



# BIRRONG BULLETIN

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

### Creative and Performing Arts Extravaganza

Congratulations to the students whose impressive talents and creativity were showcased in the CAPA Extravaganza on Wednesday 24 August in our Visual Arts centre. Artworks, including oil and acrylic paintings, sculptures, ceramics and digital media, featured along with the musical talents of students. All visitors enjoyed the high standard of the artworks on display and nominated their favourite piece for the People's Choice Award. Our Hospitality students showcased their skills in food preparation and presentation and ensured all attending were made to feel welcome and given the opportunity to sample their delicious offerings.

The Creative and Performing Arts Extravaganza would not be possible without the teachers whose efforts and inspiration made for a very special event. Special thanks to Ms Winchcombe, Mr Eveleigh and the CAPA team and to Mr Da Cunha and the TAS staff for their contribution to the success of this year's Extravaganza.



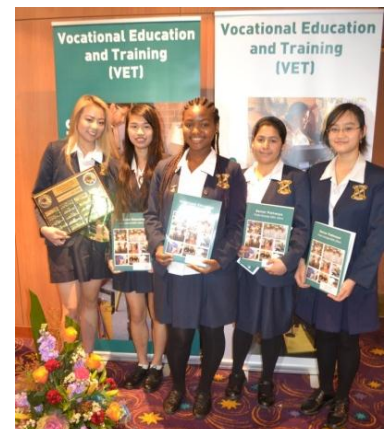
Music students performed at the CAPA Extravaganza

### VET Awards

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Awards were celebrated on Monday 15 August. Over 10,000 students across NSW participate in VET courses. Our school offers VET courses in Business Services, Hospitality and Retail; these courses are dual-accredited and lead towards a Certificate II qualification. The Vocational Education and Training Awards acknowledge those students who have shown commitment and dedication in their chosen industry area of study.

Our students were nominated for excellence awards in all subjects offered by our school which in itself is a great achievement. Hawa Bah, Amy Ye and Nina Chen were nominated for excellence awards in Business Services, Hospitality and Retail. I am delighted to report that Hawa and Nina were the overall winners for Business Services and Retail and May Ling Thai and Jasmeen Kumar were recipients of the VET Diligence Awards. The final honours were taken out by Nina Chen who was the recipient of the 2016 VET Student of the Year Award. This is indeed an extraordinary honour; over one hundred students were nominated for this award and it was Nina who was identified as being the most outstanding VET student across Public Schools Ultimo district.

Congratulations to our VET students who were the finest ambassadors for our school on the evening.



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## Book Week



This year's Book Week theme is *Australia! Story Country* and was celebrated with displays, performances and competitions. Australia is a story country and story is central to our lives. Australia's stories come from all over the world - as a multicultural country the stories of our parents and grandparents form the fabric of our lives, impart an understanding of the past and provide a way to move forward to the future. As part of Book Week celebrations, seek to know and understand Australian stories, whether they are the stories of our indigenous people, migrants or refugees, you will broaden your own horizons and develop a better understanding of our world and your place in it.

### Opportunities for Parents

Our school is offering technology support for parents each Thursday afternoon 3:00pm-4:30pm until 22 September. The program comprises a series of informal workshops which will focus on practical skills in internet use, Google, Microsoft Office applications, social media and online safety. Parents are encouraged to attend some or all of these workshops which will be run by experts on our staff.

### School Planning Processes for 2017

Staff and students will be involved in planning processes for 2017 throughout the rest of the year. Some of this will involve participating in surveys and focus groups and reflecting on our successes and challenges in 2016.

Parent involvement is an integral part of our planning. Parents are invited to contribute to our planning processes at our scheduled P&C meetings in Terms 3 and 4 and by participating in the Tell Them from Me Survey which can be completed online or here at school from 17-21 October.

I look forward to working with the whole school community to strengthen planning processes so that our school can build on its past successes and deliver even better outcomes for our students.

