Principal’s message

Cabramatta High School is committed to global citizenship and our term two project which crossed over into term three was the raising of money to help rebuild an orphanage destroyed by the earthquakes in Nepal. Our school was able to raise over $6000 for this worthy cause knowing that the twenty orphans will once again have shelter. Reaching out to others in need is very important when we, in Australia, are lucky to have so much.

Term 3 is a fantastic time to celebrate Public Education and the achievement of our students. In week three we commemorated Education Week through acknowledging local heroes and the Best of the Best students across all faculty areas. Businesses in the local community sponsored our competitions allowing over 80 students to be awarded prizes. A highlight of the celebrations was the coming together of former students who have made their way successfully in the world in a number of fields including business, sport, the arts and education. It was a great way to acknowledge the outstanding work of students and teachers.

At the beginning of term three we completed the five year building project which has seen the creation of eight new buildings and the renovation of another twelve buildings. As you enter the front of the school you now experience a campus look with the Intensive English Centre on the right hand side of the entrance in permanent buildings. The new school administration is on the left hand side as you cross the pedestrian bridge to enter the school.

We are very grateful to the state governments over the last five years who funded the project and made our school look spectacular. I am personally very grateful to all the students and staff who cooperated and worked together during the building. It was a true team effort that made our school a better place. The school’s next project will be to restore the playground area that once had demountables on it.

The school has received the NAPLAN results for 2015 and there are some very impressive results. In year 7 the students showed growth in their learning higher than other students in the state in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. The year 7 reading results were the best we have had for this year group in five years. In year 9 the students showed growth in their learning higher that the state average in reading, spelling and numeracy. The numeracy results were our best in five years and the overall results were higher than all of NSW by 13 points. These are outstanding results that are attributed to excellent teaching and hard working students.

At the end of term three we say goodbye to year 12 as they prepare for their HSC examinations. The year group has led the school in many projects including fundraising and citizenship. They have been good role models for the junior school and have shown significant emotional intelligence when interacting with others. The elected school captains have shown outstanding leadership skills, great communication and a genuine caring for their peers. A highlight was the boy captains raising money for our sister school in Kenya by wearing the girls uniform for a day. The girl captains showed excellent energy when they led a team gardening on a weekend to raise money for the SRC.

This year the leadership team also ran a whole school motivational day showing that they wanted to help their peers and were prepared to put in additional effort to ensure that they could offer a quality program for them. The 2015 school captains have set a high standard for others who will follow them.

I wish the students all the best in the HSC and life beyond knowing that throughout all their schooling they have been given the best opportunity to succeed. We welcome them to return throughout their lives and to keep in touch with the school as being part of Cabramatta High School means that you are somehow always connected and certainly never forgotten.

Beth Godwin

Breakfast club news

By: Ms. Goodfellow

A free breakfast is available to students who have not had breakfast and to students who participate in Fitness club. Breakfast is available from 8.15am until 8.45am Tuesday and Friday outside the school Hall and is operated by staff and student volunteers.

Earlier this year the Breakfast and Fitness clubs lodged a joint application for a Club Grant through Fairfield City Council. We are pleased to announce that we have been successful with this application. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of ‘Cabramatta Bowling & Recreation Club Limited’, the provider of this grant. The proceeds of the grant will be used for the purchase of equipment, consumables and food items for 12 months.

The Breakfast club is also fortunate to be a part of the ‘Foodbank’ 2015 school breakfast program and was recently featured on Channel 7’s ‘The Morning Show’.

http://yhoo.it/1LxpTyb

Host Kylie Gilles and Gerry Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Foodbank NSW/ACT launched a pilot school breakfast program across 12 schools including Cabramatta High School. With support from Kellogg’s and Clubs Australia the school is able to purchase food items from Foodbank for its Breakfast program.

The breakfast club also relies on donations of supplies from the local community and proceeds of monthly raffles held at the School Council meetings. Your support of these raffles is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help with preparing breakfast, sponsor or donate to the Breakfast Club in any way please contact the school on 97262424 and ask for Ms D Goodfellow.

