



# FALCON

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NORTH SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE  
**PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Friends,

## YEAR 12s

It is certainly a very hectic time of year for our senior students. As I am writing this report, Year 12s are mid-way through their final assessment block – their trial exams. I wish them the very best. Unfortunately the incorrect scheduling of trial exams by another school left us with no alternative than to reschedule new English papers at the end of the original timetable of exams. I trust parents will understand that this was beyond the control of our school and has been done in the best interests of all of our students.

The boys' final reports will be issued later this term to provide the final formal feedback on their progress. I am impressed with their commitment to their studies and hope to see them seriously working in study groups and supporting each other in their learning from now on.

The Year 12 graduation ceremony and dinner will both be held on Thursday 22nd September. The graduation ceremony starts at 9am and the dinner at 6.30pm.

Everyone in Year 12 and their families has been invited to both functions.

In regards to the dinner, it is most important that we receive your response by the closing date. This year, unlike previous years, we are unable to accept any late acceptances and no doubt there will be disappointed families if RSVPs are received late. Please support us by letting us know on time! *No acceptances will be taken after 1st September.*

A personalised invitation was mailed home to every Year 12 family for the dinner. This was in a silver envelope – please return your acceptance by **Thursday 1 September** to the school. If any student has changed address and has not received one, please see Mrs Baker in the Print Room office for a replacement invitation.

The dinner has been made possible by the enthusiastic support of the Year 11 Adviser Anastasia Kapetas and her team of Year 11 parents, and in particular **Claire Finch** – many thanks to the team for your support for our Year 12s and their families.

## UPDATE ON LIZ SUGIMOTO

Thank you to all parents who have sent their best wishes following our Japanese teacher Liz Sugimoto's accident at the end of last term.

Happily, Liz is on the mend and is gradually returning to full time teaching duties.

## YEAR 11 AND 9 CAMPS

Both camps will be held this term, Week 9 (the canoeing camp) is in Week 9 and the Year 11 camp in Week 5. These vital events are made possible by our teachers, and in particular John Whittaker and John Hilditch.

## NEW HEAD TEACHER POSITIONS

The Head Teacher English position has been filled on merit and was advertised to candidates both inside and outside the department. Thank you to our parent representatives on the panel, **Jenny and Po**.

The Head Teacher Admin has been reclassified Head Teacher Welfare/ PE Health Personal Development. The vacancy will be filled this term.

## ENROLMENT YEAR 8 - 11 2006

Applications for Year 8 to 11 enrolment next year have now

closed and the school entrance exams have been held. The selection committee will be convened later this month to consider all applications. My thanks to **Kirsten Sercombe** for volunteering to support the school in this process, along with our Year Advisers, Deputies and the School Education Director, Ken Olah.

## ANNUAL DINNER

Our one school fundraising function is upon us again this year – it promises to be a fun evening, so do try and join us. RSVPs are due to the front office by **12 August**.

Jo and Don, our Deputy Principals, are divining a quiz about the school so you need to come prepared – but no personal quizzes on Jo this year!

There are some wonderful prizes to be auctioned and won this year – plenty to tempt us all including *Being Deputy Principal for a Day*. However, we are not quite sure if this is a lucky or booby prize! Bidding starts at 50 cents.

## DA3

Sign off and approval to begin the major building project was finally forthcoming in late July. Tendering now commences and building has been postponed until the beginning of next year.




The Head Teachers, Deputies and aspiring Head Teachers participated in our annual conference


in early August. The agenda included programming, goal setting, teacher effectiveness, catering for the gifted and talented, differentiating programs, managing conflict, action research and eLearning.


Thank you to parents for your support of this important program.





 **Stephen Goh** – Year 12 received a certificate of Commendation in the WriteNow SMH competition as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival.


Moreover, **Stephen** has had his entry short listed for the Mosman Youth Awards in Literature, 2005.

 **Daman Bhatia, Matt Taylor, Jamie Finch-Penninger and James Shin** – all in Year 11 – came first in the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Innovative Youth Challenge, part of Macquarie University, in which 48 partner school students accepted the challenge. The boys developed a most successful and viable business with a marketing concept.

 **Wyatt Roy** – Year 11, was accepted into the 2005 State Drama Camp in late July.


 **Simon Disney** has been selected for Youth Parliament at State Parliament again this year.

 **David Bromhead-Richards** – Year 12, will be presented with a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Government House in late August.

 **Hugh Brigden, Isaac Carroll and James Green** – all Year 7 – were selected to attend the State Junior Music Camp at Stanwell Tops in late July.

 Twenty-four girls from **Kokusai High School** joined our school for two weeks of learning and having fun in July-August. Thank you to our host families for your generosity and making our visitors so welcome. Thank you to Dot Commons and Liz Sugimoto for ensuring this valuable exchange continued again this year.

 **Drama Night** – What a fabulous night we had in late July. This year the night was a night for the seniors only, with Year 10 to 12 performing in individual and group performances. Their teachers did a great job developing their many talents and encouraging the boys. **Ariya Chittasy** and **Paren Nadeswaran** were the hosts for the evening and did not disappoint us with their amusing and entertaining introductions to the performances. Congratulations to all our Drama teachers.

 Congratulations to **Tom Cashman** – Year 10, who recently placed 11th at the NSW Cross Country Championships. In an extremely competitive field of ninety-three starters, Tom's performance was outstanding – P Garufi

**Robyn Hughes**

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

**Sunday 14th**  
Yr 11 Camp Jindabyne Sun 14th–Fri 19th

**Monday 15th**  
HSC Trial Exams continue

**Tuesday 16th**  
Year 12 – Study Day  
6pm – School Council meeting  
7.30pm – P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 17th**  
Auxiliary meeting – 9.30am  
Year 12 – Engineering Challenge  
Year 12 – Trial HSC

**Thursday 18th**  
HSC Trial Exams ends

**Saturday 20th**  
Annual Dinner

**Wednesday 24th**  
Physics National Exam

**Friday 26th**

Musicale 🎵

Prefect vote – Round 2

**Wednesday 31st**

Summer Grade Sport starts

Biology National Exam

## SEPTEMBER

**Thursday 1st**

Deadline RSVP Graduation Dinner

Year 7 Vaccination Day 2

Parent evening – Boys Education

Forum – 7pm

**Friday 2nd**

School Development Day – Student free day

**Monday 5th**

6.15pm – Falcon Foundation meeting

**Wednesday 7th**

P&C Exec mtg 7.30pm

Chemistry National Exam

**Thursday 8th – Saturday 10th**

CHS Athletics

**Friday 9th**

Year 11 Yearly Exams – 9th to 19th

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MOPS Lunch

**Wednesday 14th**

Year 9 Canoe Camp – Tuesday 14th –

Thursday 16th

**Friday 16th**

Year 8 Latin Camp 7pm Fri 16 – Sun 18

**Sunday 18th**

P&C Working Bee

**Monday 19th**

Year 11 Yearly Exams – conclude

**Tuesday 20th**

Prefect Induct Ceremony

6pm – School Council meeting

7.30pm – P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 13th**

Auxiliary meeting 9.30am

**Wednesday 21st**

9.30am – Auxiliary meeting

**Thursday 22nd**

Year 12 Farewell

Assembly and Dinner

Last day for orders Prior to Roll Over

**HOLIDAYS – ENJOY!**

24th September – 9th October

## INSERTS INTHISISSUE

If you do not receive any of the inserts listed below your son can obtain them from the Finance Office.

**ALL YEARS –**

**P&C – Gardening Bee**

**Ian Lillico seminar – information**

**INDIVIDUAL YEARS –**

**Year 12 – Farewell Dinner information**

**Year 9 – Camp Information**

**Year 8 – Homework**



**NORTH SYDNEY BOYS  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
presents...

# Musicale 2005



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

AF HENRY HALL

7pm

Featuring the outstanding musical talents of students from Years 7 to 12

All NSBHS music ensembles will perform

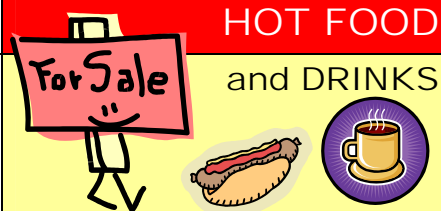
PLUS  
soloists, chamber music, choral works, jazz –  
you name it, we've got it!

### TICKETS

Are available at the door

Adults – \$8

Concessions – \$4



**HOT FOOD**

and **DRINKS**

**Catering available from 6pm**

**Pre-show** catering includes hokien noodles and sausage sizzle, soft drinks, tea and coffee.

**Interval** catering includes soft drinks, tea and coffee and cakes.

**Money raised will go toward the Big Band tour of America**

**YEAR 12**

**HSC BODY OF WORK**

**EXHIBITION**



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
AUGUST  
4-7pm**

**STAFF COMMON ROOM**

**NORTH SYDNEY BOYS  
HIGH SCHOOL**

FROM THE DEPUTY

**PRINCIPAL**

To Parents and Caregivers.

**CityRail** has advised the school that a **new timetable** will be introduced on the 4th September 2005. The new timetable applies to all lines except the Eastern Suburbs, Illawarra and South Coast lines.

You are encouraged to review the changes that may impact on students who travel to school by train. There may be changes to train departure and arrival times, which may in turn affect bus connection times.

The new timetable can be viewed at

<http://www.cityrail.info/news/time-table2005.jsp>

Copies of the new timetable will be available from stations from the middle of August 2005.

**Don Northey** – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

**T**he Ian Lillico seminar is an opportunity to good to miss. He knows what he is talking about! (See insert now).

Communicating with your son is a constant challenge. Ian will give you ideas and methods to keep the lines open. He will help you be more positive, supportive and to better understand ways to empower your son to approach his life in a responsible and thoughtful manner.

This seminar would also be of great value also as an educational tool for ALL who have sons. His advice, based upon years of detailed educational research, is practical, good-humoured, relevant, relaxed and easy to connect to everyday experiences.

Don't miss out. Bring the whole family. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get back to me.

Regards

**Jo O'Brien**

### STUDENT LETTER

*Mrs O'Brien.*

*I am just writing to tell you that I took part in the YMCA of NSW's Youth Parliament 2005 in the first week of the holidays. I was told by Mr Anderson that it was you who suggested giving the application form to me and I would just like to thank you.*

*One person was selected from each State electorate and I was lucky enough to be selected to represent the Ryde electorate. I thoroughly enjoyed my six days at the camp, which was based at the YMCAs Camp Yarramundi in Richmond. We spent three days actually in State Parliament, which was a great experience in itself.*

*During our time in Parliament House we were visited by many Members of State Parliament, who spoke to us and acted as the Speaker while we debated our*

*Bills. Each of the ten groups sponsored and refuted a bill, and we passed them in the same manner as real legislation, with debate, amendments and divisions. My experience speaking in Parliament will stay with me forever, especially the cries of 'shame' and hear hear!*

*In addition to the time in Parliament, we also paid a visit to the Governor, Marie Bashir, at Government House. It was great to see the Governor, the incredible house, the butlers (!) and the view of the Harbour. I feel very privileged to have been at both State Parliament and Government House, and can only hope it happens again.*

*We woke up extremely early each morning and went to bed late, worked ourselves hard, endured camp food, freezing cold, six separate two-hour bus trips, and even missed the State of Origin, but it was all worth it. I made some great friendships that I will maintain even after the camp, and learnt a lot. I had many good experiences, from a harbour cruise, to sitting in the Legislative Assembly, to being woken up at four in the morning by the camp staff with 'E ye of the Tiger' playing fall blast.*

*Thank you again for suggesting I apply. Being in Year 10, I have two more years in which I could still apply for Youth Parliament, and I would greatly appreciate if you could forward the application forms to me if and when you receive them next year.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Simon Disney** – Year 10

*Vale*

**Bob McComas**

(partner at Clayton Utz)

OLD BOY OF NSBH

Bob had a distinguished legal career, including a stint as the Commissioner of what is now the Australian Competition and consumer commission – He was Alan Fels' predecessor.



