We have had the usual busy end to the year. On Monday we welcomed 198 students into Year 7 2012 on their orientation day. Ms Buchanan is their year adviser, and she was able to meet many of our local students during the transition program in term 4. This was run by Ms Northey on Thursday afternoons and it introduced primary students to a range of secondary courses. As Ms van Dulst and I interviewed Year 6 students we noted the large number of them who had enjoyed the program and who already felt part of Port Hacking High. It is always exciting to see what the new generation of Port Hacking students look like and I know that they will be welcomed into the school by our older students.

The Year 10 formal on Monday night was a glamorous event despite the rain- lots of girls with goosebumps. We present Year 10 with their School Certificates this morning (Friday), and then we wait for the HSC results release next Wednesday 14 December. Any Year 12 students who need advice after receiving their ATARS on Thursday should contact Mr Freney, the careers adviser, at school.

At the end of this term we farewell Mr Freney who retires early in 2012. He has held the position of careers adviser here for many years and he is the best I have seen in action. Mr Freney’s knowledge of careers and TAFE opportunities in this area is astonishing, and he has been a key member of the welfare team because of his ability to find alternative options for older students not coping with the academic demands of school. He is also held in high esteem by students heading for university for the quality of his advice and his ability to estimate their ATARS. We will miss him at Port Hacking.

I thank you all for your support of the school in 2011. A happy and safe Christmas to all our families.

Greg McGrath
Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the P&C, teachers and SRC students for all their hard work throughout the year.

On behalf of the P&C we wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe holiday. See you all back in 2012.

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**Next P & C Meeting**

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**Important Dates**

**December**

12 10am Sport Presentation Assembly
14 12pm Presentation Day
16 Years 7, 8 and 9 Reports issued
   **Last day for Students**
19 Staff Development Day
20 Staff Development Day
   **Term 4 Ends**

**January 2012**

27 Staff Development Day
30 School resumes for Years 7, 11 and 12
31 School resumes for Years 8, 9 and 10

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**Year 8 Mathematics**

A letter has been sent home to parents of all Year 8 students informing them that on December 9th and 12th, students will sit a pre-Naplan Numeracy exam (calculator and non-calculator) to assist with planning for Year 9 in 2012 and identifying areas of need for individual students.

S. Carter
HT Mathematics

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**Dyslexia Support Group**

Do you have a child with Dyslexia?

Do you want to meet other families who are in a similar situation?

The Dyslexia Support Group for the Sutherland Shire and St George area is a forum where parents can talk, exchange ideas, information, resources and experiences with other parents. This support group keeps in contact via email, phone and meeting over coffee on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am at a café in Sutherland.

If you are interested as a parent or as a professional in attending the meetings or going on the email list please call Paula Goulden on 9528 4638 or email psgoulden@tpg.com.au

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**Kitchen Whiz Report**

Late in Term 3, over 40 Year 7 students auditioned to be on the Channel 9 TV show, Kitchen Whiz. Twelve students were chosen to star on the program, with three reserves. So, on the second day of Term 4 this year, the following 15 students attended a very early recording session at Fox Studios, Moore Park. They were made-up, sprayed-up and lit-up on stage for a very proud audience of family and friends. Keep your eyes peeled for an update on when the three different shows will be airing mid-2012. Well done, Year 7!

Ms. Toyer, Year 7 Advisor

Liam Blackall        Lochie Kelly        Madieline Ethell        Olivia Ludington
Jackson Liddle      Evan Zois          Sunny Lucien           Amy Forster
Elodie Goriauz-Knox Emily Cox        Samantha Strecker       Maxine Rose
April Fallon        Emma Whawel        Shekinah Clark
**Construction at Port**

The Year 11 Construction class have been busy re-paving parts of the school with the help of Mr. Bennett.

**Peer Support 2011 – Deeban Article**

Year 10 students participated in Peer Support training on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 November. They were divided into groups of 12-14 and met for the two days with teachers who facilitated a program that covered leadership topics such as communication, teamwork, listening skills, problem solving and group management.