Thank you to Cabramatta Bowling & Recreation Club Limited, Foodbank NSW/ACT and our local community for supporting this worthwhile cause.
Maths Matters

By: Mr. Powers

Year 7

Cabramatta High School achieved a very pleasing result in year 7 NAPLAN. The school result was 535.5. This result was one of the best results for the past eight years. Many students have attained growth beyond the state level. Congratulations to all the year 7 students on their performance.

The top five students in growth from year 5 to year 7 were Ly Chor Lim, Hunter Elyssa Tane, Nathan Tran, Jack Bogg and Sotha Mony.

The highest results were achieved by Emily Thach (744) and Nhien Trieu (707).

Year 9

Cabramatta HS achieved an outstanding result in year 9 NAPLAN. The school result was 604.6. This result is higher than the state average. It is the best result since 2009. A pleasing aspect of the result is the school growth. It is significantly higher than the state growth. The top five students in growth from year 7 to year 9 were Cathy Pham, Alalluma Hall, Anthony Moonsalerm, Aaliyah Ho and Lisa Ly Huynh.

The highest results were achieved by Thanh Sandy Nguyen (840), Jennifer Chor (805), Kevin Tear (805) and Tony Tran (805). Congratulations to all the year 9 students on their efforts.

Maths Puzzle

If Michelle reverses the digits in her age she will be 9 years younger. However if she did the same in 2 years time, she would be 9 years older. What is Michelle's age now?
Countdown Until Liftoff!

Have you heard about space camp? It is an opportunity for students from year 9, 10 and 11 to participate in a special program in the USA!

It runs during the September holidays and takes students to many places including the Californian Science Centre, Paige museum, La Brea Tar Pits, Universal Studios, attend a Los Angeles Angel’s baseball game, Griffith Observatory, Hollywood Boulevard, Santa Monica Pier and Venice beach for a sunset bike ride, Disney California, Retail outlet shopping at bargain prices, USS Midway Museum, Sea World, 5 days at the US Space and Rocket Centre (run in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian Institute) and the San Francisco Science Exploratorium.

If money and time permits you may also travel to South Korea and experience even more including Cultural activities, amazing food and a visit to the Samsung Centre to see the latest technological advancements.

The week at the Advanced Space Academy is unbelievable. Not many students get the opportunity to live and experience life as an Astronaut! It is a truly unforgettable experience.

This year Wendy Lam in year 10 will attend and next year we have four students preparing for their adventure. The cost includes all entry fees and activities, airfares, excellent accommodation, breakfasts most lunches and all dinners, group T-Shirts and Jackets. The cost is subsidised by the Liverpool Science teachers Association (So it is not as expensive as it would be if you did this trip individually). The camp has qualified local teachers with child protection training and has a student teacher ratio of approximately four to one so students are well supervised.

5

Mrs Piesse, Mrs Singh and Ms Catton have all experienced this trip. Please talk to one of us for more information.
The Enviro Club

By: Mille Samuelu

The Enviro Club is here to inform you of the hard work and time our team has dedicated to projects this term. Our vision as a committee is to create awareness about the environment and the importance of taking care of our school. We aim to enhance our school’s environment as well as provide opportunities for a better understanding of sustainability.

We have been using our time to participate in activities such as the Garden Clean up, Earth Hour and Green Day. Last term, we were lucky to have the opportunity to work with volunteers from Commonwealth Bank on one of our gardening and weeding expeditions. It was nice to see people who do not attend our school to come in and help revamp our gardens.

Green Day is a yearly event that Cabramatta High takes part in and this year was the first year we participated as a committee. Our team, year 8 students, teachers and volunteers from CBA all gave a hand to improve our school environment.

The Enviro Club has also received a donation of six indoor plants from Bonnyrigg Garden Centre. We were involved in the planting, watering and nurturing of these plants which can be seen displayed along block 7. We offer our thanks and are grateful for the support we received from our local businesses.

We wish to thank our teachers who have also contributed their time towards improving the school environment and we hope to see our committee grow and thrive just like our new plants!