**Partitions/  
Office dividers**

If you have unwanted partitions or office dividers the school would be only too pleased to take them.

Please call **Lesley Riedel-Ragg** –  
**9955 4748 Ext113**

## CAREERS

### 2005 OPEN DAYS

**Year 12** students should attend Open Days to finalise their Universities Admission Centre applications. For students still determining their application preferences, open days are an opportunity to have questions answered and to investigate options.

**Year 11** students are advised to attend open days both to begin thinking about their university direction and to make sure that the open days in the following year do not clash with their trial Higher School Certificate examinations.

For **Year 10** open days allow intending university matriculants to confirm the utility of their senior school subject selections.

Australian Catholic University	
Canberra Campus	27 August
North Sydney Campus	10 September
Strathfield Campus	
Australian Maritime College	
Newnham Campus	14 August
Campus tours can be arranged by appointment Freecall 1800 030 277	
Australian National University	
Open Day	27 August
Charles Sturt University	
Open Day/Every Day	
For Campus tours/appointments and course information contact CSU on 1800 334 733	

La Trobe University	
Albury-Wodonga Campus	21 August
Macquarie University	
Open Day	10 Sept
Southern Cross University	
For campus tours and special events, contact SCU on 1800 111 890	
University of Canberra	
Open Day	27 August
University of New England	
Open Day	9 Sept
University of New South Wales	
Courses and Careers Day	3 Sept
Australian Defence Forces Academy	27 August
University of Newcastle	
Callaghan Campus	10 Sept
Ourimbah Campus	17 Sept
University of Sydney	
Camperdown and Darlington Campus, Mallett Street Campus, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney Conservatorium of Music	27 August
University of Technology, Sydney	
Information Day Broadway Campus	27 August
Information Evening Kuring-gai	7 September
University of Western Sydney	
Open Day	21 August
University of Wollongong	
For campus tours and special events contact 1300 367 869	
Charles Sturt University	
Open Day at Powerhouse Museum Saturday 3rd September	

Have you lost your glasses?



**LOST PROPERTY**

has **8** pairs

**of spectacles looking for owners, some in cases.**

Please come to the Admin Office and see if any belong to you!

## YEAR 12 NEWS

The Trial HSC exams are well under way. By now everyone should have a grasp on what it is going to take to attain the results that you need for entry into courses and professions next year. Again, if we can help with the tuning of your study routines, ask us while there is still time to make a difference.

Car park space is always going to be a problem in the school, particularly for the days when you have early classes. The building works that (*hopefully*) are about to start are going to make matters worse. Whilst we are sympathetic to your needs, **note that there is no student car parking available on school grounds.** Don't get your day off to a bad start by having an argument over parking then having to move the vehicle anyway.

The Farewell Dinner is coming up soon. Get your RSVP in early and also encourage your parents to make an early commitment. The organisers and caterers have to plan the dinner on business lines to ensure the amenity of everyone. The RSVP cut-off date has to be observed and there will not be any exceptions. Please help with prompt and accurate returns of monies and information.

There are still some photo packages to be collected. Strangely enough I know who they belong to. Pick up from IA soon.

Good luck with your Trials.

**John Whittaker** – Year Adviser

## YEAR 11 NEWS

A group of dedicated Year 11s has been meeting weekly to plan the **International Day**, which is to be held on the 29 August. The aim of the day is to raise funds for the Year 12 Farewell Dinner – Thursday 22 September – but also to have a great culinary and cultural experience!

The Year 11s have also been very forthcoming in volunteering to

assist on the day and evening of the Year 12 Farewell Dinner. I require about 40 students to assist with decorating and setting up the Hall for the night and to assist as waiters and have 37 volunteers already! I am lucky to have such an enthusiastic and co-operative year group and I thank them all in advance for their great school spirit.

As many of you know it is a long standing tradition at this school that the Year 11s host and subsidise this Year 12 Dinner and I hope that all Year 11 families received the letter that was posted requesting the \$25 contribution from all Year 11s which was to be paid to the Front Office preferably by August 11. The letter also asks for parents to offer assistance on the day and evening of the Dinner. If parents could assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Every little bit of help counts in hosting a formal dinner for 400+ people.

On an academic note, Year 11s have been issued with subject selection forms and a year meeting was organized last week to discuss subject choices. At this meeting Mr Hunt discussed the Prefect election procedure and nomination forms were issued to the students. The Prefect selection process will begin in Week 4. Good luck to all the nominees!

The Principal, the deputies and the Jindabyne camp co-coordinator Mr Hilditch, all addressed the students at this Year meeting about the school's expectations of the students while away in Jindabyne. I am sure the boys will have a wonderful trip and will be excellent ambassadors for the school at the same time.

The yearly exams for Year 11 will commence on the Friday of Week 8 (9 September) with Monday of Week 10 (19 September) being the final day of exams. The students will have to really focus on their studies on their return from Jindabyne and I wish them well in the examinations.

In closing, I wish to sincerely thank all the parents who have offered to assist us with the Year 12 Farewell Dinner (we still need a

few more helpers). This dinner is a very important event in the school calendar and we are keen to make it a special and memorable evening for our departing Year 12s.

**Anastasia Kapetas** – Year 11 Adviser

### YEAR 11 SKI CAMP

Sunday to Friday  
Week 5 of this term.

(See *Outdoor Ed* for details)

## YEAR 9 NEWS

Welcome back to another term! I encourage the students who were not happy with their half yearly report to take this new semester as an opportunity to knuckle down and try to achieve their personal best. Students who need assistance, direction or even just a bit of help getting organised should feel free to come and see me for suggestions and help.

The junior dance was a great success and most students displayed excellent behaviour. It's good to see so many students supporting school activities like this and I hope you are all looking forward to your first senior dance next year.

The Year 9 camp is coming up in week 9 of this term from Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th September. Students will have the opportunity to go bushwalking and canoeing as well as improve on their campfire cooking skills that they learnt at the Year 8 camp.

Once the permission notes are handed out please ensure to hand the completed notes back to the school as soon as possible. It is also an idea to take note of what equipment is needed on this camp and to get it in advance as shopping for sleeping bags the night before is not much fun.

**Kathy Coady** – Year 9 Adviser

### YEAR 9 CAMP

Wednesday to Friday  
Week 9 of this term.

(See *Outdoor Ed* for details)

*environment to foster creativity, independence, excellence and inclusiveness.*

## YEAR 8 NEWS

Students recently selected their subjects for Year 9. My advice is that boys should select the subjects which they enjoy and in which they are interested.

This month I would like to address the issue of regular homework and study patterns. Boys should think carefully and realistically about what they do during the week. Fill out your own personal program so that you are meeting the expectations of your subject areas in terms of independent study. Any program such as these needs to take into consideration sporting commitments, music practice and the human realities of travelling, eating and winding down. Your program should be a little bit flexible and your creativity should lead you towards independent research and discovery if you have no set homework in a certain subject that night.

*For further information read the insert in this issue – Year 8 Homework*

Ceridwen Lee – Year 8 Adviser

## YEAR 7 NEWS

Year 7 Parents and Caregivers

The **National Adolescent Vaccination Program** will continue in September when Year 7 students receive their second dose of **Hepatitis B** vaccine. The clinic will be held at the school on **Thursday 1st September from 9 am to 12 pm.**

Only those students in Year 7 who received the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine earlier in the year will be vaccinated with the second dose at school. I will be giving these students a Parent Information Kit to be delivered home by "pupil post"

The Health Department has advised the school that students who:

1. missed the earlier vaccination at school, or
2. received the first dose but miss out on the second because of absence or illness,

can attend their local doctor for free hepatitis B vaccine.

Don Northey – Deputy Principal

### YEAR 7 REPORT

By now all Year 7 boys and their parents would have received their very first high school reports. Overall the standard of the reports was good. Having said this I am not as concerned with these first reports as I will be with the second and third reports and seeing that boys are learning and progressing in their education. This is a personal journey, and my overall comment will be based on how much they have progressed since their last report.

Each boy studied 10 subjects in this recent block and consequently each student should have received 10 individual reports. Along with this, each student should have an individual comment and a grade indicating their level of achievement across all their subjects and in comparison to the rest of their class. To write these 150 comments and grades I read through each report for each student. I made a general assessment of their progress. Then I added up how many times the boys were above the class median. I adjusted my comment accordingly, but it was normally based on the number of times the student was above the median of the class for all their subjects.

I have received a number of calls from concerned parents. If I may clarify a few things:

- If there is an issue with a specific subject then communicating directly with the teacher involved is advisable.
- If there is a systemic problem across most subject areas, then I am the one to contact. I am not really in a position to comment or advise, unless generally, upon your son's progress in a specific subject.

I have had the opportunity of discussing with three different Year 7 classes now about the importance of understanding their rights and responsibilities as a student at

NSBHS. A number of behaviors have been outside these general principles. These behaviors have consequently needed to be understood, learnt from and changed. Below are the school's rights and responsibilities for students, as displayed in most classrooms across the school. It might be valuable for parents to discuss the meaning and significance of these with their sons. For my part, it is about your son taking responsibility for **his** education. This is understandably a complex idea. Through the process of maturation boys will hopefully come to understand that these rights and responsibilities are in fact freeing and empowering principles, that promote harmony rather than inflexible rules that oppress.

As a student you have the responsibility to:	As a student you have the right to:
Treat other people in the classroom with respect, courtesy and dignity. This includes being punctual and bringing appropriate equipment to class.	Be treated with respect and courtesy and to be free from discrimination.
Respect the whole school environment, and keep it clean and tidy. This includes wearing the school uniform correctly.	A school environment that provides an optimal learning environment for all.
Not behave in an aggressive or dangerous manner	Be (and feel) personally secure and safe.
Respect the rights, safety and possessions of others.	Expect your property to be secure and safe.
Study and work in a cooperative, responsible manner. This includes being organized and working in accordance with the teachers' instructions.	Acquire skills and knowledge to the best of your ability.

Bohdan Balla-Gow – Year 7 Adviser



Frank Zhou – was awarded a commendation in Stanton

Library's Bill Coppell young Writers Award, 2005 – for his poem Sunset.