### Congratulations to:

- Ms Winchcombe, Mr Eveleigh and the CAPA faculty who ran an 'Advancing Creative Minds' day for selected Year 5 primary school students on Thursday 18 August. Year 5 participants had a fabulous day

developing their talents and skills in the creative arts.

- The talented writers participating in the 'Writer in Residence' program with author, Sarah Ayoub.
- The large number of talented and committed Year 10 students participating in the ABCN program.
- Nadine Johnston Araujo (Year 10) who competed strongly at the Regional Athletics Carnival to gain 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 800 metres event.
- All students who maintained the spirit of 'Ad Astra' when they competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival.

### Coming Events:

We will farewell Year 12 at their **Graduation Ceremony** on Thursday 22 September. **Ad Astra Year 12!** May your HSC results reflect your hard work and dedicated efforts, and may you experience great happiness and fulfilment in your future studies, careers and personal lives.

I extend a warm invitation to all our parents to attend the **next P&C meeting** which will be held on **Wednesday 7 September** in the Common Room at 5pm.

I invite you to contact the school (Tel: 9644 5057) to make an appointment with me if you have any issues that you wish to discuss about your daughter's education. Please enjoy reading about the achievements and activities of the school in the following pages.

Margaret Fletcher  
Principal



## BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Parents are invited to attend the  
P & C MEETING  
on **Wednesday 7 September**  
at 5pm in the **Common Room**

## REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

The online 'Tell Them From Me – Partners in Learning Parent Survey' will be open from Monday 17 October until Friday 21 October. This is the second week of Term 4.

The parent survey helps to strengthen the important relationship between parents and our school. Results of the survey will help us understand parents' and carers' views on their child's experience at school including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. It also aims to give us an understanding of parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey can be completed online on a computer, a smartphone or a tablet or you can come into the school between 2pm and 3:30pm, Monday 17 October and Friday 21 October to use our school computers.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. Why not come to pick up your daughter 20 minutes early one day and use our computers to have your say? Your valuable feedback will be used to support school planning processes.

Year 12 students have now completed their trial examinations. In a few weeks we will be saying our farewells and wishing them all the best for their Higher School Certificate examinations. All Year 12 students must continue working through the September school holidays in preparation for the HSC. Sustained dedication and timely efforts in examination preparation will lead to success. We look forward to seeing all the Year 12 parents at the Year 12 Graduation on Thursday 22 September, which is a time for students, parents and staff to reflect upon the last six years of Year 12's experiences at Birrong Girls High School. In that time Year 12 students have grown in maturity and expanded their knowledge of the world and hopefully themselves. We congratulate Year 12, the Class of 2016, on their achievements so far.

Year 11 students will complete their Preliminary HSC final examinations at the end of Week 8. In Term 4 they will officially begin their HSC course of study. All Year 11 students need to ensure they set up effective study habits that will ensure their success leading to their HSC exams in 2017. Year 11 students have also completed the Prefect selection process. All Prefects must demonstrate the core values of our school and follow our Code of Behaviour. We congratulate all elected Prefects who will be inducted at the Year 12 Graduation.

Year 10 students have completed the Year 11 subject selection process for 2017. They have also enjoyed the continued opportunities provided by their teachers that complement their classroom based learning. In August, students attended a road safety forum which provided a graphic insight to the dangers of using mobile phones while driving; they also enjoyed the Science Festival at the Australian Museum. Some students have also been involved in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) workshops at UTS. For the remainder of the school year, Year 10 students are expected to continue working diligently, making sure they complete all class and assessment tasks to a high standard to ensure they achieve all course outcomes. Students should also be preparing for their Year 10 formal exams which will be held mid Term 4.

Year 9 went to Canberra for a science excursion spending the day at Questacon. It was a day filled with hands-on activities and experiences, consolidating the knowledge and practical skills they have developed in their science classes.



