



*The Hills Sports High School*

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# The Hills Sports High School Newsletter

## From the Principal

September 2017

### FAREWELL YEAR 12

We have reached the end of the school year for our Year 12 students and I would like to pass on my congratulations go to them and wish our students well in the up-coming examinations for the HSC. I encourage every student to use the preparation time (including the school holidays) fully.

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs O'Connor (nee Garnett) and Mrs Gadow (nee Watson) for looking after the Year 12 students during their time at the school, helping them, pushing them to try hard and encouraging them. Ms Frost also provided support to the students during the senior years and I also thank her for that work.

The Year 12 formal was held on Thursday 21 September at Windsor and it was a great success. I know that the committee of students, along with Mrs Gadow, have worked hard to ensure that this celebration of the completion of formal school life was a most memorable one. It was a pleasure to celebrate with the students on this most lovely occasion.



The formal graduation and presentation ceremony were held on the morning of Thursday 21 September in our school hall, followed by a morning tea for Year 12 and their families in A Block quadrangle. This ceremony included the presentation of all first in course awards, some special awards and the announcement of Tatiana Gonzales as Dux of the School for 2017 (which is based on a combination of all of the school work throughout the year). I sincerely thank Mrs Queffert for all of her time and effort in organising such a wonderful



graduation assembly and all of the staff of the school that assisted her in this task. I would like to remind all students sitting their exams that the HSC timetable is set by the Board of Studies and exam times and dates cannot be changed. Students who fail to complete an examination because of incorrectly reading a timetable and missing an examination will not get a result for that course and this could result in the student not receiving the HSC at all. Students must make sure that they at-

**N AWARDS AND FINALISING OUTSTANDING WORK –  
YEAR 11 & 12**

A small number of students have recently been issued with a final chance to complete outstanding assessment tasks in order to qualify for Year 12 or Preliminary (Year 11) courses. These students must ensure that all work is now finalised by the due dates. Absolute final deadlines have now been issued by NESA (formerly Board of Studies) and these cannot be changed.

I encourage all students to take the opportunity to complete any outstanding work in order to satisfactorily complete their courses.

### NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED FOR 2018

As a part of the formal end of year 12 graduation ceremony we also had the pleasure of announcing our incoming School Captains, Nicole Boutsikakis and Jacob Workman and the Vice Captains Alannah Taufua and Corey Dowle as well as the prefects.



They will all be formally introduced to the student body at the beginning of next term when they take over their new roles.

### THE RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (ROSA)

As you are no doubt aware, the Minister for Education abolished the School Certificate. The new document is now called the Record of School Achievement or ROSA. The students will only receive the ROSA when they actually leave school and, when they do, it will contain all of the results achieved from Year 10 onwards.

There are strict rules for the subject patterns that students must study and successfully complete during Year 10 in order to qualify for the ROSA. This qualification is needed for students to enter Year 11.

Year 10 students also no longer have a different finish date for the end of the year. All students, apart from Year 12 who complete their HSC this year, are expected to attend school until the last day of the school year which is Friday 15 December 2017.

### SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2018

Mrs Middleton and a team of teachers are now collating subject selection information received from students to determine timetable patterns and structures for the school for 2018. It is essential that all students selecting subjects for next year lodge their forms with Mrs Middleton by the required deadlines. This process allows us to set up subjects so that we can offer a combination of courses which suits the requests of students.

Remember, any student who has achieved a Principal's Award has priority in subject selection as long as they lodge their forms by the due date.

### STAFFING MATTERS

We farewell Mrs Drougas as she retires at the end of the term. Mrs Drougas has worked tirelessly in our Learning and Support area and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

We also farewell our school counsellor Mrs Hilbrink as she retires after a long career supporting student wellbeing. We also congratulate her and wish her a long and happy retirement.

### ADVANCED NOTICE FOR THE BEGINNING OF 2018

Our starting dates for the beginning for the 2018 school year are as follows:-

Friday 26 January 2018	<i>Public Holiday – Australia Day</i>
Monday 29 January 2018	<i>All school <b>staff</b> resume</i>
Tuesday 30 January 2018	<i>Year 7 Students <b>Only</b></i>
Wednesday 31 January 2018	<i>Year 7, 11 &amp; 12 Students <b>Only</b></i>
Thursday 1 February 2018	<i>All students</i>

My best wishes for a happy and safe holiday. All students and staff resume school for Term 4 on Monday 9 October 2017.



**M. Struyve**  
Principal



# TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY



## *Tell Them From Me:* Parent survey



You're invited to participate in the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey, designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

### Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools will be able to use the survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform their school plan.

### What does it involve?

This is an online survey that takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous, and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

### How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time, between 21 August and 13 October 2017. Follow the link below on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/thshs17>

The survey is available in English, Arabic and Chinese (Traditional). After clicking on the link above, parents will have the option to choose their language.