### SUNSET

*The sun, the golden red plate  
Glowed onto the sky,  
With radiance.*

*The brilliant rays shone onto the  
clouds like mirrors,  
The clouds, peach pink,  
Like little piglets, playfully running  
Chasing,  
Running around in the maroon sky.*

*My little ship, with sails down.  
And the masts looking like bones,  
Sticking out of the ship's body,  
Rocked slowly in the red ocean.*

*My ship was red also, like the  
clouds,*

*It shook in the water,  
With that pink radiance,  
Shaking minutely,  
With the gentle waves,  
Bouncing onto the ship, And off.*

*I sat on the ruby red deck,  
Waiting, Waiting,  
Waiting as the sun went down.*

*The water, red,  
With orange and scarlet streaks,  
Wavering, like ribbons  
Curling like hair  
Dancing like charming little birds  
The crimson lights in the water,  
Hopped around,  
Ran along  
Reaching towards the horizon*

*Now,  
Came in a different light,  
Not red,  
Nor pink,  
But violet*

*Dark violet, like a plague,  
Spreading onto the clouds,  
The clouds turned violet  
Scattering into the sky,  
The sky turned violet  
Dissolving in the red sea  
The sea turned violet*

*Violet, violet  
Violet were the clouds  
Violet was the sky  
Violet was the water  
But violet was not the sun.*

*The sun,  
With its last golden radiance  
Fought on,  
The sky and the clouds  
Pressing onto the last thin yellow  
ray,*

*From above,  
The water, pushing it up from  
beneath,  
The clouds pressed harder  
The ocean pushed up higher,  
The sky forced down harder  
The ocean lifted up higher*

*Then, the sun died,  
Under the horizon of the purple sea,  
The final thin golden streak of light,  
Was gone.*

Frank Zhou – Year 7R

## ENGLISH

**NEWS FLASH** – Falcon Pride was enhanced yesterday (8 August) by the announcement that **Michael Koziol** – Year 10 – has made it through to the state finals of the Rotary Public Speaking competition. Interviewed fresh from his appearance at the Technology Park at Redfern, Michael said that he was looking forward to the next round. The school wishes him success!

Congratulations to Maria Cigolini and Kelly Potter for organising the Hill Debating Competition between Wenona, North Sydney Girls' High and North Sydney Boys' High. This is a wonderful inter-school cooperative effort and the boys love their involvement in these competitive but social debates. A full report follows in the Debating section.

Year 9 are producing wonderfully detailed analysis in their essays and extended writing tasks. Students are proof-reading their work carefully, and their essays closely analyse the techniques and ideas in their texts. Their creative visual representations are also stimulating and original. It is a pleasure to read their work.

Workshops are proceeding for Year 12 and the junior years. Year 12 students should confirm their class revision timetable with their teachers.

### ENGLISH EXTRACURRICULAR

Workshop	Who	When	Where
"Dodo" Magazine Meeting for interested students in Years 8-10	Ms Dodds	Tuesday lunch Week A	C4

Creative Writing workshops for current competitions	Ms Stevenson-Jones	Tuesday lunch Week B	B1
Script Writing Workshop	Ms Cassidy	Lunch Friday Week A	B1
Listening Skills for juniors	Ms Potter	Monday 8 am	C1
Reading Comprehension	Ms Potter	Tuesday 8 am	C1
Debating Workshop for juniors	Ms Potter	Wednesday 8am	C1
Text Types	Ms Potter	Thursday 8 am	C1
Essay Writing for seniors	Ms Sacco	Monday 3.15-5 pm	B1
Visual Literacy	Ms Potter	Friday 8 am	C1
Text type Workshop for seniors	Ms Sacco	Thursday 3.15-4 pm	B1
Debating Workshop for juniors	Ms Lee	Tuesday 8 am Week B	B3
Poetry Workshop Comps.	Mr Sheehan	Tuesday Week B	C9
Scrabble Club	Ms Sacco	Monday lunch	B2
Ozspell Comp.	Ms Sacco	Students see Ms Sacco to enter	English Staff room
Premier's Reading Challenge	Ms Brain	Students see Ms Brain to enter	Library

Ceridwen Lee – Relieving Hd Teacher

## DEBATING

### UTS SCHOOLS' DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & MACQUARIE SCHOOLS' CUP

So far this term I've had the enormous pleasure of accompanying our Junior (Years 7&8) and Intermediate (Years 9&10) debating teams to 3 intense day long university style tournaments at UTS and Macquarie University. All the boys were sensational, proving they are dynamic team players with the confidence needed to pursue rewarding and successful debating careers.

The university debating tournaments are extremely valuable learning experiences. The boys develop their critical thinking skills as well as

*environment to foster creativity, independence, excellence and inclusiveness.*

increase their knowledge of Australian politics, Australian social issues, and current international affairs.

At UTS, the Year 7 and 8 teams debated a range of challenging topics and won against Queenwood, Sydney Girls, Central Coast Grammar, and MLC. The Year 9 and 10 teams won stimulating and thought-provoking debates against Queenwood, Brigidine College, and Monte. The very few losses we experienced proved invaluable for further developing the boys' debating skills. Stephen Ke, Year 7 Debating Captain, shares his thoughts on the tournament:

*"Looking back on what we had achieved during the day, our team has become more of a group, we have learnt how to use time more efficiently and as they say, practice makes perfect. Overall, the day was exciting and enjoyable and a worthwhile experience."*

The Year 9 and 10 teams also had an enormously successful and fun day at Macquarie University. They won against Marist College Kogarah, Willoughby Girls, Rosebank College, and Oakhill College.

Congratulations to all the teams on your hard work and success.

YEAR 7
Nick Collins-Craft, Avi Kohli, Stephen Ke & Jeremy Chow
YEAR 8-9
Leslie Yau, Reece Zachariah, Justin McMahon & Adam Disney
YEAR 10
Alistair Campbell, Richard Murphy, Michael Koziol & Edward Robson.

### HILL DEBATING COMPETITION

The Hill Debating Competition is well underway with all the boys participating in exciting and challenging debates against North Sydney Girls' High School and Wenona. Thanks to Maria Cigolini and her amazing efforts, we are incredibly fortunate to have World Champion debaters from various universities coaching and adjudicating for us. The competition environment truly is a highly intellectual and stimulating one!

All the invaluable support we're receiving from parents is amazing.

Thank you so much to all the parents who support the competition by watching the debates and bringing cakes for the boys. We're also extremely lucky to have Wendy Murphy and Yvonne Chani staying late into the night and helping to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

### 2005 PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our very talented Year 10 debating team consisting of Michael Koziol, Alistair Campbell, Richard Murphy and Ted Robson. The boys won all their debates in the zone competition and now advance to the next stage. Good luck boys!

**Kelly Potter** – Coordinator

## MATHEMATICS

**T**erm 3 is always hectic and this year is no exception. We have had common tests, Year 12 Trial HSC, the Australian Mathematics Competition and the final stages of this year's Mathematics Enrichment program including the Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad.

The school website has been updated. The students can now access the Mathematics intranet pages from home and discover a wealth of useful information including announcements, results, Mathematics calendar, textbook chapters, PowerPoint presentations and Excel worksheets.

I encourage students to visit these pages regularly.

### Maths Challenge Stage Student Results 2005

Our school did very well in this three week Maths Challenge Stage Competition. Congratulations to all the participants and to the following students:

#### INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

HIGH DISTINCTION	
Sunil Gupta	9M2
Corey Lewis	10M1
DISTINCTION	
Kayvon Babai	9M2
Dominic Catsaras	10M2
Yifei Huang	9M2

CREDIT	
Yiwen Chen	10M2
Claude Chung	9M5
Jacky Wong	9M1
Brian Fung	9M1

#### JUNIOR DIVISION

HIGH DISTINCTION	
Thomas Brereton	8M2
Victor Sun	8M2
Hugh Brigden	7N
Richard Lewis	7S
Bob Li	8M2
Jufri Foss	8M2
Jeremy Joe	7S
Alexander Yuen	8M2

DISTINCTION	
Terence Dam	8M2
Mikha Liem	8M2
Stephen Goh	7T
William Gondoputro	8M1
Dillan Patel	7H
Calvin Tam	7R
Paul Vamvouklis	8M5
Andrew Humphries	7T
Edward Lee	7S
Benjamin Lien	8M1
Matthew Wang	7R
Clinton Wong	7S

CREDIT	
Jason Chan	7N
Ryan Condon	7N
Calvin Lok	7S
Aidan McKenzie	7H
Ray Bisht	7N
Lewis Evans	8M5
Simon Graham	8M2
Christopher Kan	7S
Dulitha Kumarasinghe	7N
Patrick Lee	7N
Andrew Lin	7R
Tim Mcnaught	7S
Ringo So	8M2
Samuel Tong	8M3
Paul Daryaei	7H
Jing Feng	7R
Ajinkya Joshi	8M4
Leslie Yau	8M2



The following table shows the total cut-off scores (out of 24) for the awards:

Cut-off score for	Intermediate Division	Junior Division
High Distinction	22	21
Distinction	19	18
Credit	14	14

### 2005 Australian Informatics Competition (AIC) Results

The Australian Mathematics Trust was most impressed with the outstanding results of the 8 students who took up the challenge to attempt the AIC. Congratulations for the following students' initiative and efforts in this project:

HIGH DISTINCTION	
Dominic Else	10M2
Corey Lewis	10M1
Kevin Wen	7H
DISTINCTION	
Alex Solo	10M3
Vincent Pan	7T
CREDIT	
Damien Pan	8M1
Jake Scott	10M5
Alan Pan	7H

It is worth mentioning that both Corey Lewis and Dominic Else scored a perfect score of 100% in this competition.

### NOETHER & POLYA:

DATE	PROBLEMS
Tuesday, 16 August (Term 3, Week 5A)	13, 14
Tuesday, 30 August (Term 3, Week 7A)	15, 16

Students should start each problem on a **new A4 page**, attach the **coversheet** to their **solutions**.

### COMMON TEST REMINDER DATES TERM 3

WK	YE AR	TEST	DATE
5A	9	Common Test 3	Thurs. 18 Aug Pd 2
	7	Common Test 3	Thurs. 18 Aug Pd
6B	8	Common Test 3	Mon. 22 Aug Pd 2
8B	10	Common Test 4, Trial SC	Mon 5 Sept Pd 3 & Tues 6 Sept, Pd 1
	11	Preliminary Exam	Fri 9 Sept

9A	11	Preliminary Exam	Mon 12 - Fri 16
	7	World of Maths	Thurs 15 Sept
10 A	11	Preliminary Exam	Mon 19 Sept

George Rezcallah – Head Teacher

## LANGUAGES

The 24 students from our sister school in Japan, Kokusai High School, arrived on Sunday, 24th July and have left today, Thursday, 4th August having thoroughly enjoyed their stay in Australia.