Year 8 students have made their subject selections for Year 9 that will carry on into Year 10. The Year 8 Jump Rope for Heart skip-a-thon was a very successful event run by Year 9 PASS students and the PDHPE Staff. Congratulations to all the Year 8 students who took part in raising valuable funds for research and treatment of heart disease. Year 8 Field Day is fast approaching and students will be looking forward to competing against three other girls' schools in our zone in their chosen sport. The gala day is about having a go, meeting new people and working as a team.



Year 7 students were involved in an Italian pasta making incursion. All the students involved made pasta from scratch, mixing the flour and water and then

continued to roll out their pasta dough until it was very thin. The dough was then made into thin pasta strips with the use of a pizza cutter. All the girls were able to eat their pasta creation with a helping of bolognaise sauce. The incursion supported the girls' ability to work in teams, share a common goal and work to timeframes to achieve a desired outcome.

Mrs George and Ms Cross  
**Deputy Principals**



## HEAD TEACHER ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Please continue to tell your daughters that they are **NOT** to contact parents directly when they are ill. Students who are unwell are to notify their teacher who will send them to the First Aid Officer. **The school will contact parents directly.**

The text messaging system is a very valuable tool in tracking student attendance. If your daughter has been absent from school you would have received a text message from the school that asks you for a reply text. It is very important that you make contact with the school at your earliest convenience via text reply or phone call so your daughter's school records can be updated to justify her absence. The school has recently obtained a standard number from which all text messages will be sent. This number is: **0476 857 142**. Please add this number to your contacts for future reference as it will be the only number that the school sends a SMS from and that you can reply to. Please do not call this number as it will not be answered. Instead, call 9644 5057 if you need to speak with a staff member.

The effectiveness of the text messaging system in ensuring the safety of your daughter relies on you responding to the text by explaining the nature of your daughter's absence, her name and roll call class.

If you have any concerns about the text message system please contact the school.



Over the year many families have changed their personal and contact details because they have moved house, changed telephone companies or obtained a new mobile phone number. It is very important that you inform the school immediately of any changes you make. There have been several incidents at school where the school has needed to contact parents in an emergency and have not had the most up to date contact numbers.

**If you change your mobile phone details it is very important that you inform the school immediately.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Clark  
**Head Teacher Administration**

## WELFARE MATTERS

### Vaccinations

The vaccination program for Year 7 will be completed in the second week of Term 4 on Thursday 20 October. Students who have been absent on any of the vaccination days this year will be able to have their vaccination catch up in Term 4 or in Term 1 2017.

### Student of the Month Awards



Congratulations to Narelle Scerri of Year 12 who has been awarded the Student of the Month Award for June 2016. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a positive attitude to her learning. She has demonstrated strong citizenship, commitment and dedication to the school community.

Narelle has carried out valuable school service through her commitment and active involvement in the school's Environmental Team, the Amnesty Team and the Prefect body. She has demonstrated a strong willingness to support her peers and has been a supportive and encouraging Peer Support Leader and Peer Reading Tutor. Narelle is a keen sportsperson and participated as a member of the table tennis and Oztag teams. She is very community minded and has served as the Student Representative on the school's Finance Team, has been a Library Monitor and she has donated blood. Her commitment to the community has been recognised, receiving the Auburn Review Citizenship Award and the Jason Clare Community Service Award.



Congratulations to Sandra Dang of Year 12 who has been awarded the Student of the Month Award for July 2016. She has demonstrated a strong commitment and positive attitude to her learning and she strives for excellence in all aspects of school life.

Sandra has carried out valuable school service through her commitment and active involvement in various programs over the years. She has been an enthusiastic SRC member, an active member of the school's Environmental and Amnesty Teams and she is currently a dedicated Prefect. She has also been a supportive Peer Support Leader and Peer Reading Tutor for our Year 7 students. Sandra is a very talented and keen sportsperson and has represented the school at regional athletics events over the years and has achieved Age Champion in Athletics. Sandra has a passion for dance. She was selected to travel to the USA in 2015 where she performed at the Disney Orlando Resort, the Kennedy Space Centre and the Universal Studios Orlando.