Computing Lifeskills Short Film

By: Mr. Hallab

“Film by the Sea” is a short film competition open to public schools in NSW. This year, Mr. Hallab’s Computing Life Skills junior and senior classes have been involved in creating a short film to be entered into the competition. This year the motif is “Fish”.

Students came up with a story for the film which involved class discussion, storyboarding and writing out plot points. Fish go missing and end up in an aquarium. They must seek help and work out a way to escape. Students assisted in filming with a six meter squared green screen where they needed to manipulate the screen around themselves to cover their whole body except for their heads.

Their heads were then added onto animated creatures of the sea. The students decided on their own fish characters and some students animated their own characters using Adobe Flash. Students assisted in filming by using the camera and tripod to record their peers with the green screen.

The film will be submitted by the 4th September with winners notified by Friday 11th September. We wish the Computing Life Skills classes all the best for their hard work!
On the 10th August 7HSIEZ and 8HSIE1 attended an excursion to the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney. It took us approximately 45 minutes to travel to Redfern Station and 20 minutes to walk to Sydney University.

Once we got there, we were met by our guides who guided us through the workshop and the museum throughout the day.

The first area we went to was a room filled with many artefacts. We were asked to identify the items that were there and we also had to draw them. Some of the items were found buried underground while some were replicas.

Next we went to the Nicholson Museum where we looked at unwrapped mummies, a preserved human brain and a cow’s head.

In ancient Egypt, mummification was quite common which involved preserving humans and animals after they have died. The process of mummification was quite lengthy, taking around 70 days to complete. Once we looked at the unwrapped mummy, we took a look at the ancient coffins. There were many different types of patterns on the coffins which symbolised the person’s life, interests and thought processes.

After this we walked to the Sydney University Library where some ancient Chinese artefacts were displayed. We learnt about things such as transport and weapons. One of the weapons the Chinese used was a bow and arrow which they used to defend themselves and it was also an essential part of their military exam.

Finally, we went to view the ancient Roman and ancient Greek artefacts in the museum. We learnt about the emperors of Rome and how the ancient Romans lived. To finish off, we played with pieces of Lego to create replicas of ancient buildings and artefacts.

Overall, it was a great day and one I would never forget!

---

On Friday the 21st of August, Mrs. Mikulic and I had the privilege of chaperoning a group of Year 8 students to “battle” it out with other state schools at Auburn Girls High School. After we managed to expertly navigate our way through peak hour traffic the girls and one boy, (special mention to Loktin Leung) were ready to go through their paces through a series of trivia and knowledge based challenges.

One of the challenges set for the day was for the teams to build a bridge. The purpose of this challenge was to build the strongest bridge possible which was tested by holding weight. This task demonstrated the team’s problem-solving and communication skills.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and the students were able to interact and meet students from other state schools. Out of 40 teams that registered our teams came 11th and 12th and did our school proud. They managed to outperform some selective schools and remained competitive and well-mannered throughout the day. This group of students were wonderful ambassadors for the school. A special mention goes to Mr.Pratap for preparing the students for the challenge.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts on that day: Sarah Nguyen, Katherine Pham, Helena La, Felicity Nguyen, Kayla Trinh, Loktin Leung, Jenny Vo, Trish Nguyen and Amie Liu.

On the 23rd of August, several students competed in the Tournament of Minds competition. The day consisted of students acting out a long-term challenge and responding to a short-term challenge.

Congratulations to Rathchanphea (Chanphea Kuch), Jessica Te, Alisa Kang, Jovana Milankovic, Celina Nuth, Cathy Nguyen and Thanh Thuy for being such great ambassadors for our school.

---

Battle of the Minds
By: Ms. Pasarelli

A day at the Nicholson museum
By: Danijela Sekuljica

Tournament of minds
By: Ms. Raffie
1. Welcome.

2. Minutes of last meeting discussed.

3. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Ms. E. Godwin

   • Geoff Lumley - Rotary Club: $79

   • Food Fest: Raising funds Weeks 9-10.

   • Peace Day: Meeting being held at the school for fundraising.