They had perfect weather for their two-day trip to Nelsons Bay and surrounds. Sand boarding, 4 wheel driving across the sand dunes, a dolphin cruise, paddling in the ocean and attempting to spot koalas in the wild were just some of the highlights. The time they have spent with their host families and new friends have provided them with a lifetime of memories and we know that these friendships will continue for many years. This visit could not take place without the support of the whole school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our host families especially, and everyone else who has helped during the visit. (Student reports follow this.)





Year 7 students will finish their third language at the end of Week 5. Reports for this language will be included in the end of year report

As mentioned last bulletin Theatre LOTE have been booked for the 18th August when they will perform "Der Schock", a German language play with music, puppets and performers. All of Year 7 and the German classes, Years 8-10, have been invited to attend the production, which will take place in the school hall. Permission notes and payment are now due.

The Australian Language Certificate exams will take place in Week 4 of Term 3. Language exams are held in Japanese: Years 8 - 10, French: Years 9 - 11, German: Years 9 and 10, and Indonesian: Year 10

Just a reminder that all of the Year 12 Languages students should be receiving information from the Board of Studies two weeks prior to their speaking exam informing them of the time and venue for their exam. We wish all of them good luck!

<b>Japanese Continuers</b>
Saturday 13th August
<b>Japanese Extension</b>
Saturday 20th August
<b>German Continuers</b>
Saturday 13th August
<b>German Extension</b>
Saturday 20th August
<b>French Continuers</b>
Saturday 10th September
<b>French Extension</b>
Saturday 17th September

<b>Indonesian Continuers</b>
Saturday 10th September
<b>Indonesian Extension</b>
Saturday 17th September

**Dot Commons** – Head Teacher

### YEAR 10 REPORT TOKYO KOKUSAI HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 20 of the 24 expected students from Tokyo Kokusai High School (four were briefly delayed due to an earthquake in their home city, but safely arrived soon after) touched down at Sydney Airport and struggled through customs to the welcome of their host families at the school.

The annual Kokusai visit was greatly anticipated, with the school's Japanese programme growing in popularity in recent years. Many of the North Sydney 'host brothers' had travelled to Tokyo earlier in the year, and most now played host to the students whose families they had been billeted with in Japan.

For Thursday and Friday the 28-29<sup>th</sup> July, Kokusai students, their teachers and hosts went on an overnight trip to Port Stephens. A dolphin cruise had been organised en route to our final destination, and the seagulls were fascinating. The pleasant cabin accommodation arranged was directly across the road from Fingal Beach, where many hours were spent playing sports, star-gazing, and just enjoying the white sand. Sand boarding was often cited as a favourite Australian activity and although the Koala Walk was unburdened by actual koalas, the native flora was out in full force to compensate. Fewer boomerangs returned than were thrown.

On the days their hosts were at school, Kokusai students had English classes in the morning and group activities throughout the rest of the day. They also went along to some of their hosts' classes. Students had a weekend in Sydney to enjoy the sights and to witness, if not soak up, the lifestyle.

All took home with them many truly Australian memories and the visit once again proved a valuable cultural experience for all involved. The host families, and

especially the teachers, did a wonderful job making the trip run smoothly and ensuring everyone had a good time

Angus Cornwell – Year 10

### YEAR 11 REPORT TOKYO KOKUSAI HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

The Kokusai exchange experience is one that all students studying Japanese should try and take part in. To mix with people from an entirely different culture gives both parties an amazing insight into another world. 24 girls from Japan came to Australia for 12 days, and staying in the homes of 20 Year 11s and 4 year 10s from NSBHS.

The Year 11s (myself included) had a bit of an edge over the year 10s, not only because of another year of school, but also because all of the Year 11s who hosted were also a part of the trip to Japan in April. Having said that, the year 10s managed to get along fine with their billets. Everyone did. On their first day here, my day was chock-full with rugby games and photos and stuff, so I was unable to pick up my billet (Honami) from school, so I had a friend take care of her for that day. As soon as she arrived at my house, I could tell immediately that this was going to be a fun two weeks. She, like all the Japanese girls, was easily excitable.

We had a very restful first afternoon, but that was not going to be a standard. Monday, there was a large group gathering at my house, Tuesday was Drama Night (which she thought was "great" – a word that tended to be a staple of her grammar), Wednesday she became a convert to rugby after watching her first game, and Thursday-Friday was Port Stephens. Highlights there were sand boarding (which was good, but trudging back up the hill sucked), the beach across the road from where we were staying, boomerang throwing, and the bus ride home, where most people were sleeping.

On Saturday a group of us went to Darling Harbour for the day and showed our billets the aquarium, which was pretty cool. We were

intending to take them shopping as well that afternoon, but we ran out of time. Never fear, the neighbour is here! A friend of mine from up the road volunteered to take Honami shopping on Sunday morning, and she came back with 5 bags of shopping. Amazing, ne?

Monday Honami met my grandma, Tuesday a couple of us walked the scenic route to Milsons Point for afternoon tea, and Wednesday, my mum and I took her around to a couple of beaches, which she quite enjoyed. Thursday morning was the goodbye process, which, for the Japanese people, tends to take about an hour, photos included. By the time they had to leave, almost every girl was in tears. Honami was bawling the most out of everyone, and she didn't want either of us to leave. I had to leave, eventually; otherwise I would've started crying myself.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we made many friends for years to come.

WE WON'T FORGET

**Tim Rezek** – Year 11

## SCIENCE

**C**ongratulations to all students who received Certificates in the **Austalasian Schools Science Competition**. The results have arrived for the 2005 Australasian Schools Science Competition.

582 students sat for this competition and the school was awarded 43 High Distinction, 283 Distinction and 171 Certificates of Credit. An excellent result. More than 402,000 students Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region participated in the competition.

The following students were awarded **High Distinction Certificates**.

YEAR 7
Alan Yeung
Alex Harrison
Jack Digby
Calvin Tam
Clinton Wong
Kevin Wen
Huon Wilson

Steven Liu
Nicholas Goh
Peter Yang
Jehan Bilimoria
Vincent Pan
Ray Bisht
YEAR 8
Su-Gi Min
Michael Adams
Kerry Liu
Ben King
Timothy Zapevalov
Marc Lerner
Shane Oh
Marcus Wong
Adam Disney
Xavier Mand
Jonathon Savery
Thomas Brereton
Andrew Leung
Justin McMahon
YEAR 9
Marlowe Graham
Caleb Gibbons
Michael Stone
Avram Colak
David Duong
Doug Hamersley
Jenkin Tang
YEAR 10
Sam Morrison
Daniel Leykam
Kevin Chan
Matthew Kelly
Michael Dean
Alex Oo
Alex Solo
Peter Quadrio
Corey Lewis

Congratulations to Samuel Tong and Eugene Wong of Year 8 who were lucky enough to attend the Talented Students Forensic Science camp on the last week of Term 2. Both students have written very interesting reports of their time at the camp. Perhaps some Year 7 students may be interested in the 2006 camp after reading these reports?

### FORENSIC CAMP REPORT

Eugene Wong

'We won't spend hours driving here to do something easy,' said Kel

Hardingham, organiser of the Talented Forensic Science Camp for Year 8 students. And rightfully said, because work given to us in the next four days was far from easy.

The camp was held in The Armidale Boarding School in Armidale, a small town with a population of 20,000 located about five hundred kilometres north of Sydney. After arrival to Armidale we were divided into one of the four dormitories, all of which air-conditioned to a comfortable temperature of twenty-eight degrees.

The rather large party of campers was divided into groups of four that each studied different murder cases. Groups had to spend time in classrooms studying DNA, Ballistics and Blood Types.

The Forensic Camp involved, however, mostly practical tasks. During my time at the camp, I learnt how to extract and match fingerprints, identify fibre types, measure refractive indexes of glass, perform paper chromatography and measuring the pH of soils. Some other groups also used ultra-violet light and practised cryptology.

In the real world, however, just finding and arresting a suspect do not finish a case. The case has legal issues and the decision must be handed down by a jury. Therefore it seemed fitting that a court case was run on the case – open to parents and caretakers of the participants. I became a Defence Barrister and our job was to defend the accused from the prosecution. Believe me it was difficult.

This is not school. It is a fun experience that gives you the opportunity to learn and experience a unique challenge. Meeting people you hardly know and working together is really a pleasure and The Talented Forensic Science Camp exceeds all expectations, however high they may be.

### FORENSIC CAMP REPORT

Samuel Tong

Most of us when we hear the words, "Talented Student's Forensic Science Camp," either pretend to

be working on an English assignment or plug in the MP3 player. I'll admit it; I did it as well. It took a lot to persuade me to go, but my curiosity and the possibility of playing basketball there took over and I went. It didn't turn out too bad.

There were many people to mix with, from NSW, sunny QLD and even people from little Tasmania, all flocking to The Armidale School, where the camp was held, all of us not too sure about what to expect there. My friend and I took the gruelling 6-hour bus trip there, and clambered out later pleading to be amputated.

What mainly happened when we got there was that we had to put on our "Sherlock Holmes" caps on and solve a complicated mystery/crime and take the accused to court during our 5 day stay, the 5<sup>th</sup> being a day of court trials. There were at least 30 teams, and five cases. Our case was about a hit and run of a hated boss, by his own employee.

To help us in our cause we had at our disposal the school's advanced lab of Apple Mac computers, and labs for fibre, hair, fingerprint, blood and soil analysis. If we ever get stuck in our investigations we could also mail the experts for help. There were also controllers on the prowl for stuck and confused groups.

In addition, there were a wide range of activities to be done, with the school's many facilities available, such as basketball, soccer, tennis and swimming. There were also recreational activities at high noon, all in the gym. During the day, there were no lectures and you could take breaks throughout the day whenever it suited you. Still not convinced? It's during the last week of Term 2, which means you practically go on holidays early.

But all good has some evil, and the evil in this case was the cost. The camp alone cost \$150 for food, accommodation and a working heater to keep out the evil cold. The bus trip to get to Armidale cost \$155 and there was a \$25 cost for a shirt.

Overall it was quite an interesting camp, to learn how to use simple forensic techniques and methods, and a good chance to socialise with a whole array of different personalities. The camp shows that science is more than sitting in the lab listening to your science teacher, and more than the Times New Roman of your science textbook

**Congratulations** to the following students who sat for the **Big Science Competition**. Approximately 20,000 students around Australia sat for this competition.

**Calvin Tam** – Year 7, was awarded a Distinction

**Thomas Keevers** – Year 10, was awarded a High Distinction

**David Munro** and **Jonathan Bruck** – Year 11 were awarded Distinctions and Zubair Hasan a Credit

**Leo Wong** – Year 12 was awarded a Distinction.

**National Engineering Week** will take place between 13 and 21 August. During this time, Engineers Australasia and associated engineering associations in NSW work towards improving public awareness of the work and role of professional engineers in society. For more information about activities, and many are free, visit their website [www.engineeringweek.org.au](http://www.engineeringweek.org.au).

**Major Science Reports** for Years 8 and 9 should all have been submitted. The Science staff thank all families for their support in helping their sons complete this task. The best reports will be entered in the Young Scientist Competition and we look forward to reading about the achievements of our many talented students.