Ms Salvagio  
**Head Teacher Female Students**

## CAREERS NEWS

### Year 12

A reminder for Year 12 that on time UAC applications close on 30 September. SRS, Equity Scholarships and EAS applications also close on 30 September. Please visit the UAC website, [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au), for information on all of these schemes, or book in a time with Ms Wailes to sit down and complete/discuss your application. If you haven't collected your UAC guide, please do so ASAP, every Year 12 student receives one.

As part of UAC's usability study, they are aiming to survey each of their key stakeholder groups, including Year 12 students and parents of Year 12 students. UAC would greatly appreciate your time in completing the surveys online to help them gather important feedback and information about the uni application process. The surveys will stay open until Friday 30 September and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Year 12 students:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Year\\_12\\_students](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Year_12_students)

Parents of Year 12 Students:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Parents\\_of\\_Year\\_12\\_students](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Parents_of_Year_12_students)

### TAFE Open Day

On Friday 26 August, 19 selected students in Years 10 and 11 attended Granville TAFE Open Day. This was an enjoyable and fun experience for our students as they embraced the opportunity to experience a taste of TAFE life. Students attended an introduction seminar, two workshops based on their career interests and were given the chance to explore all of TAFE's faculty areas and collect valuable resources. This open day encouraged our students to seriously think about higher education and explore the careers that they can go into with a TAFE qualification. A big thank you to Ms Charida who accompanied us on this excursion.



TAFE Open Day

Ms Wailes  
Careers Adviser

## SENIOR FIRST AID COURSE

On 27 and 28 July, Year 11 PDHPE and SLR students had the privilege of attending the first aid course run by the Academy of Surf Lifesaving NSW. Throughout these two days, students were faced with potential life threatening emergency situations, and were trained to perform first aid to save lives and reduce further injuries to a casualty. Students learnt how to treat spinal cord injuries, they were taught how to identify breathing and cardiac emergencies, how to utilise medical devices such as EpiPens and defibrillators as well as learning how to make arm slings and many other useful skills. The experience was one that enlightened students to thoroughly observe injuries whilst also holding strategies in place in the unfortunate event of needing to preserve a life. We all had a very enjoyable experience and took away important life skills and practical experience.

By: Meryem Suel and Esraa Chami, 11PDHPE





## 2016 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Birrong Girls have been a long standing supporter of the Jump Rope for Heart program, participating for over 20 years. Well done to all Year 8 students who participated in the 2016 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off in Week 5.

The Heart Foundation is a charity dedicated to fighting the single biggest killer of Australians – heart disease. For the past 50 years, the Heart Foundation has led the charge to reduce deaths and improve the heart health of all Australians. Heart disease is a preventable disease and small changes in our everyday lives can lead to a healthier heart, such as increasing our physical activity and enjoying a balanced diet high in fresh foods. The Heart Foundation's lifesaving research and health projects are funded almost entirely by donations, such as the donations collected by Year 8 students in the lead up to their Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off.

All students participated with great enthusiasm. A huge congratulations to the Year 9 PASS students who assisted in the running of the day and displayed excellent leadership skills through their management of groups and stations.

Year 8 donations are still being collected, so make sure all forms and donations are handed into the PE staffroom to ensure that they are added to our school's total and that you have a chance to receive a prize. We are hoping to beat last year's total of \$1958 to help support a great charity. The final total will be announced at an upcoming assembly.

Ms Boyle  
Event Coordinator



## OZTAG REPORT

On 1 August Mrs Lord and Miss Wessels took four teams consisting of Year 7 to 10 students to Scarborough Park at Kogarah to participate in the annual St George Oztag Gala Day. The day consisted of four competitive 20 minute games against Blakehurst High, Peakhurst High, Kingsgrove High, Bethany College and other schools in the region.