   • 30/8/15: Doing gardening around the school to the park.

   • VP Day: Marching from Cabravale Diggers to Cabravale Green Night.

   Upcoming events

   • VP Day - Marching from Cabravale Diggers to the park.

   • 30/8/15 - Doing gardening around the school for fundraising.

   • Peace Day - Meeting being held at the school.

   • Food Fest - Raising funds Weeks 9-10.

6. PARENTTEACHER NIGHT- Mrs J Gooden

   • Parent feedback. Years 7/9 Parent/teacher night successful trial. Please send note with your child with permission to obtain report.

7. SRC REPORT- Lap Nguyen

   • SRC REPORT: Lap Nguyen

   Upcoming events

   • VP Day - Marching from Cabravale Diggers to the park.

   • 30/8/15 - Doing gardening around the school for fundraising.

   • Peace Day - Meeting being held at the moment.

   • Food Fest - Raising funds Weeks 9-10.

GENERAL BUSINESS

• Geoff Lumley - Rotary Club: $79

Next Meeting 2/9/15 at 6.00pm (Note new start time).

Translations for the school council minutes are available at the school’s website.

11
years. The ratio of students to teachers is significantly lower. Students receive individual attention and are encouraged to participate in class. The school provides a range of after-school activities, including sports, music, and drama, to support students' holistic development.

The school also offers opportunities for students to engage in community service and volunteer work. Students participate in various projects that help the local community, such as cleaning up parks and collecting funds for local charities. These activities not only contribute to the development of students' social skills but also instill values of empathy and responsibility.

In summary, the school provides a nurturing and challenging environment that promotes academic excellence, personal growth, and community engagement. The school's commitment to the well-being of its students is evident in its various initiatives, which aim to prepare students for a successful future.
The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is anonymous and can be used either as a one-off survey or over time, with the ability to identify trends within schools and better inform school priorities. The survey is held once a year in Term 3 and is run at the same time as the teacher survey and the second optional student survey.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers during the specific survey window. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete. Schools are provided with a unique URL which they provide to parents to log into the survey. School leaders receive their school’s data within three business days of closing the survey.

To complete the survey, simply follow this URL link below and login with the details provided.

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm

Username= parent16890
Password = Cab8209

Survey closes 16th October 2015.

CABRAMATTERS CHALLENGE ENTRY DETAILS

What's best to eat or drink in Cabramatta?

For your chance to win a $25 canteen voucher, simply send in a photo of the best food or drink that our local shops have to offer.

Send in the name of the dish or drink, restaurant name, along with YOUR NAME and ROLLCALL to cabramatters2015@outlook.com

Competition closes Friday Term 4, Week 1.

Terms and conditions:
Students with all the required details will be eligible to enter the draw to win a $25 canteen voucher. There is a limit of one entry per student. The winner will be announced on Monday’s assembly in term 4, week 2.
Oscars should be awarded to the amazing Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummers Night Dream’.

The 20th of August was their time to shine; all their hard work was put into this moment and it was time for them to show the school the product of their hard work. Students from Year 11, Year 9, Year 8 and the IEC were a wonderful audience and witnessed the talent radiating across the stage.

Year Ten Drama kicked off the Showcase with a modern play titled ‘The Princess and the Nag Hag’. It is about a teenage girl whose life was turned upside down by the arrival of a stepmother and her baby. Year 11 performed Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummers Night Dream’.

It is a typical Elizabethan play within a play. Set in a ancient Athens and enchanted forest, the play was full of love, fun costumes, magical potions and even someone getting transformed into a donkey.

All I can say of both performances is wow - they were amazing. Their acting skills were top notch and they captivated the audience. Looking around at faces in the audience you could see lots of laughter, eyes glued to the stage and at points jaws dropped.

Good job Year 10 and 11 Drama on a great performance!

A trio of actors, from a company known as Shakespeare InterACTive, entertained and introduced for students studying Shakespearean plays.

Overall, it was a positive experience to be remembered and definitely held a valuable introduction for students studying Shakespearean plays.

