I have never seen so many cakes, biscuits and cupcakes for sale as seen at our school last Friday at Year 11s Charity Day. A massive congratulation to the Year 11 organising committee and to Mrs McGuire (Year 11 Year Adviser), their efforts resulted in the biggest charity day the school has ever had with nearly $2,300 collected for Westmead Children’s Hospital. Year 11 students have collected over $10,000 for the hospital since they started their donation drives in Year 7. This adds to the school’s tally of over $30,000 collected for the hospital by HGHS over the last thirty years. Congratulations Year 11 and to the whole school for your excellent participation.

Last month’s Mother Daughter Afternoon was an outstanding success with 30 enthusiastic mothers, sisters and daughters participating in a Zumba session in the school hall. Thank you to Mrs Kulasinghe (P and C) for organising this very enjoyable event.

Garden and Grounds Day held on Saturday 2 June was another successful community day where we worked on the school gardens particularly the garden near the railway line. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended. A special thank you to our P and C organisers Andrew Roberts and Robert Dyer and to Shirley Xuan for organising morning tea.

Dr Turner (Careers Adviser) will be presenting at the next P and C meeting which will be held on June 20 from 7:45pm – 8:45pm in the Staff Commonroom. His topic will be “HSC, UAC and Beyond” where he will provide a short summary of current processes and recent changes in university selection procedures which will lead into further discussion at the Careers Fair where additional information will be provided.
Congratulations to Lauren Lancaster Year 12 who last night won the Zonta Young Women In Public Affairs award for her leadership to improve the lives of young women. At the awards night Lauren gave a very stirring speech about her desire to improve the life of young women in our community. Having won the award Lauren joins a long list of recipients from our school who have won the award including last year’s winner Daphne Wang from the Class of 2017. This is a very prestigious award as Zonta is a worldwide service organisation working towards the advancement of women. Thank you to Dr Green who attended the Awards Night as the school’s representative.

Dr Green (Deputy Principal) has displayed a summary of the Tell Them from Me Survey in the display area in the Administration block for students to discuss. This student data helps us identify areas of need and informs discussions by teachers to improve teaching and learning. We are always keen to respond to student needs and are particularly interested in how to better engage all students in every lesson. I know at times our students might be overwhelmed or feeling under pressure due to the weight of expectation either from themselves, their peers, parents or teachers. This feeling is totally understandable. Having gained a place at Hornsby Girls High School every student is in the top 5 to 10 per cent of all students in NSW for their age group. Our students are already a success in many different fields. However sometimes they might not feel particularly gifted in certain subjects especially when comparing themselves to others in our school, a school full of academically gifted students. This is why our teachers are constantly reminding students of improving by focussing on personal bests, that is, always seeking to improve, not by judging themselves by the ability of others but through seeking personal challenges that stretch them intellectually. By challenging ourselves in this way we learn new things not only about the world we live in but also about ourselves – this technique of learning is known as having a growth mindset. By having a growth mindset we understand that achievement comes through not only natural ability but most importantly by effort. I encourage all of our students to develop their growth mindset.

A reminder about the Careers Fair Wednesday 27 June from 4pm to 8pm which is being organised by the P and C with a special thanks to Mrs Krithivasan and also our careers adviser Dr Turner. There will be a number of excellent presentations for you from current practising professionals and from former students and of course all the major universities will be represented as will the US Consulate Universities Program and the Universities Admissions Centre. I strongly encourage you to attend. Tickets are $10 per person and are available at the bank or via the school website. If you can assist with presentations particularly in the areas of cyber-security, science and engineering could you please email the organiser Mrs Madhu Krithivasan at the following address - hghscareerfair@gmail.com

The Department of Education offered the school an opportunity to have the areas around the hall and the front car park re-surfaced with bitumen at no cost to the school, money for the works having come from the State Government. The catch was that the work needed to be completed before the end of this financial year that is 30 June. We were offered similar improvements last year when much of the school was repainted through funds from the State Government. Apologies for any disruption this has caused students and staff due to the noise and reduced access around the hall but also an acknowledgment to Mr Marshall (Deputy Principal) for negotiating these important school improvements.
**Library - Paul Macdonald ‘The Reading Landscape’**

Paul Macdonald from The Children’s Bookshop at Beecroft presented a talk on Tuesday May 22nd at lunchtime in the Library Annexe. Paul was an English Head Teacher and a Lecturer in Teacher Education at University before his venture into running a specialty bookshop. He gave a very entertaining and interesting presentation about all the new books and explored trends in reading and writing. His talk inspired us all to read!

After the talk the girls were able to select new titles for our Library.

One of the students who attended, Smirthi Ravichandran in Year 11, wrote about her enjoyment of the talk:

*Paul from the Children’s Bookshop in Beecroft, gave an inspirational speech to all who attended. He even convinced Seniors to pick up interesting books and start reading again, even when we are busy with schoolwork and extra-curricular activities. Paul showed us a wide variety of books encompassing all reads from picture books to books which had an alien storyline and young adult fiction and non-fiction. This not only gave us a chance to broaden our reading trials but to explore the new books which were up for the winning place at CBCA Book of the Year competition. He inspired many of us to give genres of books a try such as picture books. He introduced us to a new picture book by Armin Greder, ‘The Mediterranean’, that shows how books do not always need words to convey a powerful message. At the end, Paul gave out books as prizes to encourage reading and what I found most exciting was that Mrs Hardy had bought new books that the group had picked out for the library. – Smirthi Ravichandran. Year 11.*

**Premier’s Reading Challenge.**

Congratulations to the 26 students who have completed the 2018 Challenge already!

**Year 7**

**Year 8**
Parmis Amiri, Hansi Chandrasekera, Charis Cheung, Alexandria Fee, Shirley Lei, Tiffany Tan.

**Year 9**
Caroline Sinn, Nicoletta Suwaldi, Emily Yun.
HGHS Careers Evening for Years 10, 11 and 12, and parents

Wednesday 27 June from 4pm – 8pm

$10 per person – payment can be made at the school bank or online via the school website

4pm - 6pm University stalls, UAC, ADF, the US Consulate University program (201 – 205)
5:25pm – 6:25pm Q and A with Dr Turner Careers Adviser and former HGHS students (Hall)

two half hour sessions (5:25pm – 5:55pm, then 5:55pm – 6:25pm)

Session 1: 6:30pm – 7:10pm

1. Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science (Library)
2. Psychology Sciences and Welfare
3. Commerce and Business
4. Science and Technology
5. Health Sciences
6. Engineering
7. Legal
8. Humanities and Teaching
9. Creative Arts

Session 2: 7:15pm – 8:00pm

1. Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Science (Library)
2. Psychology Sciences and Welfare
3. Commerce and Business
4. Science and Technology
5. Health Sciences
6. Engineering
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INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS
to
our June P & C Meeting on WEDNESDAY 20 June
7.45pm – 8:45pm in the School Common Room

Our next P and C Information Meeting on Wednesday 20 June from 7:45pm will be a presentation from Dr David Turner (Careers Adviser) on “The HSC, UAC and Beyond”. Dr Turner will provide a summary of current processes and recent changes in university selection procedures. Light refreshments will also be served, so please come along and meet other parents in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

All welcome!

Regular HGHS P & C Association meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school term. Please mark the dates in your diary.

With your active participation, the P & C can achieve great things to enhance your daughter’s education. Please show your support.
You will be made very welcome!