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DATES TO REMEMBER:

TERM 1:
Monday 25 January to Friday 26 March

Mon 15 Mar: Yr 4 Camp Info. Session 3.30pm
Wed 17 Mar: Yr 7 Camp Info. Evening 7pm
Mon 22 Mar: Yr 5 Camp Info. Session 3.30pm
Fri 26 Mar: Last Day Term 1

TERM 2:
Monday 12 April to Friday June 18

Mon 19 Apr: Middle School Camp Week 1
Mon 19 Apr: NO CCAs
Wed 21 Apr: Parents' Assoc. Newcomers' Morning Tea
Sun 25 Apr: ANZAC Day
Mon 26 Apr: Primary School Camp Week
Mon 26 Apr: Middle School Camp Week 2
Mon 26 Apr: NO CCAs
Mon 3 May: Labour Day Pub.Hol. NO SCHOOL

With two weeks to go until the end of term, our packing boxes have arrived and the logistics for shifting to the new building finalised. However, our students remain focused on their studies, with our Year 12 students preparing for their mid-year Examinations beginning late next week.

Year 11 and 12 Drama students get *OnStage* in Sydney

Over the Chinese New Year break, Year 11 and Year 12 Drama students travelled to Sydney to see *OnStage*; a superb display of the dramatic works of the highest achieving Year 12 Drama students of 2009. The diversity of the HSC Drama course is on display at this time: monologue and group performance, script writing and video drama, costume and lighting design. The exhibition was on par with *Art Express*, *Encore* and the *Young Writers* showcase. The curriculum camp is run every two years and it shows students the amazing standards achieved in Drama across NSW.

In addition to *OnStage*, students were able to participate in a variety of workshops at NIDA, the National Institute of Drama Art. Workshops included HSC course content from Approaches to Acting, specialising in the practitioner Augusto Boal, and Contemporary Australian Theatre practices. The workshops offered students insight into the theory and practice of Drama. Students also visited the Sydney Theatre Company and took a backstage tour of the facilities. This was a hands-on opportunity for our students to explore aspects of the theatre.



HSC Drama is a demanding and highly rewarding course. In their own words, students found the trip 'enjoyable and very informative', it was 'amazing' and 'an opportunity to see what is possible with the individual project and group project'. The Sydney trip opened our student's eyes to the breadth and depth of the HSC Drama course and we look forward to the realisation of their own projects and performances this year and beyond.

Photography Finalist: Rolando Chancellor

Some time ago, a local company called Hemsworth Ltd organised a photography competition in conjunction with their exhibition, The Expat Expo Singapore which is to be held on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March 2010 at Hall 401, Suntec Singapore. The Photography SHOW OFF '10 Competition is a creative activity designed to showcase the photography skills and talents of international school students in Singapore to the public. The photographs of finalists will be exhibited in Suntec during the Expat Expo Singapore. Apart from winning attractive prizes, the first prize winner will be able to win a digital photography kit for the school he or she represents. In addition to the prizes, the school and the participants will be able to receive additional post event publicity through the company's various media. We have been informed that the photograph submitted by Rolando Chancellor of Year 12 has been selected for the finals. This is a great honour for Rolando, we congratulate him on his selection and wish him well for the final. The final judging will be held on the Saturday 20 March and the winner's announcement will be made Sunday 21 March at Hall 401, Suntec Convention Centre at 1pm whereby the prize giving ceremony will be held.

Parent-Teacher Interviews This Week

We would like to thank parents and students for attending interviews this week and trust that they were informative and helpful. Feedback is always welcome in regard to how they were conducted. If you were unable to attend but would still like to discuss your child's progress, please contact the relevant staff members either by phone or via email to make alternative arrangements.

Arrangements for End of Term, and Start of Next Term

In the process of shifting, there are many variables to consider. The Senior School – both its students and its teachers and support staff, need to pack and move their resources and materials while still maintaining normal class lessons. Immediately after, the Middle School staff and students will also be relocating within the current building.

In order to facilitate this change with minimum disruption and also to assist teachers and staff to shift, the arrangements for the Senior School for the last day of school this term and the first day of school next term are as follows:

Year 12 next week

Prior to examination leave next week, all Year 12 students must empty their lockers completely and bring their entire gear home. We will not have occupancy rights to the new building at this stage. All old lockers are being moved in the first week of the holidays. Any contents of lockers at that time will be discarded.

Friday March 26 – last day of Term 1:

Year 10 and 11 students will attend school as normal, with classes running until the start of lunch time.

At 1pm, Year 10 and Year 11 students will transfer the contents of their lockers to their new lockers in the new building.

Year 10 and 11 students will then be released from school early, at approximately 1.30pm. Students wishing to wait for school buses can do so, and supervised study will be provided.

Please note: If students intend leaving school earlier in the week, they must vacate their lockers completely prior to leaving. Friday is the only day for moving to the new building, and so an earlier leave will require students to take their books home.

Monday April 12 – first day of Term 2

Years 10, 11 and 12 students will not need to be at school until 10am. Supervision will be provided for bus students arriving early. At 10am, all students will report to their new home rooms in the new Senior School, where they will be given new timetables and new procedures will be explained. Year 12 will be allocated their new lockers. Normal timetable will resume for Period 3 at 10.35am.

Please note that the official opening of the new wing is currently planned for early April.

Earthquake in Chile

Members of our school community include students and parents from Chile, and we would like to assist the efforts of the Chilean community in their relief efforts for the victims of the recent earthquake. Mr. Fernando Jaramillo has two students at our school. He is independently assisting in the organisation of a buffet dinner to raise money for the relief effort. The dinner is at the Myras Beach Club, East Coast Park, on Monday 22 March commencing at 6.30pm. Dinner is at cost, and funds will be raised by a donation to cover the meal (a suggested minimum would be \$50 per person payable at the door). You can contact Mr. Jaramillo at jaramillolecaros@hotmail.com to let him know if you would like to assist or go to the dinner.

The target of fundraising activities will include the purchase of 80 Ultra-Filtration Water Treatment Systems (UFWTS) which basically produce clean water through the use of pedal power. These need to be purchased in Singapore and transported to Chile as soon as possible to help provide much needed clean water in many areas. These systems were successfully used in September 2008 following Cyclone Nargis in Burma, in November 2008 following the floods in Yemen, and August 2009 following Typhoon Morakot in Taiwan.

Year 12 Parent/Guardians

A message from our Year 12 Parent Coordinators, Sarah, Julia, Jennifer and Frances: Please join them for lunch at PS Cafe, Dempsey Hill at 11.30 on Monday 22 March. If you are planning to attend, please reply by March 19 to hraicevich@hotmail.com which is Jennifer's email. Hope you can make it.

Dates to Remember**Term 1: Monday 25 January to Friday 26 March**

Friday 19 March	Year 12 Examinations begin for week
Wednesday 24 March	Year 12 reports distributed
Friday 26 March	Last day of Term One – senior students released at 1.30pm
Saturday 27 March	Year 6 – 12 Ski Trip begins
Monday 12 April	Term Two starts – 10am start for all Senior students