Year 10 & 11 Drama showcase

By: Bao Doan

Staged Shakespeare at school.
By Katrina Trinh, Ken Xaybounheuang and Nita Kong

This workshop progressed into an opportunity where students were able to experience what it is like to perform a Shakespearean scene. Students witnessed their peers on stage, causing various reactions of enjoyment. They were encouraged to participate in the workshop component of the performance that instructed them to speak with conviction and incorporate hand gestures. In addition, students were also taught an incredibly useful trick to use when comprehending the Shakespearean language. It involved the use of beats and syllables within a line of poetry, more specifically referred to as iambic pentameter.

Overall, it was a positive experience to be remembered and definitely held a valuable introduction for students studying Shakespearean plays.

Student Poems

LIVE WHILE WE ARE YOUNG

By: Celina - Year 8

Hi, we are the ones
We are the one’s who live young and wild all day
Live while we are young and free
Let’s go to the beach
And swim all day in the sun
Let’s watch a movie
A movie called ‘Home’
Let’s go to Westfields
Let’s go to Typo and Boost
Let’s play with our friends
We can play forty four home
Let’s eat rice with soup
Let’s go to sleep in our bed live while we are young.

SPECK OF DUST

By: Joshua - Year 10

“There is nothing greater than our kind”
That’s the thought we have in our minds
To the deepest depths, we’ve dived,
And amongst the clouds, we fly.

But yet we fail to realise
How incredibly small, we are in size.

A tiny speck of dust,
Easily blown away with one gust,
Dancing aloft the sunbeams,
With the light, it gleams.

Invisible from afar,
That is all we are.

FINDING PEACE

By: Christina - Year 10

We need to learn to release
A world without war
Send all the hatred out the door
A world with discussions
No bad repercussions
A world without conflict
Atop with this world’s afflict.

We have war
What are we fighting for
Why can’t we be at peace resolve issues
Don’t leave a crease
On the canvas of world unity
We are all part of this community.

We dream of serenity
A world free of negativity.

LOST

By: Huynh Thu Hang - Year 10

Autumn is gone
Winter comes along
With the loneliness
Because someone has gone.

There I sat in the dark,
still longing for you to come back
I can’t help but waiting
Waiting for a memory that has lost in the past
Waiting for a love that would never last
What’s left when
Those loving memories are torn apart?
Every now and then
I feel a pain in my heart,
Pieces of memories,
Lost.
Proud Supporters

Cabramatta High School would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors.

Academy Photography    Bavas Music City      Cabramatta Community Centre
Chinghai International Association      Coca-Cola Amatil      Committed to Coaching C2C
Greater Union Liverpool       Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ
Kenny Lam - Tuition, Coaching & Learning Centre
Margaret Milligan     Mounties       The Australian Association of All Nationalities of China Inc - Chinese language school
Kimarie Lingerie and Cosmetic Boutique       Cabramatta/Cabra-Vale Lions Club
Academy Photography Pty Ltd       What the Fudge     McDonalds Liverpool
Plus Fitness Cabramatta     Belvoir       Hills Mortgage Brokers      Powerland
S & K Clothing       Event Cinemas Westfield Liverpool       Hoyts Cinemas Wetherill Park
Calmley Hill City Farm       Priceline Pharmacy Green Valley
Fit n Fast Liverpool     RH Sports       S & S Art Supplies       Eckersleys       Intersport

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our Education Week sponsors:

Cabra-Vale Diggers      Cabramatta Rugby League Club
Chinghai International Association
Kenny Lam - Tuition, Coaching & Learning Centre
Margaret Milligan     Mounties       Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ
The Australian Association of All Nationalities of China Inc - Chinese language school
Kimarie Lingerie and Cosmetic Boutique       Cabramatta/Cabra-Vale Lions Club
Academy Photography Pty Ltd       What the Fudge     McDonalds Liverpool
Plus Fitness Cabramatta     Belvoir       Hills Mortgage Brokers      Powerland
S & K Clothing       Event Cinemas Westfield Liverpool       Hoyts Cinemas Wetherill Park
Calmley Hill City Farm       Priceline Pharmacy Green Valley
Fit n Fast Liverpool     RH Sports       S & S Art Supplies       Eckersleys       Intersport

Food Fest
By: Mrs. Piesse

One lunchtime every term our school allows students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and widen their global citizenship awareness by raising money for many worthwhile charities, not for profit organisations and local community causes.