**Year 10** are making choices about their courses for 2006. Year 10 were fortunate to have Wayne Feng and Zubair Hasan, (Year 11) talk about the challenges of Year 11 Chemistry and Physics and Larry Reisen (Year 12) talked about his experiences with the senior Biology course.

Tom Keevers of Year sat for the University of Sydney Gifted and

Talented Examination in late 2004 and was invited to attend the university Discovery Program during the last holidays. His report describes the sort of activities that were undertaken.

### UNIVERSITY REPORT

During the July holidays from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> I attended the *Gifted and Talented Discovery program* that was run at Sydney University. This was a science program with three workshops (one for each day), the workshops were biology, chemistry, and physics. Entry to this program was decided by performance on a test late last year open to Year 8 and 9s.

**Wednesday (Biology)** – The first day started with being given T-shirts and information packs (about other programs that were running at the university). Biology was a practical orientated day, we did two bisections (of a sheep's kidney, heart, and lungs, and we also bisected rats). We examined cells under a microscope using dye, and performed other activities concerning nerves (sensitivity of skin, Knee jerk, etc.)

**Thursday (Chemistry)** – This was the best day, in my opinion, and it consisted of four main parts. The day started off with a presentation involving chemical reactions mostly resulting in production of light or a large bang (some were loud enough to temporarily deafen you, so you had to cover your ears). The second part of the day was practical working in pairs, we made a slime solution and we used liquid nitrogen (Boiling point -196C, so yes very cold stuff) to freeze a variety of unimportant objects such as flowers, and oranges. The third part of the day was a lecture from a professor who discussed chemical disasters, the moral being misuse of chemicals makes them dangerous. The last part was an assortment of practical activities (too many to list here) in large groups, this included endo and exothermic reactions, and creation of a reflective precipitate that acts as a mirror (with sample to take home).

**Friday (Physics)** – This was the last day of the work shop. We started

with a lecture where they talked about and demonstrated various effects of light such as fibre optics and Light Amplification by Stimulated Emissions of Radiation (Or to the rest of us LASERS.) We were then handed a booklet containing riddles, it unfolded that we had to solve these riddles which would then direct us to a task which would then give us letters used to solve the final puzzle (Got that? Good!) This was naturally all part of a colossal competition (Battle of the nerds!) Which took around three hours to complete. To complete the work shop we were given a lecture by Karl Kruselnicki who was very entertaining coining lines such as "*Sex is one of life's greatest miracles money can buy*" he talked about both his personal experiences and general information about science ranging from bioinformatics to suggested forms of high speed space travel.

Tom Keevers – Year 10

## COMPUTING STUDIES

### Invitation to Participate in 2005 Australian Informatics Olympiad

Students are invited to test their skills in Computer Science, particularly their ability to program computers to handle scientific tasks. The Competition is a 4 hour paper open to all students. There are 2 divisions:

**Intermediate** – Years 7-10 and **Senior** – Years 11-12.

There are four tasks to test skill using C, C++, Pascal, Java, Visual Basic or QuickBasic.

Date: 1 September 2005

Please see Mr Pillay for further details.

### AUSTRALASIAN COMPUTER COMPETITION

The results of the Australasian Computer Competition has just come in. The following students have achieved High Distinctions. Special congratulations to:

<b>YEAR 7</b>
Dang Matthew
Gao Timothy
Kumarasinghe Dulitha
Manescu David
Yeung Alan
<b>YEAR 8</b>
Yip Dickson
<b>YEAR 9</b>
Broadfoot Stephen
Chan Justin
Gupta Sunil
Lum Patrick
Kaan Seven
Stone Michael
Zhang Jack
<b>YEAR 10</b>
Campbell Alastair
Catsaras Dominic
Chan Derek
Cornwell Angus
Disney Simon
Else Dominic
Leykam Daniel
Lin Paul
Morrison Sam
Robson Edward
Semfel Alex
Tang Daijun
Wyndham Kidd Joshua

### UNSW PROGCAMP

We had 3 teams participate in the Open Round of the UNSW Prog-Comp. There were about 50 schools that fielded teams. One of our teams has been invited to participate in the final of the UNSW High School Programming competition. We wish this team of Edward Forgacs, David Lewis and Peter Budovsky all the best.

The Final Round will take place on Saturday 3rd September 2005 at UNSW.

**Yugen Pillay** – Head Teacher  
Computing Studies

## ITNEWS

A reminder to students that the intranet with all subject resources and valuable information eg the Daily Bulletin, is available to stud-

ents from home using their school network name and password.

On the school website

[www.nsbhs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nsbhs.nsw.edu.au)

Look for the link to the intranet and login as:

#### USER NAME

*nsbhs \ (your school network number)*

#### PASSWORD

*(your school password)*



## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

**C**ongratulations to the newly formed **Clarinet Quartet** for its out-standing performance at the State Instrumental Festival early this month. Clarinetists **Edward Davison, Ivan Cheng, Tommy Cai** and **Andrew Burford** were selected to perform as one of only about 12 items from Primary and Secondary schools across the State. Well done!!

The **Annual Musicale** will be held on Friday **26th August in the AF Henry Hall at 7pm**, featuring the outstanding musical talents of students from Years 7 to 12. All NSBHS music ensembles will perform. Also featured, will be soloists and small groups selected by audition. The Music Elective classes from Years 8-12 will combine with the Orchestra, Choir, Vocal Ensemble and Year 10 NSGHS Elective Music class, to present selections from the Faure Requiem, conducted by Nathan Gilkes. Tickets are available at the door:

**Adults – \$8 Concessions – \$4**

Hot food and drinks will be available from 6pm, so come early for dinner followed by some quality entertainment.

Congratulations to all participants of the **Annual Drama Night**. The focus this year was on students from Years 10-12, and the quality of performances was outstanding. Special thanks to **Ariya Chittasy** and **Paren Nadeswaran** who compered the night. Their intelligence and humour shone through in all they did!!

**HSC EXAMINATIONS**

HSC Drama, Music and Visual Arts students will complete the practical components of their HSC this term. I wish them well in their final preparations and presentations.

HSC Visual Arts students will exhibit their major works in the Staff Common Room on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Music 2 and Extension students will perform their HSC programs in the Hall that evening. You are all warmly invited to attend these events.



**Merimbula Jazz Festival Photos –**  
Curtesy of Terry Gallagher



**SPORT**

**W**e had a fantastic and successful end to the Winter Grade Sport Season. A total of 16 teams made it to the semi-finals and nine teams made it to the finals whose results are below.

Sport	Opponent	Winner
Rugby 2nd's	Epping	Epping
Soccer 15a's	Ashfield	NSBHS
Hockey Junior	Asquith	NSBHS
Tennis 2nd's	Epping	Epping
Table Tennis 2	Epping	Epping
Table Tennis 15	Homebush	Homebush



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# *Musicale 2005*



*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August*  
AF HENRY HALL  
7.00 pm

Featuring the outstanding musical talents of students from Years 7 to 12

All NSBHS music ensembles will perform  
**PLUS**  
soloists, chamber music, choral works, jazz –  
you name it, we've got it!

**TICKETS**  
Are available at the door  
**Adults – \$8 Concessions – \$4**



Linda Moulton – Head Teacher

Table Tennis 14	Ashfield	NSBHS
Lawn Bowls Senior	Asquith	NSBHS
Lawn Bowls Junior	Asquith	NSBHS

Congratulations to all teams who made it to the finals and a very special congratulations to our Winter Premiers!

I would also like to thank all the grade coaches who took a grade team this season. Without you we would not be able to compete.

It is time to choose a new sport for the Summer Sport Season which starts in week 8. All students in Years 7 – 10 are required to do either a Summer Grade sport or Recreational Sport. Summer sport is not compulsory for Year 11 or 12 but Year 11 students are still welcome and encouraged to try out for our grade teams. Trials for the grade sport teams began week 3 and will end in week 7. Students not trying out for a grade sport will remain in their Winter Recreational Sport until Summer Sport begins in week 8. Year 7 students not trying out for grade teams should remain in Year 7 sport until week 8 at which time they will start their chosen summer sport. All Summer Sport Selection Forms must be returned with the payment by Wednesday 31 August.

Unfortunately I am still chasing up people who have not yet paid their winter sport fees which were due over 15 weeks ago. Please bring them in ASAP. Without these fees we would not be able to hire the fields you play on or purchase equipment for you to use.

**Kathy Coady** – Coordinator

## LAWN BOWLS



Seniors at finals



Trophies, Ces Way and Ron Armstrong, our coaches



U15 at Semi finals

## JUNIOR OZTAG 2004-2005

We had good season this year, and were a lot more successful than last year's team (winning about 4 games compared to none last year!) We played against 7 schools in this year's competition, which were Epping, Homebush, Macquarie Boys, Asquith, Randwick, Normanhurst, and Ashfield.

Homebush ended up winning the premiership, with Normanhurst as runners up. Everyone had fun playing, and enjoyed the sport, which is fairly new to our school. This term we hope lots of people try out for a spot in either one of the two teams, junior or senior. We also hope we will have a more successful season this year. Our team would also like to thank Mr McCubbin, who drove us each week to matches at all different locations as well as putting in a lot of his time and effort.

**Tarnin Sirivivatnanon** – Year 9

## PREFECT REPORT

### WALK-A-THON

The prize giving assembly was held in the last week of term 2 and

served as a fitting finale to the Walk-A-Thon. The Prefects worked very hard to make this assembly very much a fun occasion even if you didn't win a prize. I am pleased to report that sponsorship totaled \$15,200, which means we can pass on just over \$10,000 to the Pavilion Project. We hope this project can become a reality in the near future for our boys to enjoy. Thank you to all those students and their families who supported the Walk-A-Thon and ensured its place on the school calendar for 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our sponsors who donated some of the minor prizes and please support these businesses if you are able –

WC Penfolds ~ Crows Nest
Red Centre Restaurant ~ Crows Nest
Pixel Plus ~ Crows Nest
Bravo Restaurant ~ Crows Nest
The Constant Reader ~ Crows Nest
Better Skin ~ North Sydney
Greg Chappell Cricket Centre ~ North Sydney
The Independent Theatre ~ North Sydney
Pan D'Art Coffee ~ Chatswood
Bing Lee Discounts.