Students gained valuable skills, and provided the following feedback on the program:

“The games taught me about being part of a team and helping each other out”
“The activities I found most useful was the group work. I believed that we worked as a great team completing our set tasks.”
“I found it most useful talking about the stresses of year 7 and about how to help them”
“I learnt about the skills and qualities needed to lead”
“I liked working with people that I don’t usually talk to”
“Training was fun and I enjoyed the closeness of the group getting along and learning about each other”
“I thought that this program gave me lots of confidence and encouragement and I’m sure that this program also helped the rest of the group.”
“It should go for a whole week – it was so much fun”

Following the training, 40 students were then selected to become the Peer Support Leaders for Year 7, 2012. Whether or not students were selected, all of the students who participated gained valuable skills and knowledge and developed closer bonds that will help them support each other as they face the challenges of senior studies.

All of the students are to be commended for their participation and conduct during the Peer Support Program. Sincere thanks to all of the teachers who led groups for the two days of training with dedication and enthusiasm.

S Stock
Peer Support Coordinator
The White Ribbon Exhibition

It was a breathtaking scene when I walked through the doorway to the splendidly designed foyer, encircling a beautiful white fountain, which is known as the Fountain Foyer in the State Parliament House. The White Ribbon Exhibition was launched at 6pm on the 30th November 2011, where many marvellous artworks and poems were displayed all along the red wall.

Dr Phil Lambert, Sydney Region Director, welcomed the schools that took part in the White Ribbon Exhibition across Sydney including Port Hacking High School. He opened the exhibition by introducing a small group of students who had been chosen to read their poems which explored the White Ribbon theme: Not Violent, Not Silent. This was followed by an address by the CEO of Suzanne Grae (a major sponsor of the Breaking The Silence Exhibition) and then the CEO of White Ribbon, who also gave a short speech and announced, to her delight, the increased number of students who took part in this year’s exhibition, lending their voice to the message “No violence against women.”

Charlotte Olsen (Yr11), submitted two poems, ‘Seven Days’ and ‘The Unbroken Cycle’. Both poems were chosen to be displayed amongst many moving and amazing poems. Charlotte was also given the honour of reading out one of her poems, ‘The Unbroken Cycle’ which was very well received by the audience.

Nicole Hutton, also from Yr11, presented her views about the White Ribbon theme through a photographic artwork. Her work, along with the other exhibited artworks and poems will be made into a magnificent book.

Both my poems, ‘Grey Grounds’ and ‘You are My Light’ are also being exhibited. I too was given the chance to read one of my White Ribbon poems to an audience of dignitaries, students, teachers and parents. It was a thrilling experience for me to be able to stand in State Parliament House and read out ‘Grey Grounds’.

I also want to thank Ms J Collis for everything that she's done - all the extra work and trouble, to allow us a once in a lifetime experience.

Priscilla Tran (Yr10)

PS. The White Ribbon Art and Poetry Exhibition will be open to the public till the end of January. So if you are in the city over Christmas and the New Year, please drop into the Fountain Foyer to reflect on this important social issue and see the outstanding works of Port Hacking High students.

I would also like to reinforce the achievement of our students. Altogether 165 poems were submitted to be considered for the exhibition. Ninety poems were selected to be displayed. Only EIGHT students were asked to read their poems at the White Ribbon launch – two of those students were from Port Hacking High School – Priscilla Tran (Yr10) and Charlotte Olsen (Yr11). A fantastic recognition for the quality of these two students’ work.

Ms Collis
Deputy Principal
Movember at Port

On Wednesday November 30, Port Hacking High was overcome with moustaches. In a nod to the 1970s, teachers and students adopted long mos, skinny mos, dirty mos, real mos, fake mos, painted-on and balloon mos! Under the mo-leadership of Ms. Mo-orhouse, we raised just under $5,800 to support prostate cancer research and depression initiatives. Mr. Allouche was awarded ‘Best-Mo’, receiving his award with an acceptance speech to rival any Grammy-recipient: he thanked his genes, his parents and most of all – the teachers, students and their families who supported Movember. Indeed, it was a very mo-mentous day at Port Hacking High. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.
Japanese Excursions

This term, students in elective Japanese classes have experienced Japanese culture and food. On Thursday 24 November, Year 9 Japanese went to the Japanese Language Centre at Kirrawee and participated in immersion language activities with students from Moree High School. The Language Centre is like an authentic Japanese home complete with tatami floors, sliding paper doors and a courtyard with a pebble garden. All the students enjoyed the activities, games and especially the food! It was a great opportunity to make friends with students from Moree and experience learning Japanese together.