Students, with the support of their teacher, organise a food selling stall. They advertise their product, work out the profit margins, order or make the food, set up their stall and float money and sell! The money raised has been used in the past to help organisations which include the Red Cross, Earthquake and Tsunami appeals and sporting group challenges.

The event creates a great sense of community with a carnival atmosphere. Students and teachers who run these stalls are to be congratulated for giving their time to support others in need.
The RAGE Program was recently designed and implemented for our Pacific Islander football boys from years 10 to year 12 to gain a deeper understanding of anger and the effect on the body of this emotion. The boys learnt how to self-monitor their behaviours and actions and work together to discuss different outcomes and consequences of various scenarios on and off the field.

This 5 week program involved key speakers to deliver engaging, relevant and interesting facts about losing control and the consequences of allowing rage to get the better of them. The boys were also involved in creating a short film of various scenarios.

Thank you to Deputy Principal Mr Lachlan Erskine, School Counsellor Ms Sophie Tomarchio, Teacher Mr Brent Kerehona and Pacifica Programs Coordinator Miss Whitney Tavui-Leota for putting together this program to educate and help our young boys understand the consequences of anger in all areas of their lives.

Thank you to Constable Noel Reyner Youth Liaison Officer from the Cabramatta Police department for speaking to the boys about the Young Offenders Act, Criminal records, charges and offences related to outbreaks of anger.

Thank you to Annie Rogers from Pacific Worlds International for speaking to the boys from a sports perspective and how anger issues can affect a sports person’s career. Annie also gave great examples and scenarios for the boys to understand the consequences of both positive and negative actions.

This program will continue as a mentoring program in Term 4.

---

REFUGEE LUNCH
By: Ms. Lawrence

The inaugural refugee parents’ and students’ lunch was a great success! We had over 80 people attend and it was wonderful to see so many parents at the event.

Gemimah and Joanna performed as well as the Middle Eastern drumming group. Guest speaker Ali, from 9lives gave an inspirational speech and showed footage of his parkour group’s performances.

Ms Godwin announced a scholarship opportunity for 2 deserving students so we will be looking forward to see who succeeds in impressing with their educational efforts throughout the year.

---

INTERACT PROGRAM
By: Ms. Lawrence

Year 9 students have been involved in the Interact program during terms 2 and 3. This entailed going into the city to Ernst and Young. We travelled up to level 32 where we saw an amazing view of the city. Students were given the opportunity to interact with mentors from Ernst and Young. They worked with the students in goal setting, looking at their strengths and weaknesses and the appropriate behaviour required to succeed in the workplace.

Students gained confidence in speaking in unfamiliar surroundings and within groups. Students enjoyed yummy lunches and had some serious shopping time prior to their sessions. Janet said, “I liked getting to know new and different types of people”. Monika said, “I liked my mentor. He explained things well and was helpful.”

---

By: Ms. Lawrence

Thank you to Deputy Principal Mr Lachlan Erskine, School Counsellor Ms Sophie Tomarchio, Teacher Mr Brent Kerehona and Pacifica Programs Coordinator Miss Whitney Tavui-Leota for putting together this program to educate and help our young boys understand the consequences of anger in all areas of their lives.

Thank you to Constable Noel Reyner Youth Liaison Officer from the Cabramatta Police department for speaking to the boys about the Young Offenders Act, Criminal records, charges and offences related to outbreaks of anger.

Thank you to Annie Rogers from Pacific Worlds International for speaking to the boys from a sports perspective and how anger issues can affect a sports person’s career. Annie also gave great examples and scenarios for the boys to understand the consequences of both positive and negative actions.

