the chance to work while they study a business or commerce degree at university. The Cadetship Evening offers Year 12 students the chance to meet and network with a wide range of employers. There will be information sessions where students will hear what to expect as a cadet from currents cadets. The diverse opportunities available as a Chartered Accountant; presentations from Coca Cola Amatil and Vodafone and how to be successful in the recruitment process by two leading HR Managers.

When: Wednesday, 15 May from 4.30pm  
Where: Sydney Convention Centre, Bayside Foyer, Level 1  
Who: Year 12 students – (year 10 and 11 welcome too – cadet programme applications only available to year 12)  
Cost: Free  
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The book(s) will be delivered to you or your son at the School Office

**Note:** 20% from the sale of every Book contributes to our NBHS P&C fundraising for this year – Thank you for supporting us!

If you don’t want to purchase the entertainment book you might care to make a donation of $13, which is the amount the P&C will make from the sale. If you wish to make a donation please include the amount in an envelope marked Entertainment Book Donation and ask your son to deliver it to the office.

Contact: Francis Fok or Regina Fok on 9872 6584 Mob: 0404 046 584 Email: francis.fok@railcorp.nsw.gov.au