Welcome back to the 2012 school year. I am about to do our final enrolment return for the department and we are pretty much spot on the 1094 students we predicted. Interestingly, a few more year 11 students found jobs or TAFE courses than we expected, but numbers were made up by enrolments in years 8 and 9.

We welcome a number of new teachers to Port Hacking: Ms Ellem-Honeywell in English, Ms Houda, Mr Kraljevski, Mr Redrup and Ms Stewart in maths, and in HSIE Ms Wyatt is the new head teacher, Ms Mendes from Canada has exchanged with Ms Howie for the year, and Ms Kokokios also joins the faculty.

Last year’s year 12 performed at a high level in the HSC. Nearly 40% of all course results were above 80, an outstanding outcome for a comprehensive school. Our dux is Chris Waugh (98.25 ATAR); Mithun Powar was second in the year (96.45) and Edward Tan third (95.55). Chris has been accepted into a Bachelor of Advanced Science at Sydney University, Mithun will study Engineering and Commerce at UNSW, and Edward will study Economics at Sydney. The three place getters will be recognised at the SRC induction on Friday 17 February. We are proud of our students’ achievements with 52% of Year 12 being offered university placements.

We are looking forward to another great year at Port Hacking.

Greg McGrath
Principal

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The P&C would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students and their families to Port Hacking High School. We hope your time at the school is a happy one with lots of new experiences.

Good luck to all students who are competing in the swimming carnival on Friday.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 13th February in the school library at 7:30pm, we try to have these meetings finished by 9:00pm. All new and old parents are welcome to attend these meetings hope to see lots of new faces.

Kind Regards
Ann Corey - Hewitt
P & C President
PHHS

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Important Dates

February
13    7.30pm P&C Meeting @ Library
15    6.00 -7.30pm Yr7 Meet the Teachers Night
20    Zone Swimming Carnival @ Caringbah Pool
20    7pm HSC Information Night
21    Yrs 7 and 10 Immunisations
24    Academy Photos Yrs 8, 10, 12 (Day 1)
27    Academy Photos Yrs 7, 9, 11 (Day 2)
29    5.45pm Yr6 Open Night

March
2     Starlight Foundation Charity Day
6     NSWCHS @ All Schools Triathlon (Day 1)
7     NSWCHS @ All Schools Triathlon (Day 2)

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The syllabus is designed to encourage students to take risks and think creatively, all whilst having fun. Classes are set in age clusters and delivered in a professional, creative and innovative environment. React The Space Studio allows young performers to discover a craft that is challenging, rewarding and full of excitement.

For more information contact Nathalene on 0450 889 003 or email Nathalene@me.com

Students will walk away with the skill set required to take on the world.
Reminder
School Photos

DAY 1: FRIDAY 24 February
Years 8, 10, 12

DAY 2: Monday 27 February
Years 7, 9, 11
+ Special Photos
(eg Music, Choir, Yr 12 Fantasy Photo)

All order forms will be distributed at least 1 week before due date. Students are to bring the order envelopes on the day of the photos. Mrs Malcolm.

Port Hacking High School
HSC Information Evening

Monday 20th February 2012
7:00 pm in the school auditorium

Parents, caregivers and Year 12 students are invited to attend an information evening.

Please join us to find out more about:
- The ATAR and the scaling process;
- Board of Studies expectations;
- Resources that are available to support your son or daughter;
- Post school options.

Visual Arts Report

Congratulations to Elvira Tivyakova

Elvira’s HSC Visual Arts Body of Work was selected for the prestigious ARTEXPRESS EXHIBITION. Her 4 canvas paintings entitled “We Do Not Remember Days We Remember Moments’ will be exhibited at Hazelhurst Gallery, Gymea from the 10th February.

Our school is also very proud of the high standard of all HSC results in Visual Arts with 25% of students achieving band 6 and 50% of students achieving band 5 and above. Well done Year 12, 2011!

Mrs Malcolm
HT Visual Arts

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LOWES AUSTRALIA
A Report on the happenings in PHHS Performing Arts Faculty
Welcome back to 2012 and a special welcome to all our new year 7 students.

Outstanding HSC results
We would like to congratulate our year 12 Performing Arts students on some excellent HSC results. We have received some very strong results in all courses but our Music results this year have been particularly outstanding. We had students sitting HSC exams in Music 1, Music 2 and Extension this year and the results in all courses were above the state average. All students in Music 1 received Band 5 except one student who received an extremely high Band 4 (1 mark off Band 5) and our Music 2 students also performed in the top bands. Our Extension results were outstanding with Edward Tan receiving 50/50 for his extension program, closely followed by Daniel Blanch with both students achieving the top band for Extension Music.
Congratulations to these students. We are very proud of your achievements.

