Welcome to the 2013 school year. I welcome all new families and students and, of course, those continuing their schooling with us.

Our classes and timetable began smoothly due to careful planning by the Deputy Principals Mr Calleja and Mrs Middleton and careful, accurate timetabling by our team – Mrs Kennon, Mr Mahony and Mr Gadow. Adjustments made to the pattern in timetabling have meant that no student in Year 9-12 should miss a class due to their participation in the Talented Sports Program (TSP). Only a small number of students in Year 7 and 8 may have some timetable issues which are being addressed so that we can minimise any impact on missed classes due to TSP involvement. There has been an increase in student numbers making elective choices very limited in our school. We have been able to alleviate this problem by creating an extra elective class which has commenced operation.

I am still interviewing and enrolling more students each week and this may mean some timetable adjustments later in the term although the school is nearing its enrolment capacity. We have approximately 170 new students in Year 7 who have come to us from well over 70 primary schools. Our main feeder schools are The Meadows, Metella Road and Bert Oldfield Public Schools. It doesn’t take long for students to adjust and make new friends in high school with the help of some very enthusiastic Peer Support leaders. Our year adviser for Year 7 this year is Mr River and he has already started working with our enthusiastic new students as they settle into the school.

We also welcome some new permanent members of staff to the school. In the English Faculty we welcome Ms Diaz and in Science we welcome Mr Bowles. I also welcome back Ms Pinto who is replacing Mrs Adderley whilst she is on maternity leave.

Uniform issues
The new scarf for the female students is now a part of our uniform and is compulsory for senior students. Whilst the scarf is optional for junior girls this year, it will be compulsory for all girls in 2014. The scarf was designed for us and approved by the SRC last year for inclusion in our uniform. I am pleased to note that all the girls I have spoken to think that the scarf is a great addition to our uniform and that they are pleased to wear it.

Students and parents are reminded that this is a uniformed school and that all students are expected to wear the full school uniform each day. On the rare occasion that this is not possible, a note should be brought from home to explain the issue. I remind all students and parents that regulations for safety mean that we must insist on black leather school shoes (lace up).

Student Assistance Scheme
Again, as in previous years, a small amount of money has been made available by the Department of Education to assist any family in financial difficulty to meet compulsory costs associated with education. Since these funds are extremely limited, a parent wishing to access some assistance should contact the office for an application form if needed. Unfortunately these funds are not available to cover TSP fees.

Senior Students
Although the year has just started, it is very important that all students studying for the HSC and the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) in Year 10 realise that all required assessment work, class work and homework must be submit-
Parents/Students are reminded when making payments, please ensure the students full name, amount being paid and what the payment is for are clearly indicated on an envelope or payment slip. Thank you.
The year has started in a rush in HSIE. We have some big events happening. On Wednesday 20th Feb., Blacktown Council Waste Management staff will be speaking to Year 10 students about how our region handles this difficult problem. This issue of waste management is a central part of the Year 10 Geography course. Other issues which are studied are: Spatial Inequality (Why wealth and poverty exist.), Air Quality (Problems with air pollution). These issue studies help students to understand our world and its future. Historians have also been busy planning the visit by The Vietnam Veterans’ Association. This fabulous display and presentation helps the year 10 students understand Australia’s involvement in the Vietnam War during the 1960s. All classes will have assignment work over the coming weeks so if students have questions they need to ask please let them know that the HSIE staff are only too willing to help.

Thanks,

Mr Haynes
HT HSIE

MONEY MATTERS
Semester 1, 2013
Talented Sport Program Payments are now over due. Parents are reminded that TSP operates on a user pays basis. Students will not be permitted to train until fees are up to date.

TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM
2013 ANNUAL CHARGE

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*Includes 2013 Bus Levy (Terms 1-1V)
Girls Softball Sydney West Trials

On Friday 8 February, our girls softball team played as The Hills Sports High School zone in the Sydney West Softball trials.

The first game against Macquarie zone saw our girls give up 6 runs in the first innings to give Macquarie an uncomfortable lead. The girls had to work very hard to slowly claw their way back to an even score. Finally a huge hit by Taylah Peters brought home the final run that gave our girls the lead and won the game.

The next game was a more confident and convincing win against Nepean zone. This placed us as clear winners of Pool A and secured our place in the final game against the winning team in Pool B.

The Final game was played against Werrington zone. This was a hard fought battle against a strong team that consisted of 4 of our ex students. Unfortunately, after a tight game, Werrington zone scored the winning run that saw them take the title of Sydney West Champions and leave The Hills Sports High zone as the runners up on the day. Our girls played some outstanding softball on the day and can be very proud of their games and the way in which they represented their school.