The following boys were lucky enough to win a share in the great prizes:

<b>BRACKET 1 \$150 +</b>
Alan Liu ~ Sony Playstation 2,
Nicholas Collins-Croft ~ Apple Ipod Shuffle
James Yap ~ Portable DVD Player
Chris Andrews ~ 51cm Colour TV,
Jeremy Chow ~ Sony Micro Hi-Fi
Nathan Chu ~ DVD Player
Thomas Brereton ~ Sony Earphones
<b>BRACKET 2 \$90-\$150</b>
Rajiv Odhavji ~ 51cm Colour TV
Jonathan Chan ~ Portable DVD Player
Nic Grimes ~ Apple Ipod Shuffle
Christopher Anthony ~ Breville Milkshake Maker
Arthur Chia ~ Breville Popcorn Maker

Alexander Smith ~ \$20 Borders Gift Voucher + double movie pass
Corey Lewis ~ \$50 Red Centre Voucher
Rory Thomas ~ Double Independent Theatre Tickets
Adam Condon ~ \$25 Greg Chappell Cricket Voucher + double movie pass
Timothy Green ~ 5lts Bravo Gelato

<b>BRACKET 3 \$50-\$90</b>
Jeremy Joe ~ Apple Ipod Shuffle
Marcus Wong ~ DVD Player
Allan Hamilton ~ Breville Popcorn Maker
Andrew Park ~ Breville Milkshake Maker
Michael Burleigh ~ Border Gift Voucher
Doug Cameron ~ \$50 Red Centre Voucher
Kelvin Lok ~ double movie pass
Nathan Wong ~ Skin Care Kit for Men
Richard Cornwell ~ book "Time Machine"
Kerry Xu ~ \$25 Greg Chappell Cricket Voucher
Issac Carroll ~ \$20 Borders Gift Voucher.

<b>BRACKET 4 UP TO \$50</b>
Hugh Bromley ~ \$50 WC Penfolds Voucher
Yifei Huang ~ \$20 Borders Gift Voucher
Kenta Treacher ~ double movie pass
Andrew Humphries ~ Sony Headphones
Jack Wong ~ books "Wolves of the Calla- The Dark Tower
Joshua Simons ~ 10 free coffees at Pan D'Arte Coffee
Ben Latham ~ Breville Popcorn Maker
Hugh Catcher ~ Breville Popcorn Maker
Sunil Gupta ~ \$25 Greg Chappell Cricket Voucher
Daniel Wisniewski ~ Fun Camera
Simon Graham ~ \$20 Borders Gift Voucher
Ky Forster ~ double movie pass

Neil Hunt – Prefect Coordinator

## OUTDOOR ED

**YEAR 9 CAMP** – Wednesday to Friday, Week 9 of this term.

This is the first of our truly self sufficient camp programs and

is a premier event that is not to be missed. There are nine staff who have already volunteered for the camp and who have a strong commitment towards ensuring the success of the program. I thank them for coming on board so early in the term which will enable us to fine tune even further this great camp.

Fear not if you are not a strong swimmer. Everyone wears a buoyancy vest when on the water and all we require is a level of water confidence and trust in the equipment. All activities are closely supervised. Canoeing is accompanied by the safety boat and is conducted strictly as a flat water activity.

The joining instruction is included in this edition of the bulletin. Detailed briefings will be held in the weeks leading up to the camp. There will also be opportunities for those who have never canoed before to come with us after school for an exploratory paddle in the bays around Tunks Park. Students will need to check in with me if interested in one of these sessions.

**YEAR 11 SKI CAMP** – Sunday to Friday, Week 5 of this term.

Again, this popular camp based at the Sport and Recreation facility at Jindabyne and skiing at Thredbo will be partnered with Burwood Girls High. The program is a little different this year in that there is now four days of skiing instead of the previous three days. This is a camp that I really like to go on but at this time I am unable to attend. Mr Hilditch has negotiated with Sport and Recreation to allow us the greatest number of places yet, well above the limits previously set. Please respect the position we have with the organisers and help to maintain our excellent record with them.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

**HUME AND HOVELL EXPEDITION EVENT**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

It's back! This popular event is on again during the second week of

the October holidays. This is an excellent opportunity for participants to start or finish off the 'Expeditions' component of their award or to simply get out and walk about on a great spot on earth.

The event is run by the State Awards Committee and is usually attended by groups from schools across the State. We have been to this event in the Bago State Forest since its inception in 2001. Typical of the conditions in the Snowy Mountains, every year has presented new challenges. No matter what level of the award participants are on, everyone can achieve on this event and want to come back the next year.

I will need to enter our teams of seven participants very soon. There is an entry fee of \$250 per team which is payable to the State Awards Office. This translates into \$35.70 each person plus lodge accommodation with dinner and breakfast on day one of \$28.50. There are no other charges unless personal gear has to be hired.

The grand total of \$64.20 represents a great value five days away with friends! There is also a possibility that we may be including some gold level participants from Burwood Girls High. The number of groups depends on us finding a supervisor for each group and our capacity to transport everyone to Batlow.

Book in your interest now so I can get us on the plan. See me in IA.

Any parents who might like to help out as supervisors are also asked to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

**John Whittaker**  
Outdoor Education Coordinator.

## FALCON FOUNDATION

**Next General meeting**  
Monday 5 September  
6.15pm

The last Falcon Bulletin had an overview of the Master Plan for improving the school's buildings



and grounds. The Falcon Foundation has played an important part in the achievements to date, but it has much more to do. Find out how your contributions to the Foundation are put to work. Come and see the Foundation in action at its next General Meeting – Monday, 5 September, 6.15 pm, Staff Common Room ('A' block opposite entrance to AF Henry Hall). **Your ideas and your questions will be very welcome.**

**Carolyn Disney** – Secretary  
9804 8824

## OFUNNEWS

### ANNUAL LAWN BOWLS DAY

Sunday 11 September at Lane Cove West Bowling Club, starting at 12 noon.

### FALCONIAN SPORTING LEGENDS LUNCH

on Friday 23 September at North Sydney Leagues Club.

Bookings for all the above events can be made through Tim Donahoo on 8907 0478 or by e-mail at [falconians@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:falconians@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to welcoming full houses at both events.

Our next get together will be a lunch time function in Canberra 1 October – date to be decided.

**Tim Donahoo** – President

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION

The Auxiliary has continued to work at a frantic pace to ensure the Annual Dinner/Auction is a **HUGE** success. For this to happen we certainly need a large proportion of the school population to attend. As is typical the RSVPs have been slow and this causes us much anxiety.... so please dig out of your son's school bag the personal invitation plus raffle tickets, that was sent home early Term 3. If by chance the invitation did not make it home it is possible

to print an invitation off the School Website [www.nsbhs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nsbhs.nsw.edu.au)

The evening is always fun-filled and most enjoyable and as I keep repeating is really our **ONLY** major fundraiser and social on the school calendar, so come along and get involved. You never know you may be the successful bidder to gain the prestigious honour of being "Deputy Principal for the Day"!

Jo O'Brien and Don Northey are counting the days so they can put their feet up and watch someone else tackle the onerous tasks that they take on EVERY day of the year. How good will it look on your Resume!

There are also loads of other fantastic items available in the Auction.... you just need to be there to make the winning bid.

If it is not possible to gather a group of 10 people for a table, indicate on the RSVP what year your son is in or what Falcon Sport he plays etc and it may be possible to group together a table on your behalf...nothing is impossible.

### *We aim to please!*

Don't forget that even if you can't make it, there is still the **raffle tickets** that can be sold and sent in with your child before Friday the **19th August**.

All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Our aim this year is to use the funds raised to upgrade the facilities in the "old kitchen" area next to the Hall so it can be better used by the boys for cooking classes in the DT programme for Years 7-10. It will also benefit all those that require a food preparation area when catering for the various events that occur at the school, eg School Musical, Musicale, Annual Dinner, Old Boys Dinner, Year 7 Welcome BBQ, Year 12 Farewell Dinner and Open Days etc.

At present this is being discussed with the members of the Industrial Arts Department and Auxiliary. So, as you can imagine this won't be a cheap exercise so we do need all the support from our wonderful

parent community. We may well be inhibiting the worlds next "Celebrity Chef"!!

### OTHER AUXILIARY NEWS

At our last meeting we planned for the various events that occur in Term 3, including catering for the Staff Development day on the Friday, 2nd September, the annual gathering of Mothers of Past Students (MOPS) lunch that occurs on the 9th September, the Prefect induction morning tea as well as the Year 12 Presentation morning.

### POSITION VACANT

It was with great sadness that we accepted the resignation of our **wonderful** Uniform Shop Manager, **Lyn Fagan**. After a great deal of consideration Lyn decided it was time to move on.

We thank her for her amazing level of dedication and her generosity of spirit. We will all (including the students) miss her greatly.

We now have the position vacant and are very keen to hear from anyone interested in managing the Uniform Shop.

This is a paid part time position with a minimum requirement of 12 -14 hours per week,

**Starting date** – 10th October 2005 (Training will be provided)

#### **Duties include –**

- Organising a roster for volunteer parents
- Financial control and responsibility, including banking, payments of accounts, quarterly BAS statements, MYOB (preferable) and preparation of a monthly financial statement for reporting to the Auxiliary.
- Assessing stock requirements and ordering as required

#### **Applications close –**

**FRIDAY 19th AUGUST 2005 – 3pm**

Please submit your applications to –

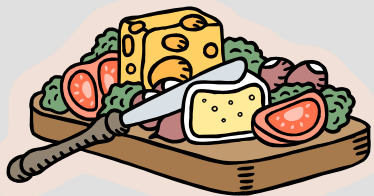
**Uniform Shop Manager Application  
Nsbhs Front Office Attention:  
Suzanne Jensen – Ph 9428 1494**

Hope to see you all at the Annual Dinner – Saturday 20th August

The **next meeting** of the Auxiliary will take place on –

**WEDNESDAY**  
17th August 9:30am  
Staff Common Room

## MOPS LUNCH



### *Mothers of Past Students*

*are having their*

## ANNUAL LUNCH

**Friday, 9th September  
at 12pm  
in the**

### **Staff Common Room**

*Bring a plate and if you know  
of any past Auxiliary  
volunteer mothers, who might  
not see this ad, and would  
like to come please bring  
them along.*

*For further information please  
contact Suzanne Jensen*

*Ph 9428 1494 or  
lewis@sthncrossmetals.com.au*

**Suzanne Jensen** – President  
Phone 9428 1494 for any enquiries

## P&C NEWS

The start of Term 3 has been quite one for the P&C, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16 August. During the holidays the P&C funding contributed to the planting of five new Tulip Trees along the western side of the school hall, which should provide some much needed shade to the paved seating area beside

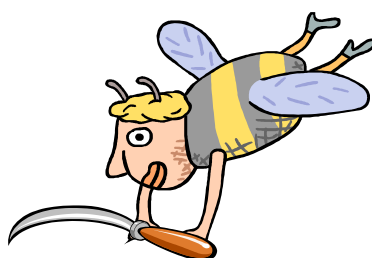
the hall and eventually, as they mature, to the A F Henry Hall during the summer. The new lawn maintenance program that the P&C initiated started during the holidays with all lawns being deep ripped and sprayed for weeds, with the next phase of soil testing and fertilizing to be done in the next month or so.

Another Working bee has been scheduled for 18 September to do some general cleaning up and pruning of the garden, spreading of mulch and fresh painting of the school canteen area, so your participation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact either **John Coffey** on 0411 722 674 or **Grant Ovens** on 0407 237 007 if you can help out or have any questions about this day. Please bring your sons along and enjoy the BBQ afterwards.

Financially the P&C is doing reasonably well financially, with a total of \$66,040 in contributions. With the \$100 contribution and \$25 ground donation, that means that about 60% of the families have contributed. It is not too late to add your donation to the P&C so that we can continue to provide strong support to the school in so many areas. Please send your payments to the Administration Offices as soon as possible. Your donation will help to meet the new requests from the school for the second half of the year.

