I thank all those parents who came to the school in the past week for the parent teacher nights and for the years 8 & 10 subject selection meetings. The more you know about your child's learning the better you can support them, a process which always becomes harder as they grow older. Talking to teachers and understanding the School Certificate and HSC courses is a great help to guiding your children.

Since the school leaving age went to 17 it has become more difficult for students who are not motivated or perhaps fully supported at home to succeed in the senior years. Mr Papangelis and the welfare team are beginning individual interviews with every Year 9 student based on their half yearly report to assist them to set realistic goals at the mid point of their high school career. We aim to follow up these interviews in Year 10 next year to check on goal achievement, and to support each student’s selection of courses or career path after the school certificate.

The speaker for the next P&C meeting is Brian Freney, our careers adviser. Mr Freney is the teacher best placed to advise students on all the options relating to career choices, TAFE, traineeships and university and he does great work on our welfare team finding flexible options for students. No matter what age your child is, you should come along next Monday night to hear him.

Have a great term.

Greg McGrath
Principal

Welcome to the August edition of the Deeban.

Hope you all had a great holiday and have settled into a busy Term 3. Monday 8 August is the next P&C meeting 7:30 in the school library, At the conclusion of this meeting, Brian Freney, the school careers adviser, will be speaking to all parents. Students are encouraged to come and listen and ask Mr Freney, any questions they may have.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday night 7:30 in the school library.

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Important Dates

August
8   7.30pm P&C Meeting @ Library
9   6pm HSC Drama Night @ 601
16-19Yr 10 Ski Trip
19  Jazz Café Night in Auditorium
23  7pm PortXL @ Auditorium
26-28State Interschools Ski/Snowboard finals
30  6.30pm Yr10 Play Night @ 601
31  Yr7 Science Excursion to Zoo

September
2   Yr11 Ancient History Excursion
5-7 Yr 10 Trial Exams
8-9 NSW CHS Athletics @ Homebush
12  Yr11 Exams start
    5.45pm School Council
    7.30pm P&C Meeting @ Library
13  Yr7 Immunisations
14  Yr12 Reflections Night @ Sharkies
22  Yr12 Picnic @ Audley
23  Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony @ 10am
    Last day of term 3

October
10  Term 4 starts for Students & Staff

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In Term 2, 2011, Year 7 student, William Cassimatis, received second place in the final of The Sutherland Shire Public Speaking Competition. The competition was held at Sutherland Shire Council Chambers and his prepared speech on the ‘disgraceful’ traffic conditions in Sydney was warmly welcomed by his audience – who were all late due to massive traffic congestion!

Well done, William.

Congratulations
Sian Colee Yr 12 on her Scholarship to Gulf State College & Stetsen University in Florida

we wish you all the very best
During the July holidays the Port Hacking Alpine Team competed in the NSW Interschools Ski and Snowboard Regional finals at Perisher. Conditions were fantastic as we were right in the middle of the first huge dump of snow for the season. A deep low pressure system stalled in the Southern Ocean and hurled cold fronts at the alps. Well over a metre of powder fell, and our girls excelled in their chosen disciplines.

Casey Studden repeated her performance of last year to come third in snowboard GS, and Nicole Goulding came third in boarder cross. Our girls’ ski team of Nicole, Jessica Perry and Lauren Murty scored third in alpine GS and fifth in skier cross. Casey’s brother Zane Studden, racing for the first time and representing Yowie Bay primary school, came 10th in snowboard GS and 11th in boarder cross.

These are great results against strong competition, and all our alpine athletes qualified for the state finals in late August. The Port Hacking and Cronulla families met up for a couple of social nights, at the Banjo Paterson hotel in Jindabyne and the Buckley’s Crossing Hotel in Dalgety, both of which offer great mountain hospitality. I thank the parents for their support of the team and we are sharpening our edges for the state finals.

Greg McGrath
Port Hacking High School has initiated a Year 9 Mentor and Goal setting program, which includes the Deputy Principal Ms Collis, the Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser Ms Howie and Mr Bennett respectively and Mr Papangelis as mentors for every student in Year 9. The initial interviews took place from Monday 25 to Thursday 28 July.

Students were asked to complete an individualized learning plan on Moodle before meeting with their mentor. This, along with data from the student’s half yearly reports, was used in a meeting with a mentor to discuss and identify personal strengths and weaknesses.

The aim of the program is not only to assist students to identify future goals and provide strategies to enhance their learning at school but to provide support for students where required. This program will assist students to analyse and reflect on their current pathways. This discussion will assist each student to complete an individualized Education Plan with quantifiable, realistic and measurable goals.

A number of students from Year 10 have been identified as requiring extra assistance at Port Hacking High School and will undergo a mentoring program that will assist these students to formulate career goals, identify personal strengths and to develop their learning and management skills.

This program has been initiated by the Deputy Principal Ms Van Dulst and co-ordinated by Ms Stock, assisted by the counsellors Ms Martinov and Ms Warner and a number of other staff including Ms Kumar, Ms Loosley, Ms Davis, Mr McLachlan and Mr Papangelis.

An information night for Year 10 students and parents was held on Monday 1 August. The Principal Mr McGrath, Deputy Principal Ms Van Dulst and Careers Adviser Mr Freney spoke on a number of issues including the expectations and responsibilities of the senior school and important subject and career information to assist with subject selection for Year 11. A number of staff were also available to provide valuable and detailed subject information to best assist students and parents in determining their subject selections for Year 11, 2012.

Mr H Papangelis
Head Teacher Welfare
Libraries have extended their services incorporating the Internet for years. As part of this service, there are many sites that are never explored and I would like to bring a very practical resource list to your attention.