Ensemble Auditions for year 7
We held our band auditions for our incoming year 7 students on Friday 3 February and were impressed by the diversity of instruments demonstrated by this cohort. Our band conductors were very pleased with response and efforts of the year 7 students on the day and have provided the students with information relevant to the ensembles suited to their ability. If your student missed the auditions please ensure that you or your child speaks to Mrs Brain so an alternative audition can be arranged. Band rehearsals have commenced as of week 3.

Our year 7 dance students have conducted auditions on Monday 6 February and Thursday 9 February, with year 8-10 auditioning on Tuesday. We are very excited by the interest demonstrated in dance from all students involved and look forward to seeing their routines develop. If you have missed the dance auditions please make sure that you or your child speaks to Ms Hadfield or Mrs Brain so that we can make arrangements for your child to be involved in an appropriate ensemble.

Student Opportunities
Students are encouraged to listen carefully to announcements made in roll call and on assembly in the coming weeks as auditions for state ensembles in dance and also Schools Spectacular Auditions are coming up. There are a number of excellent extra-curricular opportunities of this nature offered to our students so it is important for students to be attentive and proactive about becoming involved.

On a school level we are running our second annual PORTquest competition in Week 9. This is a talent quest competition offered to students in years 7-12. For a nominal entry fee students are able to enter items in Dance, Drama or Music. They may enter as many times and categories as they would like. The entry fees for the competition contribute to the prize pool – so the more students that enter the larger the prizes we can offer. Last year our overall winner took home a prize pool of $160 with smaller cash prizes being offered in other categories. This year we will be offering three main prizes to cater for our different age groups – Best Performance in Year 7 & 8, Best Performance in Year 9 & 10 and Best Performance in Year 11 & 12. The performance night for this competition is Wednesday 21 March.

PHHS Performing Arts Students Performing for Rotary
A small group of our enthusiastic musicians performed at the Caringbah Rotary Markets held in the car park behind Caringbah McDonalds on Sunday 29 January. Ex-student Renee King (Year 12 2011) as well as current students Garett Barker (Year 10), Zac Olsen (Year 9), Daniel Condon (Year 9) and Troy Guo (Year 12) performed a lengthy and varied set of Jazz numbers for an appreciative audience and raised $240 for their efforts. Nadine Roberts (Year 12) also supported these students by providing a vocal accompaniment for one of their items. It is fantastic to see our students showing this initiative, improving their performance skills, enjoying music making and also earning some pocket money into the bargain!! Well done to this fine group of musicians. These students will be performing at the Rotary Markets again later this month – so if you have a free Sunday morning you may like to wander down and hear them play.

Busking at the Rotary Markets in Caringbah – Troy Guo, Garret Barker, Renee King, Daniel Condon & Zac Olsen (from left to right)

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21 March – PORTquest Competition
Evening Performance – 7pm in Auditorium

Mrs Tanya Brain
HT Performing Arts.
Welcome back to another exciting school year in the Library. It is the National Year of Reading and here at Port we are celebrating by promoting reading for pleasure. We always encourage students to participate in the Port Hacking Reading Challenge and this will only be one activity for students to enjoy. Reading for pleasure is often overlooked as an important part of a student’s education and we like to recognise this component at every opportunity.

**Library Hours**
As a reminder to all students and so our new students will know, your library is open extended hours. By extending our hours, it will be easier for you to access all of the library facilities.

**OPEN:**
- **Before School:** 8:15 every morning
- **Recess:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Lunchtime:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

**CLOSED:**
- Tuesday recess, Thursday lunch and Thursday after school

**EXTENDED HOURS:**
- 3:05 -3:30pm Tuesday and Friday
- 3:05 - 5pm Monday and Wednesday

Monday and Wednesday afternoons Maths Club meets in the Library. You may come to the Library to attend Maths club or to use the Library. You may attend Maths Club and stay to study and use the computers or resources to support your work.

**Borrowing:**
Borrowing is open to all students. If you do not have your school ID card you may still borrow from the Library. Students in years 7 – 10 may borrow up to four books, years 11 and 12 up to six books. All books are loaned for a two week period. You may renew your book if you need it longer or return before the due date if you are finished with the resource.

**Study Skills**
Year 11 Study Skills will begin Week 3 and it will take approximately three weeks to see all classes. All students will be participating and organisation will be done through English Class. Topics are: organisational skills, time management, memory and memory aides, goals and research. Each student will receive a booklet that covers more information than I will have time discuss. I will be available to expand on any information that they would like reinforced or explained. Parents should you have any questions please contact me on the school number.

**New resources**
There are new books & magazines being added to the collection all the time. Books are displayed on the circulation counter and the ‘new book’ stands. If you have any suggestions for books you would like to have added to the collection, please speak to me or Mrs Wong as we like to buy books that students recommend.