On Friday 25 November, students in Year 10 and 11 Japanese attended the 15th Japan Film Festival at a special school screening of “A boy and his Samurai”. It was a very entertaining film about a samurai from 180 years ago who finds himself in the present day. He is befriended by a six year old boy and his mother and discovers a talent for baking. After the movie students experienced a Japanese lunch at Ichiban Teppanyaki. It was a memorable and enjoyable day.

S Stock
Language Teacher
Performing Arts

A Report on the happenings in PHHS Performing Arts Faculty

Wow it has been an amazing year in the Performing Arts. We have had such a wide range of successes and a large number of performances – it has certainly helped to make the year fly by very quickly!! It is hard to believe that I am sitting here writing the final Deeban report for the year.

On Wednesday 16 November we celebrated the achievements of our students who are involved in the large number of performing arts ensembles that we offer here at Port Hacking High School. It is very exciting that we have over 120 students involved in different ensembles throughout the year. The students also provided some excellent entertainment for the parent and community body who attended the evening. We had a number of awards for exemplary contributions to Performing Arts who I would also like to acknowledge here also:

- **Choreographer of the Year** Alex Blanch and Rhiannon Gibbons
- **Junior Dancer of the Year** Zoe Fuller
- **Senior Dancer of the Year** Ellen Scott
- **Director of the Year** Sarah Foetschi
- **Intermediate Concert Band Award** Shekinah Clark
- **Senior Concert Band Award** Troy Guo
- **Senior Stage Band Award** Daniel Blanch
- **Jazzport Leadership Award** Renee King
- **Vocalist of the Year** Melissa Donnelly
- **Exemplary Service Award** Melanie Christodoulou
- **Junior Instrumentalist of the Year** Zac Olsen
- **Instrumentalist of the Year** Edward Tan

I would like to congratulate all the students on their dedication and achievements. I would also like to extend a very big thank you to the staff who lead these ensembles and the many hours that they dedicate to their success: Mrs Tanya Brain, Ms Mandy Delore, Ms Casey Hadfield, Ms Martina Hall, Ms Sheridan Howard, Mr Adrian Lim-Klumpes, Mrs Terry Martin, Mr Richard McBride and Mr Kevin Skues.

Our final Singers Night for 2011 was “Magic”. The students looked sparkling in their magic themed costumes and the program was very entertaining, displaying the great selection of vocal talent that we have here at Port Hacking High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Di Solomon for her work with our singers. She provides the students with amazing opportunities to perform and record music. We appreciate the many years of service that she has offered Port Hacking students.

Our Little Black Dresses were treated to a high class experience as they performed at the exclusive Women’s Club in Sydney for the Christmas Luncheon for the Women’s Committee of the Opera House trust. These women actively promote the arts in the Sydney community and are responsible for raising funds for the Opera House. The women were very impressed with the professionalism of our girls and the quality of their performance. The girls have been invited to perform at a future private function that will be organised by this committee in the future.

Just a reminder that although Schools Spectacular is now over, those of you who did not have the opportunity to see our students performing live, the show will be going to air over the Christmas break. There are some highlights going to air Sunday 18 December on ABC1 at 7:30pm and the full production will go to air sometime over the Christmas period. So settle down on the couch and play “spot the PHHS dancers”. You will also be treated to the rich vocal tones of our talented Melanie Christodoulou, who enjoys some air time as a featured artist performing backing vocals. Congratulations to Ms Casey Hadfield and all students involved. We are very proud of you.

As this issue of Deeban goes to press our year 8 Performing Arts students are busy preparing for their presentation night on Thursday 8 December. We are very pleased to see so many of our year 8 students embracing the opportunity to perform in either Dance, Drama and Music. A very special thank you is extended to Ms Casey Hadfield for her coordination of the evening and also to the performing arts teachers; Ms Jess Davies, Mr Chris Doyle, Ms Casey Hadfield, Ms Sheridan Howard and Mr Richard McBride for preparing the students for this event. Thank you also to the parents who attended this evening at such a busy time of the year.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing Christmas break. We look forward to another exciting year in Performing Arts in 2012.