Our girls were persistent in their play and their teamwork should be commended. One Year 9 and one Year 10 team won three out of four of their games, only to miss out narrowly in the semi-finals.

As the day progressed the girls' skills improved and all girls demonstrated a clearer understanding of the game. The girls didn't leave with a trophy but they left with smiles and a wealth of experience.

Special thanks to the teachers and team leaders for keeping the girls organised and coaching the girls throughout the day. Also thanks to the girls in all the teams that played every game with everything they had.

**By: Monique Steel and Kia Tagaloa, Year 10**



BGHS Oztag Teams

## YEAR 10 ROAD TRAUMA EXCURSION



Year 10 PE students and their teachers travelled to Qudos Bank Arena, Homebush to attend the bStreetsmart Road Trauma Forum. It was a confronting program that allowed students to gain knowledge of the consequences and the struggle to bounce back from that trauma through the eyes of people who have had to completely alter their lifestyle.

To start the presentations, there was a re-enactment of a car accident. It displayed the worst case scenario and how it affects not only the people in the car, but also everyone around them. Seeing this first hand really made the crowd react with varying emotions. With an emergency paramedic narrating us through the scenario, it became clear that a car crash is not 'just an accident' and more often than not something was done to cause it whether it be DUI, fatigue, speeding, texting or other distractions.

We then went into a short intermission where we could visit a range of different stalls such as Wheelchair Basketball, Drug Testing van, Getting to sit in a fire truck etc. When we came back from the break we listened to three speakers who had sustained brain injuries in road crashes and were now unable to do something they could do before they had the crash. These people all had their crashes in their teens or 20's, and they spoke to warn us all that we are never as smart as we think we are when it comes to our own judgement. These people had been absolutely traumatised at a young age yet were still resilient enough to keep trying and fighting to find a new happy way of life.

It was an amazing day that provided students an experience to reflect on. Thank you to all the organisers of the event and the PE teachers for taking us.

**By: Kia Tagaloa, Year 10**

## REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Regional Athletics Carnival was held on 2-3 August at Campbelltown Athletics track at Leumeah. We would like to congratulate all students who competed and displayed positive sportsmanship on the day. The results are as follows:

Alicia Kamandiyapa 13 years 100m 15<sup>th</sup>  
Hillary Pao: 13 years 800m 14<sup>th</sup>  
Rayanne Charkawi: 13 years shot put 6<sup>th</sup>  
Shelby Andres: 14 years 200m 7<sup>th</sup>  
Skye Casacchia: 14 years 800m 8<sup>th</sup>  
Monique Steel: 15 years 400m 8<sup>th</sup>  
Nadine Johnston Araujo. 15 years 800m 4<sup>th</sup>  
Veronica Kaihau Nimo: 15 years shot put 12<sup>th</sup>

Students competing in our 17 years relay team that came 9<sup>th</sup> were:

Tori Jacobs, Sharon Kaihau Nimo, Emily Patu and Sandra Dang.

**By: PDHPE Faculty**

## YEAR 11 SENIOR SCIENCE

As part of the Year 11 Senior Science topic, 'Humans at Work', the class were required to learn about the human eye structure and how it functions. What better way to do so than to dissect a sheep's eye? The eye of a sheep closely resembles the human eye, therefore this became a valuable experience for students and contributed greatly to their learning. The class were eager and attentive, dissecting and analysing parts of the eye such as the lens, retina and optic nerve. This hands-on experience gave students the terrific opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of all parts of the eye, in an engaging method of learning which the students loved and enjoyed.

**By: Sarah Jabakhanji, Year 11**



Year 11 Senior Science students dissecting a sheep's eye



## ITALIAN PASTA MAKING INCURSION

On Thursday 4 August, Year 7 Language students had an incursion that involved the students making and eating pasta from scratch. Luca, the head chef, came in and gave us our aprons and chef hats. He talked about what we are making and how to do it and taught us some Italian words on the way.