This program will continue as a mentoring program in Term 4.
On Friday the 21st August, a group of Year 11 and Year 10 Visual Arts students braved the dawn to head to Canberra for a day of gallery exploration.

Leaving at 7:00am, spirits were high as we made our way towards the swings and coffee shop at Goulburn Park for our first pit-stop.

Arriving at The National Portrait Gallery first, our group was most impressed with the security guard opening doors for us, and the welcoming smiles of the staff. We were taken on a tour of some amazing portraits, both historical and contemporary. Students were also given drawing boards to participate in sketching activities along the way.

Lunch was interesting with the seagulls circling the teachers who had packed a little picnic. Several crackers and strawberries went missing by quick fingers...oops, I mean beaks!

The National Art Gallery staff welcomed us warmly and took us on a tour of Australian and International works. We also got to see some famous pieces by Pollock, Monet and Nolan! The students were inspired and the exhibits opened up their minds to many different forms of art.

The trip home was no less subdued as students had fun connecting and getting to know each other better. Only a few were tuckered out enough to have a nap!

Ms Paras and I would like to thank the students for their maturity and enthusiasm on the day, we thoroughly enjoyed the day too!

CAPA showcase success
By: Ms. Lam

CAPA showcase 2015 was a huge success! The creative afternoon began with the amazing musical performances by our year 12 students, followed by the Visual Arts Body of Work exhibition. The showcase displays all the hard work of our students and the exceptional guidance by their teachers, throughout the year.

A big congratulations to our school captain, Lauren Huynh for winning the “People’s choice prize”. Lauren’s artwork was most loved by viewers of the exhibition.

The CAPA faculty would like to thank all staff, parents and students who attended the evening. Your valued support means a lot to our students. With not many weeks to go, we would like to wish all our creative students the best of luck with their HSC and their future pathways.
“On Tuesday 16th June 2015, Cabramatta High School held its annual school concert at Cabra-Vale Diggers in Canley Vale. It was attended by high profile guests and the school community, with so many people that we ran out of seating.

I was honoured to be a part of it and watching the excitement of the performers was not only a highlight of my night but also the school year”.

Mr Abbott

We relished the opportunity to showcase our school’s talent and to build up the confidence of our fellow students. We were able to perform in numerous items such as a duet and the year 9 concert band. It was really nerve racking because it was our first time performing in front of a crowd this big and in the end we were told there was over 600 people in the venue to watch us perform. Our friends were very encouraging and reassured us that we would do fine and in the end it was well worth the nerves, as the buzz we got out of being on stage was incredible.

The lead up rehearsals for the concert went for 8 weeks with rehearsals taking place a few lunchtimes per week but well worth the effort as by the time of the performance we felt confident to do our best and as Mr Abbott always says “To own the space”. There were moments of frustration when we struggled to perfect the chorus of a song at the dress rehearsal so during the break we borrowed a ukulele and practiced in the bathroom. In the end it was worth all the effort put in and the reward was greater than the nerves we started with.
# 2015 Term 4 School Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WEEK</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Sat/Sun</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Oct</td>
<td>1 Week A</td>
<td>Labour day</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10/11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oct</td>
<td>2 Week B</td>
<td>HSC exams begin</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17/18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oct</td>
<td>3 Week A</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oct</td>
<td>4 Week B</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Council 6:30-8:30pm</td>
<td></td>
<td>31/1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov</td>
<td>5 Week A</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7/8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov</td>
<td>6 Week B</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Remembrance Day</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov</td>
<td>7 Week A</td>
<td></td>
<td>IEC oratory showcase</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>21/22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov</td>
<td>8 Week B</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Council 6:30-8:30pm</td>
<td>CBA Graduates Day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nov/Dec</td>
<td>9 Week A</td>
<td>Year 7/8 Camp</td>
<td>Year 7/8 Camp</td>
<td>Year 7/8 Camp</td>
<td></td>
<td>5/6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec</td>
<td>10 Week B</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Presentation Day 9,10,11:9:30pm 7,8,IEC:1:30pm</td>
<td></td>
<td>12/13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dec</td>
<td>11 Week A</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School development day</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>