Mrs Tanya Brain
SPORT

The Interhouse Volleyball 2011 Championships was played in a highly competitive atmosphere where all teams displayed great sportsmanship, house spirit and skills. The winner for the 2011 championships was Gibbon.

Visual Art

Congratulations to Jennifer Bennett and Nicole Hutton who recently completed the Visual Arts HSC, 1 unit intensive studio practice course at the National Art School. There were about 550 students from NSW who applied for the course and 237 were accepted. Jennifer and Nicole were able to complete their bodies of work in a studio based environment and work with accomplished artists. Jennifer specialised in painting and Nicole worked in the discipline of life drawing. Their work was exhibited in the “Chrysalis” exhibition which showed the diversity of the talents of these students. Well done girls!

Port Hacking High is a Youtube star!

This term, Port Hacking High took to Youtube, creating an official channel. Just search for ‘Port Hacking High’ to keep updated with the latest videos made by and for Port students. These include the ‘Year 12 Clap-Out’, our school’s promotional video made by Year 7 students from the Multimedia Group and assisted by Year 12 student, Brett Sullivan, as well as ‘How to write a diary entry in English’ made by 7O.
– Ms. Toyer
**Reading Challenge for 2011**

The Reading Challenge this year has proven that to enjoy and love books is a real winner. Reading does add so many dimensions to your life. The following students received their awards at the last Awards Assembly. Congratulations to Irene Hsieh for reading 20 books to receive the Principal’s Award. The “Super Readers” for 2011 read more than the challenge of reading 20 books and they are as follows: Fernando De Castro Yr7, read 30; Alexandra Repetto Yr10, read 32; Stephanie Huynh Yr10, read 43; Kezia Santoso Yr10, read 72 and Priscilla Tran Yr10, read 59. Our ‘Outstanding’ Super Reader of the Year is Kiara Williams Yr11, who read a whopping 119 books!

Not to be left out, we also have the Teachers Reading Challenge here and the following teachers were there to shine on the assembly to receive their awards.

Ms Harvey, Ms Buchanan and Ms Toyer gained Merit Certificates; Ms Fouracre gained the Deputy’s Reading Award and Ms. Storrar, Ms Worsley, Ms van Dulst read more books than necessary but all gained their Principal’s Reading Award. Ms Li was our ‘Super Reader’ for the Teachers having read 48 books. Not to be left out, Mr McGrath participated and read 35 books.

Mr McGrath read 35 books and was awarded the ‘Librarian’s Reading Award’. It didn’t seem right making him sign his own award so one was created for him. The male teachers have been given an extra challenge for next year to make sure Mr McGrath isn’t the only male teacher receiving an award!

Congratulations to all of our readers on a terrific effort.

Remember the Reading Challenge for 2012 has begun so any books you read from now until next November will count!

**National Year of Reading**

Our Reading Challenge fits nicely into the National Year of Reading 2012. There will be activities to promote reading, authors and illustrators. Local activities in the SS libraries, bookshops or businesses will be published here as well as activities that will happen in our library.

If you would like to see what is planned or follow the organisers check out the following web address: [http://www.love2read.org.au/](http://www.love2read.org.au/)

**EBooks**

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**Holiday borrowing**

Seniors needing to borrow books for the school holidays may come in during the last 3 days of school and do so. Plan carefully and borrow books that will enhance your learning but don’t forget to take a fiction book or two to enjoy when you have your study breaks.

Mrs Wong and I would like to wish you all a safe, happy holiday. See you in 2012.

Happy reading,

Mrs Royal

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Wishing all our families safe travels this holiday season
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- Assist the driver by helping to identify hazards.
- Keep your mobile phone on silent to avoid distracting the driver.
- Keep the radio at a level so any sudden changes in traffic or emergency vehicles can be heard.
- Wear your seatbelt at all times.
- Do not speak loudly with the driver or other passengers in the car.
- Remind the driver to take a rest every two hours. Have a stretch and some water.
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