We then had to stand at a table with a bowl in front of us and a plastic snack bag filled with flour. Luca and his assistants cracked one egg into the flour and told us to mix it together. We did this in an orderly cycle and passed it to each other every few seconds.

After this step, we then had to knead the dough until it was yellow, firm and did not stick to our hands. We flattened the dough with our hands and were given rolling pins to roll the dough until it was so flat that we could see the silhouette of our fingers through it.

We gave our dough to one of the chef's assistants and they put it through a flattening machine. Then we retrieved our dough and cut it with a pizza cutter into thin strips. Luca and the assistants then cooked our pasta.

Luca and a few girls from our class made the rich tomato sauce to go with the pasta. We started to pack up whilst we waited for the food to be cooked and prepared. Some of the girls set up bowls and forks for us to eat our pasta with.

After the food was ready, we lined up to collect our food and really enjoyed it! It was a great experience and we learnt about Italian cooking in a fun and engaging way!

**By: Sarah and Ceydan, 7B**



## YEAR 8 ITALIAN BREAKFAST

This term, Year 8 Italian has been studying a unit of work on Italian food and drink. On Friday 29 July, our Italian teacher, Ms Zoras, generously prepared our class for an Italian style breakfast. This had been organised to supplement our learning in the classroom and to provide us with an authentic learning experience. It was a delicious buffet which included croissants, biscuits and crisp bread with strawberry jam and warm hot chocolate. We also had one of our classmates, Aamilah bring in a homemade fruit salad for us to enjoy. The students really enjoyed this experience. It allowed us to gain a better understanding of how Italians live as well as to reflect and draw conclusions on our own lifestyle. Students were able to compare breakfast in Australia with that of Italians and taste the differences. This was a very informative and enjoyable experience that we will always remember.

Thank you to Ms Zoras for providing our class with the opportunity to experience a taste of Italy!

Grazie Signora Zoras!

**By: Asrah El Saddik and Fatima Khan**





## CAPA EXTRAVAGANZA

On Wednesday 24 August, the annual CAPA Extravaganza took place. With lots of amazing artworks and music, it was the best one yet! Our students, friends and families filled the exhibition space in the Ross McBride Art Centre at the school.

It's certainly a great opportunity to view and admire the artworks created by our students from all years. This year also included artworks from Year 5 students who participated in the 'Advancing Creative Minds' day. Our Year 12 students presented their HSC Body of Works, showing off their extraordinary talent. The artworks were accompanied by many amazing music performances with many different songs, ranging from 'Never Gonna Give You Up', performed by the Ad Astra Rock Band, to 'Jar of Hearts', performed by Lara Webb. The afternoon event was enjoyed by all the attendees and hosted by the Creative and Performing Arts department. Delicious food was also generously catered for by the TAS department.

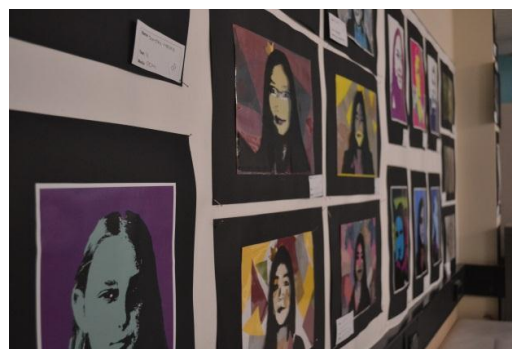
The CAPA Extravaganza award recipients for 2016 are:

Year 7VA: Jialan Guo (watercolour on paper)  
Year 8VA: Gabriella Cho (watercolour on paper)  
Year 9VA: April Boyer (acrylic paint on canvas)  
Year 9PDM: Mouaminah Abdulrahman (digital photography)  
Year 10VA: Rini Guo (acrylic paint on canvas)  
Year 11VA: Duha Ahmed (mixed media)  
Year 11PDM: Bavita Bavita (digital photography)  
Year 12VA: Nazaneen Hassaini (watercolour and ink pen on paper)  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD: Kubra Davun (acrylic paint and oil pastel on canvas)

By: April Boyer, Year 9 Media Team



People's Choice Award



## PARENT TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS



We had our first very successful parent technology workshop on Thursday 25 August. Those present learned how to navigate their way around the internet and search for products and services. All parents said they enjoyed the workshop and learned new skills that they will use at home.