The P&C members will be providing welcome drinks for the Annual School dinner being run by the Auxiliary on 20 August. We encourage your participation or donation to the night to help fund the new Pavilion to be built on the Bottle Yard lawn.

**John Coffey** – President  
M 0411 722 674, H 9969 5383



## NSBHS Working Bee



**SUNDAY**  
18th September  
9am -12pm

With DA2 finished and the garden bed beside the new lawn progressing, we can do some further planting at the school. There is also pruning, weeding, mulching and general clean up to be done.

**Please come along and contribute, bring your tools, wheelbarrows, spades, clippers and – bring your sons. BBQ at 12 noon!**

Working bee co-ordinated by  
**John Coffey** – 0411 722 674  
[jscoffey@bigpond.com](mailto:jscoffey@bigpond.com)

### ACTIVITIES

Planting of new trees and shrubs

Placement of  
mulch in garden beds

Painting Canteen Area

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Council is delighted with the news that the DA3 funding has finally been completely approved and there are no longer any roadblocks to this development going ahead.

The time and effort put in to achieving the funding and the following through on the building work by various members of the parent body, continues to amaze and delight. There is no doubt that the physical environment now enjoyed by our boys, the sporting facilities, the new classrooms which will now be built as well as the gardens are either only there because of, or better than they otherwise would have been, the dedication and energy of members of the parent body.

This month the Council hopes to return to an old theme and see if recycling can be properly established throughout the School!

**Jim FitzSimons** – President  
9353 4339  
[jfitzsimons@claytonutz.com](mailto:jfitzsimons@claytonutz.com)

# FALCON SPORT

With the seasonal change, the Falcon Sports Committee would like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the soccer season and the hardworking team who assisted with the snow sports. Falcon Sports membership is flourishing. We welcome Peter Chau who has kindly offered to convene Table Tennis.

The cricket season is about to begin. Basketball and Taekwondo are year round sports, again supported by a dedicated group of volunteer parents.

The Under 15B soccer team had a very successful social function with the boys playing the parents. Needless to say, with 6 mothers in goals, multiple other parents and siblings on the field, the parent team was superbly thrashed!

If you would like to see a new sport at NSBH or participate in an existing sport, please feel free to contact the committee and the sports conveners.

**Sue Werner** – 0418 448 957 and  
**Glen Hartman** – 0408 600 653

## FALCON SPORT COMMITTEE 2005

Next Falcon Sport Meetings  
Tuesday 7.30pm – Library

### AGM

TERM	Meeting Dates
4	October 25th

**Sue Werner and Glen Hartman**  
Co-Presidents

### COMPETITION OVERVIEW

This has been an enjoyable 6 months for about 70 NSBHS basketball players participating in the NSBA Summer Competition, ending on a high note with 2 teams going through to the Division 1 semi final play offs on Friday 24th, and hopefully progressing to the Finals scheduled for Friday 1 July. The U16 Falcons narrowly missed a spot in the Division 2 semi finals having beaten the 3rd placed team earlier in the season. Good luck U14 Raptors and U16 Flight!

### COACHING

Once again The Falcon coaches have made a valuable contribution to team development and to the individuals enjoyment of the game. With the belief that self-improvement results in a higher level of competence and enjoyment in the activity we continue to encourage players and coaches to attend courses offered by the Basketball Associations. A number of the Falcon team-coaches will soon be attending the NSBA Level 0 Coaching course and will hopefully return next term with a bag of tricks to pass on to the rest.

### EVENTS

For those who have some spare time and feel like more basketball the NSBA is running a Winter Hoops Camp.

“By far our most popular development program! Fun, games, prizes, great coaches and now with a fantastic new feature... On Wednesday, 6th July there will be 200 children, 20 coaches and games all day! The atmosphere will be nothing short of remarkable and excitement will rule the day!”

**When:** 4th - 6th July or 6th - 8th July

**Where:** Rooftop North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre, Crows Nest

**Times:** 9:30am - 3:30pm

You can register online at [www.nsba.com.au](http://www.nsba.com.au). Click on "Development Programs" and follow the prompts. Please, please put 'NSBHS' after your name on the registration form.

**Glen Hartman**

### FALCON TABLE TENNIS

#### COMPETITION OVERVIEW

School Table Tennis players have shown much enthusiasm and initiative in organising expressions of interest by about 20 players, volunteering a parent as Team Manager, sourcing some new equipment, and organising a couple of registered coaches. Falcon Table Tennis will kick off at the beginning of term 3, so if there are any more interested players or parents, please collect a Reg-

istration Form from the School Administration and check the Falcon Sport noticeboard regularly.

### FALCON CRICKET



A new season is nearly on us and selections/practices will start in the first week of September at the new cricket nets on Falcon Street.

**There are three age groups:** Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 17's. Fees are \$150 for the season (September to March) and include a free shirt and hat. All equipment is provided.

If your son is interested, there is a registration day on Tuesday 16th August at lunchtime (room number to be announced in the daily bulletin), or email me for more information: [peter@scootersaus.com.au](mailto:peter@scootersaus.com.au) Alternatively, you can download the registration form from the school website and post it to me.

**Peter Fraser** – Convener



### TAEKWONDO

North Sydney Boys High will be participating in the annual Senior Annual All Schools Championship on September 3rd at Riverview. Boys are matched against opponents within their belt level and of equal weight and height to demonstrate their tactical prowess. Fliers have been sent home. We expect good representation from the NSBHS squad this year. Last year we won gold, 2 silver, and a bronze medal.

I look forward to seeing the entire NSBHS Taekwondo team and their parents on the 3rd at Riverview.

For further information contact **Sue Werner 9413 3400** (Falcon Sports) or **Erick Guilfoyle** – Instructor or **0422 176 638**

**New members are always welcome.**  
**Join the squad on Friday afternoons at 3.30 in the gym.**

**Sue Werner** – Convener



## FALCON TENNIS

Any Enquiries:

**Alex Debelja**

Ridge Street Tennis Centre  
9929 7172

River Road Tennis Centre  
9428 3336

**Suzanne Jensen**

Falcon Sport Tennis Coordinator  
9428 1494

## FALCON SNOWSPORTS



Simon  
Graham

### AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORTS REPORT

Conditions were looking very average the week before (ie No Snow!!) but we got the BIG dump which made the Sydney Division of the Interschools at Thredbo on July 13-16 excellent with good, fresh snow over the whole resort.

The 6 boys from NSBHS all did very well with Simon Graham (Div 3 Alpine) and James Ng (Div 2 Alpine) getting selected to go to NSW Titles at Perisher on Aug 25-28. Unfortunately no teams got through as we didn't have enough boys to fill the minimum number per team – however Ciaran Mathewson and James Ng only narrowly missed getting through to The State titles in Skiercross Div 2.

A list of the events the boys competed in is shown below. My thanks to ALL the boys and to their parents for helping to organise and being part this exciting event. Everyone seemed to have a fun time competing and free skiing/ boarding. If we get MORE boys next year we'll have a real chance of getting teams through to the State

and Australian Titles – and we need more snowboarders!!

<b>SNOWBOARD GS DIV 2</b>
Jackie Chan – Year 9
<b>BOARDERCROSS DIV 2</b>
Jackie Chan – Year 9
<b>MOGULS DIV 2</b>
Ciaran Mathewson – Year 9
James Ng – Year 10
<b>MOGULS DIV 3</b>
Simon Graham – Year 8
Jacob Henegan – Year 7
Charles White – Year 7
<b>ALPINE DIV 2</b>
Ciaran Mathewson – Year 9
James Ng – Year 10
<b>ALPINE DIV 3</b>
Simon Graham – Year 8
Jacob Henegan – Year 7
Charles White – Year 7
<b>SKIERCROSS DIV 2</b>
Ciaran Mathewson – Year 9
James Ng – Year 10
<b>SKIERCROSS DIV 3</b>
Simon Graham – Year 8
Jacob Henegan – Year 7
Charles White – Year 7

For any questions regarding Snow Sports please contact **Phil Mathewson 0419 240 941** or email [phil@mimages.com.au](mailto:phil@mimages.com.au)

### TABLE TENNIS



We are happy to announce that Falcon Table Tennis has been created.

We have seven tables available at the moment and could be used during summer or winter. If you are interested, please contact me, **Peter Chau**, at

[peterandmingchau@gmail.com](mailto:peterandmingchau@gmail.com),

or talk to Jeff Chau, in Year 10, or Weller Zheng, in Year 11. Coaching will be finalized after the number of players have been recorded.

We look forward to seeing you in Falcon Table Tennis!



### FALCON SOCCER

Our 2005 season draws to an end. All teams are now playing their finals or pennant rounds. NSBHS teams will contest semi finals in 13A, 15B, 16A, 18A, AA5 and AA5R.

The last competition day is Gala Day which is on 20th August, in which each team plays in a knock out competition for the final game of the season. Last year our U13's were successful in winning their pool. This is a fun day to complete a very enjoyable season

The end of season Falcon Soccer club day will be held on Saturday, 27th August 2005 at our home ground, Wellington Oval, Lindfield. It will consist of a BBQ and a presentation to each of the players and some social games. All players and family welcome from 11:30 am.

We are seeking some action photographs for the Falcon Sport website so please email some from the season.

**Trevor Dean** – President 9439 1644

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## NSBGH PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

**C**ameron Semmens, a performance poet and actor, was our guest speaker on the last day of Term 2. He gave a lively performance of this poems, including a love poem all about fruit! Inspired by this, everyone practised their poetry reading during the holidays and we held a poetry reading competition on July 22nd. Our

judge was Mrs. Eve Klein, former head of speech and drama at SCECGS Redlands. The winners were

SENIOR SECTION	
1st - Ellen Hardy	
2nd - Jack Zhang	
Highly Commended - Ian Hemming	
JUNIOR SECTION:	
1st - Cameron O'Sullivan	
2nd - Joanna Chen	
3rd equal Irene Chork and Mrithula Shanker	

Good luck to all those who have entered the Ryde Eisteddfod in August.

Cost to join our club is now \$40 a term but we would prefer new members to wait until next term now.

Ms Jenny O'Neill - Coordinator

## UNIFORM SHOP

There has been a small increase in the price of blazers.

Standard sizes 14-28	\$175.00
With extra 5cm on sleeve and/or coat	\$190.00
Made to measure	\$215.00

Blazers must be ordered and turn around is approx 6-8 weeks.

**Does your son have a blazer he no longer requires?** Second hand blazers can be sold on consignment through the shop.

All garments must be dry cleaned (with tag and in plastic) and in good condition. We currently have boys waiting for Sizes 18 and 20.

### Clearance - 2 ring binders

Burgundy with gold school crest, normally \$3.30 each - while stocks last, get 2 and a pencil case for only \$5.

For your convenience the shop will be open from 8.30am until 1.30pm Monday and Thursday.