More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education's TTFM website:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>



# YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

To continue the learning of the Brett Whiteley case study, year 11 Visual Art students went on an excursion to the Brett Whiteley Studio in Surry Hills. Whilst there, students got to look around his home and working studio, now the exhibition space owned by the Art Gallery of NSW. Within the studio is a preserved area still left from the last time he used it with paint, brushes and other equipment scattered around, helping to extend the students understanding of who he was. Students enjoyed a drawing observation workshop where they sketched and discussed Whiteley's use of expressive and flowing line. The students enjoyed the day and the workshop which has extended on their understanding of Whiteley's art and life.





# The Hills Sports High Links With Local and International History

Our school's important links with the local and international history were highlighted by a ceremony in the grounds of the Grantham Poultry Research Station memorial on 25<sup>th</sup> August. Two students were invited by the Seven Hills RSL Sub Branch to participate in a soil collection ceremony attended by the state Minister for Veterans Affairs Mr David Elliott and the local state member of parliament Mr Mark Taylor. Also present were representatives from the RSL Sub Branch.

The soil collection was part of a renovation of the War Memorial in Hyde Park which will involve an explanation of the connection of hundreds of significant sites across the state. This renovation will be completed for the centenary of the end of the Great War in 2018.

Our students volunteered from the student's representative council: Billy Scott and Kenneth Tuala.

The Grantham Poultry Research Station was established during World War I to provide employment for injured servicemen. These men often had serious and long term injuries both physical and mental. The first of the returned soldiers were accommodated in tents. These were then replaced by barracks for single men and later cottages for married men with families. Our school's original name was Grantham High School in honour of this establishment.

These ex-servicemen were trained in poultry farming and made the district their home. During the 1920s, severely injured men would have been a common sight on Seven Hills railway station, leading our local area to have a continuing reminder of the tragedy of the Great War.



*Soil is collected from the historic site by Billy Scott, Kenneth Tuala and the state Minister for Veterans Affairs The Hon. Mr David Elliott.*

**Mr Haynes, HT HSIE**

Due to a new system these are the only options available for payment of school fees, excursions etc

- Cheque – made payable to The Department of Education
- Cash – via schools reception
- EFT – calling the school office with credit card details
- Parent Online Payment (POP) access “\$Make a Payment” from the school website

# YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Our Year 12 Hospitality classes participated in the annual Cook for Teacher, where they produced excellent restaurant quality food and service. It is a requirement for our year 12 students to complete 12 service periods in order to successfully fulfil the standards to achieve a range of competencies in Hospitality Food and Beverage to be eligible to achieve their Certificate II in Hospitality. This event allows our Hospitality students to not only thank teachers that have supported and encouraged them throughout their schooling, but also enables them to showcase the skills they have developed throughout the course.



## School Opal cards

**Reminder to students to “tap on and tap off”  
with their School Opal cards”**

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.



# NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TESTING

In week 6 of this term our school was part of the trial to assess readiness for the inevitable move toward NAPLAN online, which will happen in 2018 or 2019.

Our Year 7 & Year 9 students helped us do the test to determine if we are ready. This was a test of our computer resources, the school's internet capabilities, our own internal organisational abilities, as well as the host's server which was being accessed by many thousands of students across the state at once.

While results from the readiness testing will not be returned, we do see this as an opportunity for our students to have experience with various forms of online testing, which will certainly become more common.

Logistically this was a challenge, in addition to the desktop computers in the library, we added 30 laptops, enabling us to test 60 students at a time. As each student was required to sit for 2 assessments, we took over the library for the entire week.

Timetabling all of year 7 and all of year 9 around sporting and practical lessons was no easy task!

Thank you to the students who participated cooperatively as we worked with unfamiliar processes and dealt with unexpected glitches. Thank you to the library staff who accommodated the assessments for the entire week, and thank you to the teachers who worked around the disruptions to years 7 & 9. Special thank you to NAPLAN Team for attending training and doing the bulk of the organisation.

***Learning & Support Teachers***



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# YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY CAKE DECORATING





# AUSTRALIAN ALLSTAR CHEERLEADING FEDERATION

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TSP Cheerleaders competed in the AACF State Competition on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August. This was our first competition of the year and the girls have been training hard to get the routines polished and professional. The competition was of a very high standard but our girls rose to the occasion gaining a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their cheer routine and a third place for their pom routine. Congratulations girls and good luck for your next competition!

*Mrs Hand Cheerleading Mentor*



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# School Holiday Guide

spring  
2017







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6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
PART A - Monday, 6 NOVEMBER  
PART B - Monday, 13 NOVEMBER

Dennis Johnson Library,  
Stanhope Gardens  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm  
PART A - Wednesday, 8 NOVEMBER  
PART B - Wednesday, 15 NOVEMBER

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Tuesday 31 October 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Max Webber Function Centre Cnr Flushcombe Road & Alpha St, Blacktown	
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