The workshops will continue each Thursday at 3:00pm for the rest of this term. Please join us for any or all of the following workshops:

**8 September** – Send email, use a word processor and create a presentation.

**15 September** – Explore social media including Facebook and Instagram.

**22 September** – Learn about online safety and cyberbullying.

Ms Cross  
Deputy Principal

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

On 19 August, Year 7 were fortunate to watch the play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare, organised by the English Faculty. The play was held at the Playhouse Theatre, Sydney Opera House. We travelled by bus to the city and on the ride we were excited to see many famous landmarks like the Sydney Point Tower and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Upon our arrival we appreciated the dazzling Sydney Harbour.



A Midsummer Night's Dream is William Shakespeare's most popular comedy. It was written around 1594 or 1595 and portrays the adventures of four young lovers and a group of amateur actors, their interactions with woodland fairies and a Duke and Duchess. Taking place in mythical

Athens and an enchanted forest, there is a handsome fairy king, a misguided parent, star crossed lovers, a weaver who's transformed into a half-donkey, wood sprites and elves. It is a hilarious, romantic play that we would recommend to ages 12 and up. There was loads of laughter indicating everyone's enjoyment. We were able to see Shakespeare's amazing writing skills in action.

We are very lucky to have such a strong relationship with the Bell Shakespeare Company. The work this company does is very important to young Australians because it provides us access into a world that we wouldn't otherwise experience.

We look forward to more theatre visits in the future.

**By: Rayanne Sayed Mahmoud and Zubeyde Hurmuzlu, 7B**

## STUDENT POETRY

### Disdained

I am not colourful and bright,  
I do not glow at night,  
Won't even with the  
Help of moonlight.

I cringe at the sound of the chainsaw  
Only wishing that I will see/hear no more.  
The amputating of my mother's body parts,  
Had made me realised that my  
Family has been separated apart.  
I shed no blood, no revolt.

Only small pieces of lethargic wood  
That stays on the ground as the remains  
From my

Evocative body skin, disdained.

That will only be reminiscent by my relatives.

I am now being written on and vigorously  
Stepped on by huge, what I believe to be feet.

I feel no pain, still disdained. I am the only one of my  
family's remains.

I am free; yes that's me (on the floor).

I am a tree, a decent paper to draw (on).

**By: Verbena Dang, 10E5**

## BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

*For your diary / noticeboard*

### September:

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>

▪ Year 11 Exams

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>

▪ P&C Meeting, Common  
Room, 5pm

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup>

▪ Parent Technology Workshop,  
3pm - 4:30pm

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>

▪ Parent Technology Workshop,  
3pm - 4:30pm

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

▪ Year 12 Graduation Day  
▪ Parent Technology Workshop,  
3pm - 4:30pm

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

▪ Last day of Term 3

## Enjoy the School Holidays!

### October:

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>

▪ **First day of Term 4 for all  
students and staff**

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>

▪ HSC commences

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK 24 SEPTEMBER – 9 OCTOBER 2016

Sydney's largest school holiday program, Kids in the Park, returns this spring school holidays! There are 60+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under \$25, making it affordable to discover Sydney's most exciting playground.

Archery – Kids on Target & Little Archers  
All Day Holiday Recreational Program  
Science, cooking, writing workshops  
Gymnastics  
Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze  
Futsal – Indoor Soccer  
Park Patrol – Mighty Minibeasts  
Sport & adventure camps  
Operation Art  
...and lots more!