Happy reading,

Mrs Royal
Teacher Librarian
UPDATED LETTER FOR FRANCE VISIT 2012

Dear Parents and Students of French,

Cultural and Linguistic Visit to France
Sunday 23rd September 2012 to 7th October 2012

Recently expressions of interest were sought from students wishing to participate in the above excursion. As the response was sufficient, it has been decided to proceed with the visit and negotiations have been taking place with our travel agent and contacts in France to finalise arrangements.

As there are a number of aspects requiring explanation and discussion – a meeting has been arranged for all interested students and parents, the details of which are as follows:

Date: Monday 5th March, 2012
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Port Hacking High School, The Kingsway Miranda in the School Library

So that we can get an idea of numbers attending this meeting, we would appreciate you completing the attached sheet and having it returned to me as soon as possible.

At this meeting you will be provided with as much information as will be possible at this stage about the visit, including preliminary itinerary, accommodation, costing etc. As our travel agent has indicated that they are unable to secure seating for the group on the flights involved, they have requested that we give immediate consideration to the payment of an appropriate deposit. An amount of $500 has been requested and I would ask that you make this payment on the night of the meeting by cheque payable to Port Hacking High School or by credit card direct to our office before the 9th March 2012. Before making this payment, please be certain that you wish to proceed as it is not refundable.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions about the visit, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or Mr A Ang on 9524 8816.

Yours faithfully

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To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Sutherland Shire Council on Wednesday March 28th at Sutherland Shire Council Offices in Eton Street from 7.00 pm – 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

Greek Language School

The Parish runs Modern Greek Language Schools in the Sutherland Shire at two locations on a non-profit bases. Greek dancing lessons are also run at two locations.

Enrolment for Greek Language classes will be at Tharawal Primary, Illawong on Monday 30/01/12 between 4 and 5pm, and at the Gymea Greek Orthodox Church Hall (808 The Kingsway, Gymea) on Tuesday 30/01/12 and Wednesday 1/9/12 between 4 and 5pm.

Greek Dancing lessons are held every Wednesday at Sylvania Heights Primary School Hall from 6.30pm for all ages and every Tuesday at Gymea Church Hall (808 The Kingsway, Gymea) at 6.30pm for beginners.

Enquiries: Maria 0431 152 159

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The Sydney Region Choir program provides students with weekly training by highly regarded choral professionals, with performances at high profile events within the Sydney Region. The two locations for auditions and rehearsals (inner city and southern) will enable students to select the most convenient location and time to suit their schedules. The choir has exceptional performance opportunities throughout the year, including – in February the Sydney Region Opening of the School Year, in August the Sydney Region Music Festival, in May In Concert- Voices in Performance (secondary singers only), in October the Celebration Concert (primary singers only) and in November the Schools Spectacular (by selection). Secondary singers will have the opportunity to be considered for the Sydney Region DEC tour to China (performing at schools and touring) in late September 2012.

Regular weekly rehearsals for the southern schools are held in the school hall at:

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REGULAR WEEKLY REHEARSAL TIME: TUESDAYS 4.00PM – 5.30PM School days only

Your commitment to the program would include attending weekly rehearsals all year. Annual membership is $350 for all weekly rehearsals, plus a uniform fee of $100 (new singers) and a fee of $50 for copyright, repertoire, music CD’s & scores.

Heather Causley  Manager – SYDNEY REGION CHOIR (Voices of Sydney)  0400 808 603

Please send an email to sydneyregionchoir@gmail.com to book in for an appointment or come to Sutherland PS on Tuesday 21st February and register.
Accident insurance for students

From time to time there are media stories about whether children are insured for injuries they sustain during school-related activities, both at school and at events outside of school, such as excursions, sporting or other events.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities however does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. Rather, the department is insured so that it can meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities.

For example, if the department or one of its staff is negligent and this causes a student to be injured, then the student will be able to legally recover damages from the department (and the department’s insurance will cover the cost). However, if an accident occurs at a school and it is not caused by any wrongdoing or omission by the department, then the department’s insurance does not cover the student.

The NSW Treasury Managed Fund provides cover for the department’s day-to-day activities. The public liability component covers breaches by the department in its duty of care to students that result in claims for compensation.

Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme

The only cover provided by the state government is through the Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme. The Supplementary Scheme covers all students should they be permanently injured or die while participating in authorised school sporting or athletic activities such as school lessons, training and competitions. The Supplementary Scheme provides a capital benefit for particular permanent injuries meeting the minimum disability threshold or death. Benefits are paid regardless of pre-existing conditions or negligence. You do not need legal representation in order to make a claim for benefit.

The Supplementary Scheme does not cover dental injuries, reimbursement of medical expenses, legal expenses or costs.

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**Find out more!**
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- Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
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- Lismore: 5 May
- Cairns: 19 May

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