**PAYMENT IS BY CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY**

<b>LYN FAGAN</b> <b>9955 6804</b> Monday and Thursday 8.30am - 1pm
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# FALCON BULLETIN DEADLINE

for  
Issue 6 September 2005  
is **FRIDAY**  
9th September

Please send all copy to  
**JILL BAKER**  
[j.baker@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:j.baker@nsbhs.nsw.edu.au)

Copy is due to Jill Baker, by the close of business on the above dates. It is very important to keep to these dates so that we make our promised delivery dates.

TERM	ISSUE	EDITION	Copy Deadline Friday	
			Date	Wk
3	6	Sept	9.9	8
4	7	Nov	28.10	3
	8	Dec	2.12	8



HEAD TEACHER  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

## OPTOMETRISTS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

### Could your child be suffering from an undetected vision problem?

Does your child constantly squint or rub their eyes, complain of headaches, have trouble concentrating or hold their books very close when reading? *If so your child could be one of the 25% of Australian children who suffer from an undetected vision problem.*

The earlier and more regularly your children's eyes are examined, the better the prospects for successful treatment. Parents are recommended that their children's eyes are examined at six months of age, three years, five years and then every two years. Eye examinations are covered under Medicare and more than 95 per cent of optometric services are bulk billed.

The Optometrists Association Australia (OAA) has developed a concise checklist to help parents recognise possible vision problems in their children, as well as tips on television watching, reading, the use of video games and UV protection. These important materials can be found on the OAA website at

[www.optometrists.asn.au](http://www.optometrists.asn.au)

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## FIELD OF MARS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Ryde Hunter's Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society

invites you to  
join our 2005 community forum,

**What are we weeding for? managing a wildlife refuge in our suburbs for ecological as well as social outcomes**

**on Saturday 30th July from 2-4pm,  
at the Environmental Education Centre, Field of Mars Wildlife Refuge, Pittwater Rd, East Ryde.**

Weed removal programs have gained increased momentum across Sydney's bushland remnants, but do they always deliver the best outcomes for native fauna? Frogs and small birds struggle to survive in Sydney as bushland areas become isolated and weed-infested as urbanisation and traffic routes expand and encroach. How do we control weeds or a Wildlife Refuge such as the Field of Mars Reserve yet still ensure it can effectively protect native fauna?

Join us to hear expert guest speakers and to discuss these important issues for our local bushland ....

**Arthur White**

President, Frog and "tadpole Society

**Chris Birch**

member of Ryde Hunter's Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society with a long time interest in insects in the Field of Mars,

**Andy Burton**

Northern Sydney bird expert

Further information phone 9817 4935

Entry via gold coin donation



## *Famous Faces in Your Kitchen!*



*“Deliciously Famous”  
Celebrity Cookbook*

*Contact:*

*Benja and Daman,  
Outside Industrial Arts*



*Deliciously Famous is a celebrity cookbook produced by Yr 11 students participating in the Young Achievers Australia Program (YAA). As heard on ABC 702 Radio National with Steve Liebman and seen in the North Shore Times 20/7/05*

*North Sydney Boys High School provides a dynamic teaching and learning*

# Martin aims for a record

DAVID ROWLANDS

THE phrase "records are made to be broken" might need to be updated to include the words: "... by Martin Stonis".

That's because breaking records in Little Athletics has become a trademark of this whiz from Willoughby over the past three years.

Martin's most significant records have been in his two favourite events: the long jump and triple jump. He set the records at this year's Little Athletics national championships in Hobart.

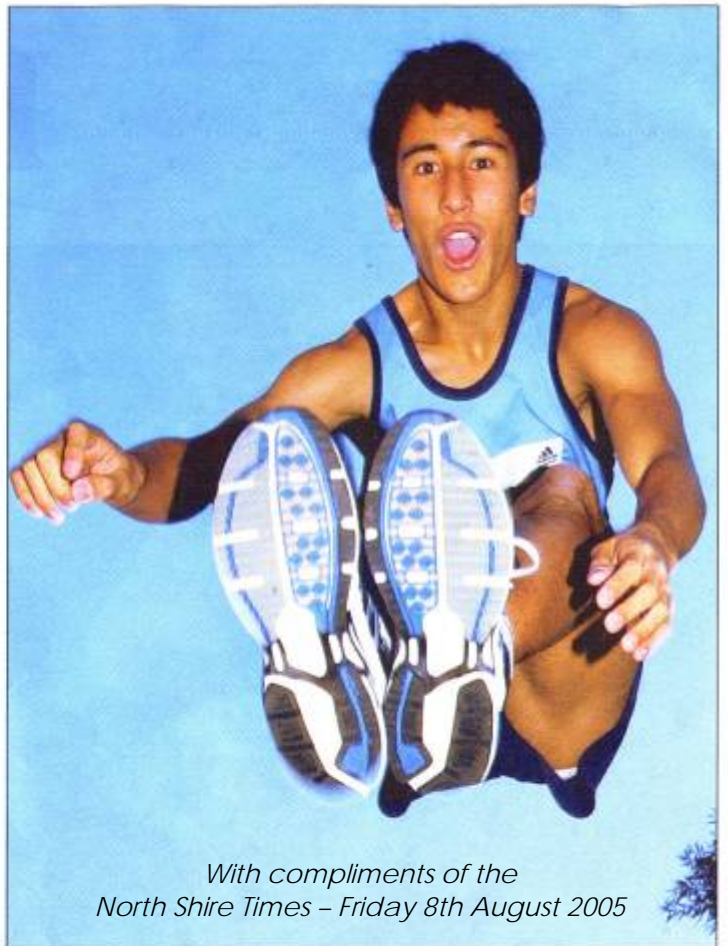
Martin also holds the 13-year record in the NSW Little Athletics' multi event - an event he has won three years running. And he was part of the record-breaking 4x400m team at the relay championships last November.

Martin excels at throwing, sprinting or jumping. He is especially strong in jumping. At the NSW Little Athletics state championships in March, he collected gold in the high, long and triple

jumps. He also won bronze in the 100m.

Martin, a year 8 student at North Sydney Boys High School, is a member of the NSW Institute of Sport.

Nominating Martin for the *North Shore Times* Junior Sports Star award, former Little Athletics secretary for the Northern Suburbs Penny Woodruff said: "He is a great role model for younger athletes and students, showing what natural ability, drive and great consistency can do to realise a dream."



*With compliments of the North Shore Times - Friday 8th August 2005*

Record breaking Little Athlete Martin Stonis is always aiming for a record. Photo: AMY HARDING

# Students cook up tasty celebrity business idea

Liam Fitzgibbon

LIKE the sound of Dr Karl Kruszelnicki's hearty spaghetti bolognese, Wallaby Phil Waugh's chocolate cake or Andrew Denton's mum's muffins?

To taste them fans would normally need an invitation to their *Idol's* home, but a group of budding North Shore entrepreneurs has brought the dishes into the kitchens of ordinary folk.

The team of 25 year 11 students formed Yardstick through the Young Achievement Australia Business enterprise program and will release a celebrity cookbook called *Deliciously Famous*.

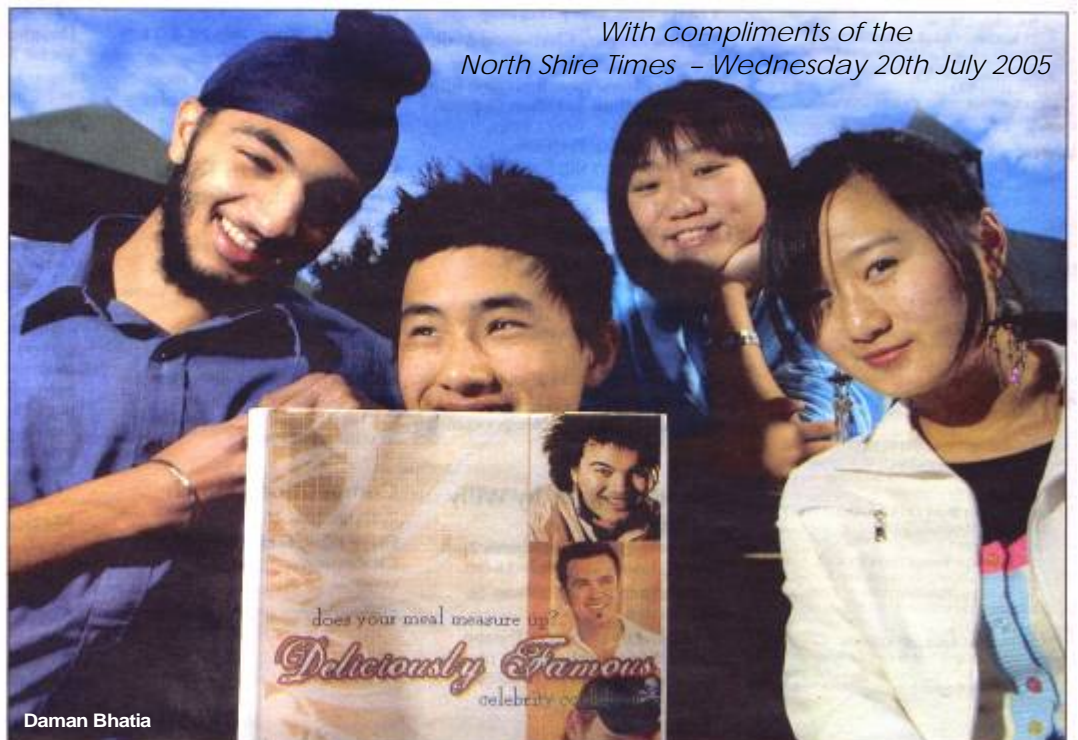
Yardstick member Jonathan Chow, of Turrumurra, said the students started the company with the help of the National Australia Bank, at Chatswood.

Jonathan said the students decided a celebrity cookbook would be the most innovative idea.

"We had to use our contacts as well as phone and email as many celebrities as we could," he said.

The students have recipes from *Australian Idol's* Guy Sebastian, rugby league player Hazem El-Masri and NSW Transport Minister John Watkins.

*Deliciously Famous*, will be sold in North Shore cafes, restaurants and markets.



*With compliments of the North Shore Times - Wednesday 20th July 2005*

Dama Bhatia

Dama Bhatia, Jonathan Chow, Mariam Yli and Janice Chen are members of the Chatswood company, Yardstick, that is soon to release the celebrity cookbook *Deliciously Famous*. Picture: Brent McGilvary

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## UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER POSITION VACANT

North Sydney Boys High School Auxiliary is seeking the services of an enthusiastic person to fill the position of Uniform Shop Manager. This is a paid part time position with a minimum requirement of 12-14 hours per week.

### Duties include:

- organising roster for volunteer parents.
- financial control and responsibility, including banking, payment of accounts, quarterly BAS statements, MYOB (preferable) and preparation of a monthly financial statement for reporting to the Auxiliary.
- assessing stock requirements and ordering as required.

**Applications close:** Friday 19 August 2005, 3pm

**Starting date:** 10 October 2005.

*Training will be provided. Please submit your application in writing to  
Uniform Shop Manager Application NSBH Front Office*

**Attention:** Suzanne Jensen – Any queries phone 9428 1494

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