From these trials, the following Hills Sports HS students were selected to represent our zone in the Sydney West team to play at the Combined High Schools carnival in Mudgee on 26-27 February:

Bianca Worth (Y12) Team Captain
Erin Mackander (Y10)
Chiara Aquilina-Reid (Y10)
Taylah Peters (Y10)
Sophie Nadjarian (Y11)

We wish these girls and the Sydney West team the best of luck in this competition.

Outside of school ...

Bradley Dunn (Y11) recently played in the NSW U17 Boys Softball team in Tasmania. His team was undefeated throughout the tournament but was narrowly defeated in the Final game to be the runners up in the National competition.

Lachlan Iredale (Y7), Emily Simpson (Y8) and Emily Dunn (Y9) were recently selected in their respective boys and girls Sydney Metropolitan teams to play in the Blacktown Junior International Challenge against Japan in March. At this tournament selections will be made for the NSW Metro team to play in the U15 Australian Championships. This is an excellent achievement for these students.

Ms Wallis
Baseball Convenor
NSW CHS State Carnival

Congratulations to the following students on their selection in NSW CHS teams to play at the NSW All Schools Carnival to be held later this term.
Jake Doran (captain) and Jonathon Sammut - NSW CHS First XI
Harmon Sandhu – NSW CHS Second XI

Patrick Pope, Jonathon Sammut, Harmon Sandhu, Viraj Kadam, Logan Gilbert and Cody represented Sydney West at the NSW CHS State Carnival held in Penrith. All boys contributed to the team’s success, finishing 4th.

Northern Districts Cup – Round 2

The Hills Sports HS 2/311 DEFEATED Hills Grammar all out 36

Highlights – Patrick Pope 155, Viraj Kadam 77 not out, Jake Doran 48, James Pettitt 5-6.

2013 DER-NSW
Parent Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won’t take you too long.
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8412

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.


Thank you.
Mitchell Struyve
Principal
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Koo Gaa School Jacket

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Careers - Work Experience Week
Explore an occupation that interests you.

While work experience is available to students in Year 9, 10 and 11 throughout the year, all Year 10 will be participating in the Careers - Work Experience Week from the 24th June to the 28th 2013. Students are expected to organise their own work experience for this week. Students should have already started to look for an employer/occupation that interests them or well lead to further part time work.

Work Experience is an integral part of the Careers Education and ‘School To Work Program’ at The Hills Sports High School. The aim of this program is for the students to gain first-hand experience in the workforce, build an understanding of the requirements of the workplace and employer expectations. Work experience also provides an opportunity for students to explore potential career pathways and the concept of job satisfaction is an important part in the choice of a career.

Work experience not only provides a valuable experience but can often lead to further employment or an apprenticeship. Work experience is included in each students resume and employers are usually willing to act as referees. Each employer provides a written assessment which can be added to a student’s portfolio.

The employer does not pay a wage during the time of placement, as payment for the work raises legal complications and in reality the employer is taking on the student in the capacity of a learner or volunteer.

The employer is covered in terms of insurance by the Department of Education. In the event of an accident or injury, the student must receive the appropriate medical treatment.

Providing a range of employment opportunities is vital. If you have a NLKL Experience Program please contact Ms Bowman, Careers Adviser at the Hills Sports High School.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
UAC Offers to 2012 Year 12 Cohort

Students applying to attend University in 2013 were offered a variety of courses which included:

- Diploma in Health Science (PDHPE)
- Diploma in Health Science
- Diploma in Social Science (Policing)
- Bachelor Teaching/ BA Sec-Visual Arts
- Bachelor Science (Zoology)
- Bachelor Science
- Bachelor Engineering
- Bachelor Music
- Diploma in Arts
- Bachelor Business and Commerce
- Bachelor Business and Commerce (Management)
- Bachelor Business and Commerce (Marketing)
- Bachelor Design (Honours)
- Bachelor Construction
- Bachelor Arts with a Diploma Education
- Bachelor Arts/Master Teaching
- Bachelor Psychological Science
- Bachelor Business Commerce/ Bachelor Laws
- Bachelor Resource Economics
- Bachelor Liberal Arts and Science
- Bachelor Science / Bachelor Laws
- Bachelor Medical Science (Advanced)
- Bachelor Commerce

The offers were made at the following Universities and are expressed as a percentage.
Students in Year 11 and 12 are studying a number of VET Courses as part of their Higher School Certificate (HSC). These courses are either offered at The Hills Sports High School (SVET) or at TAFE (TVET). A large percentage of senior students are undertaking VET courses as part of their HSC. 82 students are attending TAFE while 31 are studying Hospitality at school. Four students are undertaking School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships.

VET courses are competency based. This requires students to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency. Students must demonstrate to a qualified assessor that they can effectively carry out the various tasks to the standard required in the appropriate industry to be assessed as competent.