Full details at [www.kidsinthepark.com.au](http://www.kidsinthepark.com.au)

**From the Sydney Olympic Park Team**

## Project update – Hume Highway and Miller Road, Bass Hill

The NSW Government is funding this important project as part of its \$246 million Pinch Point Program, which aims to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney's major roads, particularly during weekday peak periods.

Roads and Maritime Services is continuing to deliver this project which involves increasing capacity for cars turning right from the Hume Highway into Miller Road. Work started in May 2016 and due to wet weather and utility relocation is now expected to be completed late November, weather permitting.

### Are you studying for the Higher School Certificate?

We are planning our future work program and would like to know if there are any students residing near the project area, who are sitting for Higher School Certificate examinations between Thursday 13 October and Friday 4 November 2016.

If a member of your household is studying for the Higher School Certificate, please contact our delivery partner Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture (VBA JV) by **Monday 12 September**.

### Construction update

Since May 2016, we have:

- Widened the Hume Highway on the southern side to provide the extra right turn lane into Miller Road
- Relocated underground utilities
- Relocated the existing bus stop 50 metres north on Miller Road
- Removed 12 parking spaces on Miller Road.

The next stage of work will include:

- Extending the merge lane along Miller Road to 125 meters to allow for the extra right turn lane
- Adjusting existing traffic lights
- Removing 16 trees and landscaping
- Line marking.

We will continue to work at night from 8pm to 5am, excluding **Saturdays** between **Thursday 8 September** and **Monday 28 November**.

We will also be working during the day from 7am to 6pm between **Mondays** and **Fridays** and from 8am to 1pm on **Saturdays**.

Working hours during the Higher School Certificate period, between Thursday 13 October and Friday 4 November, will be planned in consultation with nearby schools and students.



## Contact

If you have any questions, please call our delivery partner VBA JV on 1800 677 700 or email [nswenquiries@vbajv.com.au](mailto:nswenquiries@vbajv.com.au).

For more information on our projects, visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au).

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



### Translating and Interpreting Service

If you need an interpreter, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** and ask them to telephone Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture on 1800 677 700.

#### Arabic

إذا كنتم بحاجة إلى مترجم، الرجاء الاتصال بخدمة الترجمة الخطية والشفهية (TIS National) على الرقم **131 450**، والطلب منهم الاتصال بوكالتكم Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture على الرقم 1800 677 700.

#### Cantonese

若你需要口譯員，請致電 **131 450** 聯絡翻譯和口譯服務 (TIS National)，要求他們致電 1800 677 700 聯絡 Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture。

#### Mandarin

如果你需要口譯員，請致電 **131 450** 联系翻译和口译服务 (TIS National)，要求他们致电 1800 677 700 联系 Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture。

#### Greek

Αν χρειάζεστε διαμετρήνα, παρακαλούμε να τηλεφωνήσετε στην Υπηρεσία Μεταφράσης και Διαμετρήσεις (Εθνική Υπηρεσία ΤΙS) στο **131 450** και ζητήστε να τηλεφωνήσουν Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture στο 1800 677 700.

#### Italian

Se desiderate l'assistenza di un interprete, prego telefonare al Servizio Interpreti e Traduttori (TIS National) al **131 450** chiedendo di contattare Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture al 1800 677 700.

#### Korean

통역사가 필요하시면 번역통역서비스 (TIS National) 에 **131 450** 으로 연락하여 이들에게 1800 677 700 번호로 Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture 에 전화하도록 요청하십시오.

#### Vietnamese

Nếu cần thông ngôn viên, xin quý vị gọi cho Dịch Vụ Thông Phiên Dịch (TIS Toàn Quốc) qua số **131 450** và nhớ họ gọi cho Ventia Boral Amey Joint Venture qua số 1800 677 700.