Parents who have not seen the student login page, and for students who have not explored all the portal has to offer, take a quick look at what you are missing. There are many resources listed here that you maybe overlooking.

And following is the ‘new’ page that is being introduced for students. The changes are beginning with year 7 and eventually all students will have this page.
On both pages there is a link for easy access to our school Library catalogue in the “Search” box under ‘My Library’ or ‘your school library’. This is the ‘enquiry page’ so students can find a resource that is housed in our library from any computer location. You can find resources using title, author, series or subject. The additional sites listed on the library enquiry page are very important to explore.
One of the most helpful is the “Links4Learning”:  

What I particularly wanted to mention was the link to Information skills. When you click the link it will lead you to very useful tips on how to best research and present your information.

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A FREE RTA parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Sutherland Shire Council on Wednesday August 31 at Sutherland Shire Council Offices in Eton Street from 7:00—9:00 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning Council on 9710 0341 now to reserve your place, or email mstuart@ssc.nsw.gov.au

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Sean Dewar, an Indigenous man from the Yindinji Kimoy clan of Northern Queensland travelled to Port Hacking School last term to help us learn about and celebrate indigenous culture and its achievements. With his extensive knowledge of the Aboriginal people passed down from his elders, and experience from years of training and massive performances (including in front of the Queen), he managed to captivate a difficult audience (us students) with a feast of vivid colour and dances.

It wasn’t just Sean performing. His friend Dion joined in and together they blew us away with their amazing rhythm and co-ordination of their native dances. They invited some students and teachers to the stage in an attempt to teach them the co-ordination and rhythm of their dances. Let’s just say some had it, others... not so much!

In all, it was an excellent celebration. The stories he told voiced out loud that Aborigines have a rich culture, full of heritage and belief. They have much to be proud of.

Tyce Barton
Year 11 SRC Representative
Our Performing Arts faculty finished Term 2 with enthusiasm presenting a number of performance opportunities for our students.

Our Year 11 Drama class produced a three night run of their take on the play “Dags”. It was student directed by Sarah Foetschl and the lead role was portrayed by three of our talented young dramatists Kiara Williams, Ness Mesic and Lauren Bacon. The evenings created an intimate theatrette feel as audiences enjoyed the performances in studio 601. We congratulate all the students and Ms Martina Hall for all of their work on this production.

On Monday 27 June and Wednesday 29 June we held Elective Performance Evenings to showcase Year 12 HSC Performance works and also to provide other elective students with the opportunity to perform. Each night presented a unique and varied program of performances from Dance, Drama and Music. We congratulate the Year 12 students on their achievements and encourage them to keep practising their works to refine them for their HSC performances in the next couple of weeks. We have been notified for the HSC dates for the Dance and Drama performances and we wish them every success for the day. Try to relax and enjoy it as it is the last time that many of you will perform these works!! (Please refer to the Important Dates listed below).

On Sunday 26 June until Wednesday 29 June a number of our band students went “West for Winter” for a tour of the Jenolan Caves, Bathurst and Orange. They started the tour with a performance under the Grand Arch at the caves on the Sunday – think of how great the acoustics were!! They also ran a series of workshops with a number of the local schools - Milthorpe Public, Bathurst Public and Orange High School. The students and staff had a wonderful time and a very tired but elated group was met by parents on Wednesday evening. I would like to thank Mr John Cox for all of his hard work organising and coordinating the camp, Mr Kevin Skues for his consistent leadership and conducting of our concert band program and Ms Janelle Vasey for helping to supervise the students.

A number of our band students Joshua Edwards (Yr10), Jasmine Reader (Yr10), Alex Repetto (Yr10), Zach Baldwin (Yr7) were successful in their application for the Performing Arts Unit Annual State Band Camps for 2011. These students enjoyed a fantastic few days away where they had the opportunity to attend specific workshops and large ensemble rehearsals. The whole experience was celebrated by a mass concert of works studied at the conclusion of the camp. We also had four of our band students Liam Blackall (Yr7), Julian Da-Ros (Yr7), Zac Olsen (Yr8) & Rowan Simpson (Yr7) involved in the Sydney Region Band Camp, including intensive rehearsals for the Sydney Region ensemble. All of the students walk away from these camps with invaluable skills and experiences.
Education week was embraced by our faculty with a group of our dance students performing in the opening “Flashmob” performances down in Cronulla where they enjoyed the sunshine and produced a dynamic performance. Our Senior Concert Band students performed an exciting program containing some popular film works at the Centre Stage displays in Westfield Miranda. Thank you to Ms Casey Hadfield and Mr Kevin Skues for their direction of these ensembles and thank you also to the parents who attended these performances, celebrating the achievements of our talented students.

Our Year 7 Drama enthusiasts have the opportunity to exercise and extend their creative skills through participation in a Year 7 Drama Ensemble. These students will rehearse on Friday lunch times in 601. Any interested students should see Mrs Martina Hall for more information.

**Important Dates for your Diary**

- **Tuesday 9 August**  
  Year 12 IP Performance evening
- **Wednesday 17 August**  
  HSC Dance Exams Day 1
- **Thursday 18 August**  
  HSC Dance Exams Day 2
- **Friday 19 August**  
  Jazzport ‘Jazz Café’ Night
- **Monday 22 August**  
  HSC Drama Exams Day 1
- **Tuesday 23 August**  
  HSC Drama Exams Day 2
- **Tuesday 23 August**  
  Ensembles Performance Night
- **Tuesday 30 August**  
  Year 10 Play Night

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