VET courses are Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) courses and contribute towards an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) or National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Qualification. Students are undertaking School Based Traineeships or Apprenticeships are combining study and work to obtain their HSC and a nationally recognised Australian Quality Framework (AQF) Qualification. Each student is required to attend school, work one full shift a week and attend training at TAFE or on the job. Students are undertaking courses in Business Services, Children’s Services and Sport and Recreation with employers including Gai Waterhouse, Life Saving Association, Blue Fit Gym, KFC, Eagle Boys Pizza and Children’s Day care centre.

Ms Bowman
Careers Adviser

Framework: Board Developed do not contribute towards an ATAR. All offer a nationally recognised Australian Quality Framework (AQF) Qualification. Students in Industry Curriculum Framework courses must complete work placement of up to 70 hours in the work place. Students completing these courses receive Certificate II or III or a statement of attainment towards a certificate.

Senior students have chosen to study a variety of subjects including Automotive Vehicle Servicing, Animal Studies, Accounting, Beauty Services, Business Services, Construction, Children’s Services, Community Recreation Fitness, Electronics, Human Services (Nursing, Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy), Hospitality, Information Technology, Metals and Engineering, Outdoor Recreation, Plumbing, Hairdressing and Tourism.

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Ms Bowman
Careers Adviser
RUGBY LEAGUE – READY FOR ANOTHER BIG YEAR!

Staff and students in the Rugby League TSP program are looking forward to a big year in 2013. Changes have been made in the coaching staff and we can’t wait for the season to start with the aim of achieving great success throughout the year.

Welcome!
Introducing our new Coaching Staff

SCOTT JONES – Head Coach

Scott has been a PDHPE teacher at the Hills Sports since 2007. Since then he has been the assistant coach and head coach of the winning 2012 Buckley Shield team. He is the current U/15’s Sydney West coach and trainer for the Sydney Gold opens side. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role. He is a current Rugby League player and played NSW cup since 2009. He has a real understanding of what it takes to be a first class representative player as he himself was a NSW Combined High School representative and has played under coaches Wayne Bennett and Brian Smith. Scott takes on this new role as Head Coach with great dedication and enthusiasm and has a real vision for the future.

RYAN DALZIEL – Strength and Conditioning Coach

Ryan (“Dazza”) started at the school late last year and has been a great addition to the coaching staff. He is extremely qualified with a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science. He also holds the Australian Rugby League and Union Level 1 coaches certificate, Certificate 4 in Personal Training and Level 1 Strength and Conditioning.

Ryan is a Former 1st Grade Rugby Union Player and is currently playing Ron Massey Cup. He was a member of the Ron Massey Cup Team of the Year in 2012 and played NSWCup in 2010.

It is great to have Ryan on the coaching team and we look forward to seeing the results of his great expertise.

BRENDAN ATTWOOD – Trainer / Assistant Coach

Brendan is a former student of The Hills Sports High School and was the Captain of THSHS Opens Squad. He was a member of THSHS 2011 ARL schoolboys Cup Champion Team, and was selected in the NSW Combined High Schools Representative team in 2012.

Brendan holds the Australian Rugby League Level 1 coaching certificate and is a current player in Under 20s Penrith Panthers team.

OFF TO A GREAT START!

HILLS BEAT CHIFLEY COLLEGE 62 – 14

In a great start to the Rugby League season we had an impressive win against Chifley College in the first round of the St Mary’s Cup. Many players were taking the field for the first time for the Hills and Mr Jones was keen to see some new talent. After Chifley scored early in the first half our team found their feet and took off for a first half score of 28-4. In the second half Chifley came out strong scoring first once again. It didn’t take long however for the Hills to take control and complete the game with a 62-14 win.

Try Scorers: Damion Mason, Caellum Corbett(2), Shane Kiel (2) Liam Carter (2) Hamish Symes, Jahmali Fuimoano, Chris Asmus and Jarrod Goggins.

Best players: Hamish Symes and Shane Kiel.
Play Hockey

Register now with Kings Langley Hockey

Club for the 2013 winter season;
• 6 to 9 year old beginner programs
• Junior competition for 10 to 17 year olds
Open Age 4-a-side program
Based at Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Lalor Park
For more information phone Lyn on 9674 2876
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Maroon jumper size 20/chest 105cm RRP $80
Cost to buy new: $308
My price: $220 the lot
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- **4th**: Year 7 Camp
- **6th**: SRC Training Day
- **11th**: Year 6 Open Night
- **17th**: Staff Development Day
- **21st**: Harmony Day Celebration
- **30th**: Easter Saturday

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- **1st**: Easter Monday
- **3rd**: Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations
- **11th**: Last day Term 1

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**Students return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.**