PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Tuesday we opened the school’s new Senior Study Centre (SSC) at a ceremony attended by Ms Jo Haylen MP, member for Summer Hill, Ms Ros Moxham Director of Public Schools as well parents, staff and students. The SSC will provide boys in Years 11 and 12 with a dedicated space to study and access tutorial support.

The centre is an adult learning environment and technology rich facility which provides resources for the boys to maximise their success in the HSC. The centre is fully staffed with a teacher whose role is to provide support to boys in the senior years. A team of Year 11 volunteers worked with staff to design the concept, layout, resources and technology in the SSC. It was a mammoth task to achieve in just over two terms as the project involved moving existing staffrooms and extensive computer cabling and electrical upgrading.

The achievement is a tangible example of what can be achieved at our school when parents, staff and students work together for a common goal to benefit the boys. This is the first significant upgrade of facilities that is scheduled as part of our school plan over the next few years.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal
THE TRIAL EXAMINATIONS HAVE FINALLY COME TO AN END

Congratulations to all Year 12 students who have completed their trial exams. It was impressive to see their calm and mature approach to each exam.

As you now prepare for the HSC exams in October it is important that you log onto Students Online via the Board of Studies website at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au using your BOS number and PIN. You should check that all details, including address, are correct. If you have lost or forgotten your PIN, please contact the Board of Studies directly in order to have a new PIN issued.

You must check your HSC examination timetable carefully. Parents can download a copy of the 2015 HSC written examination timetable via the Board of Studies website.

Engineering Studies- Year 11

Year 11 Engineering students are designing and constructing a basic model that demonstrates how a hydraulic system works, using different sized syringes and plastic tubes.
Year 7 Learn about the Anatomy of the Fish.

There was definitely something fishy about this lesson - everyone in the class was eager to wear the rubber gloves and handle the scalpel and scissors to identify all parts of fish organs.

*Science is just so much fun!*
7 Apollo has begun their Sustainability and Growing Project. They all decided to make the school a little greener and colourful with the idea of growing herbs and flowers in the G Block area. They have been watering their seeds daily and have seen their watercress sprouting quickly!

The boys decided it would be a great idea to grow their herbs (a mixture of parsley, basil, rosemary, coriander and dill) and return them to the school community at the canteen, breakfast club or even to the school kitchen for the hospitality students.
GREATEST ENGINEERING CHALLENGE AT UNSW

On 5th August, I took four students from 10 Neutron to the Great Engineering Challenge held at UNSW. We were greeted by engineering experts such as the Dean of Engineering, the Chief Executive from Engineering Australia and manager of civil engineers Railcorp Sydney. There were students representing a wide variety of schools, with a total of 43 schools present.

Our students just before the challenges

The day consisted of three challenges. Below is a recount by Andrew James from 10N regarding the three challenges they did on that day.

The first was a bridge building competition; unfortunately we didn’t create a very good one as it wouldn’t even stand up. The second challenge was the plane creating challenge, where we were to make a craft which was able to glide as far a distance as possible. Our plane flew in my opinion, the furthest distance and many schools didn’t make it very far or even glide. So we were very close to winning that competition, although many of us still think that our plane glided the best. The last challenge we competed in was to create our own mobile car like the ones sent out in the exploration of other planets, capable of driving over a variety of terrain. While we didn’t do particularly well on the practical performance nor came first we scored a lot of points on ingenuity, innovative design and our amazing plane.

Working on their models- Adrian Brem, Andrew James and Jackson Plumb

For the most part it was daunting. Many of the schools there were selective, so we didn’t believe we had a competitive chance, but at the end of the day the results for the total points earned in all 3 challenges were calculated and in the rankings, we finished 27th out of 43 other groups.
Overall, we were content that we came in the top eight, overpowering even some renowned selective school. For a group of 4 ordinary high school students, we are proud of our efforts.

-Andrew James from 10 Neutron

The day was really successful and a BBQ was provided by the Uni for all the students who attended. Our students not only gained valuable information regarding Engineering courses but also were awarded certificates for their participation on the day.
BLACK & WHITE TRIVIA NIGHT 2015
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH, 7PM SHARP
AT THE SCHOOL HALL
COME ALONG FOR A NIGHT OF FUN, TEST YOUR WIT AND WIN GREAT PRIZES
ADULTS-$20, SCHOOL STUDENTS-$10, UNI STUDENTS-$15
BYO FOOD AND DRINKS

THIS IS THE MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR SON’S SCHOOL AND ALL FUNDS WILL GO TOWARDS SCHOOL RESOURCES & UPGRADE OF FACILITIES SUCH AS LIBRARY
HELP US MAKE IT THE BIGGEST AND BEST. BOOK A TABLE OF FRIENDS, FAMILY, CLASS PARENTS OR JOIN A TABLE.
JUST CONTACT Louise Brooks at abhs_pandc@hotmail.com OR PHONE The School Office and leave your details (02) 9798 5520
MAX 10 PEOPLE PER TABLE
COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE, TEA & CAKE
Tickets will be given to your son or will be available for collection on the night
LUCKY DOOR PRIZES, TOSS FOR SCOTCH, SILENT AUCTION
DON’T FORGET YOUR GOLD COINS & CHEQUE BOOK!

Please return with payment to the front office, and pick up tickets at the door on the night.
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12th August - Grade Sport Organisation - Trials week 3

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Futsal – Olympic Park Sports Centre booking times:

- 29 July
- 2, 9 September
- 5 August
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 11, 18, 25 November
- 29 July
- 2, 9, 16 September
- 5, 12, 19, 26 August
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 4, 11, 18, 25 November

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Badminton - Olympic Park NSW Netball

Unavailable dates:

- 29 July – 19 August (Netball World Cup)