Science Report

On May 21st, seven Year 12 Biology students visited the UNSW Museum of Human Disease as part of their work for the HSC topic "The Search for Better Health". This museum is the only pathology museum in Australia to open its doors to the public and is home to over 3,000 specimens of diseased human tissue. Students listened to a fascinating talk that compared the size, colour and texture of healthy and diseased organs and completed a computer-based genetics investigation to determine paternity. Students were also able to explore the many specimens and informative displays in the museum and could read up on the medical history of each of the specimen donors.

In addition to viewing the amazing pathology specimens at the museum, students were able to observe the everyday activities of clubs and societies at the university and witnessed some unique student performances. One of these performances involved university students walking at a snails-pace amongst the usual bustle of students hurrying to get to class. A lounge, lamp and carpet being used in the middle of the main walkway, part of an Indigenous storytelling performance, also caught the eye of the students.

Next time you see Cho, Hussein, Khadejah, Lamia, Muzda, Sukru or Younes, be sure to ask them about the experience as they have many stories to tell!

Miss C Lombardo
Science Teacher

SRC Report

Young Leaders Youth Forum

On Friday 23rd May, Sintia Yaakub, Kassandra Kobersy and Hatice Sari attended the Young Leaders Youth Forum at the University of Western Sydney Parramatta Campus.

The forum invited these young high achievers and leaders from high schools, universities and businesses in the Parramatta region to listen to presentations and engage with successful leaders in technology, innovation, business and government. These leaders included the Hon. Scott Morrison MP (Federal Minister for Immigration and Border Protection) and The Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor of Parramatta Councillor John Chedid. The participants engaged in a workshop session on Government and the Media and discussed ways political leaders can engage young people in our political future, and how media shapes our views on government.

Students provided feedback on future strategies of Parramatta and had the opportunity to meet the speakers who have taken part in the forum as well as business and industry leaders from the local area.

Miss R. Rama
Senior Leadership Coordinator

CAPA Report

Congratulations to Bethany Pike!

Year 12 music student Bethany Pike has been impressing judges at numerous rounds of auditions to become a Feature Vocalist at this year’s School Spectacular. The School Spectacular is a televised annual show featuring more than 3000 students from across New South Wales and is performed at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Bethany has now reached the Intermediate Round and is busy preparing for her audition. Congratulations to Bethany on this remarkable achievement!

Ms J Tezel
Music Teacher
Music

The Music faculty is busy preparing for several events that are coming up soon. Firstly, the Granville South Creative and Performing Arts Band is preparing for their "Our Spectacular" auditions which is happening on June 5th. This year’s theme is “Legends of Music” and the song we chose is "Boogie Wonderland" by Earth, Wind and Fire.

The band also performed at the Church Cafe at Parramatta on May 21st. They did well performing over 18 songs for the 2 hour long gig. The band didn't stop as the next day they were needed again to perform for the Mother’s Day lunch at school.

Mr J Chai
Music Teacher

Photography and Digital Media

Year 9 Photography and Digital Media students have recently completed a unit of work looking at traditional photographic processes.

Students learnt all about working in the darkroom and the chemicals used to create a black and white print. They then constructed their own pinhole cameras and were very surprised to learn that they could make a functional camera using cardboard, duct tape and tin foil! The students should be very proud of their effort and results.

Miss S Jessop
Visual Arts Teacher

Art Gallery Excursion

On 2nd May, we travelled to the Art Gallery of New South Wales with a number of students and their families to see the exhibition: Afghanistan: Treasures from the Kabul Museum.

It was an amazing day filled with memorable adventures and priceless artworks that were thousands of years old. It was appreciated by all that attended.

We would like to thank the Art Gallery for allowing us access to these amazing treasures, plus the Community Migrant Resource Centre for a wonderful lunch, sweets and delicious tea to finish off our day!

World’s Biggest Morning Tea

On Wednesday 21st May, our very talented Music Ensemble students travelled to the Community of Christ Church on Woodville Road for their “World’s Biggest Morning Tea”.

We were invited to perform on the day and left with new friends and a renewed appreciation of our amazing community.

A huge highlight of our calendar was performing at school for our Mother’s Day Morning Tea. See the CLO News below for a full report!
**HSIE Report**

In Term 1 this year, the HSIE faculty for the first time took Year 7 students on a Geography excursion to The Blue Mountains. We enjoyed a scenic bus ride to Scenic World, Katoomba, where we were met with our guides for the day and made our way to the Scenic Railway. We descended 310 metres through a cliff-side tunnel, riding the steepest passenger railway in the world emerging into ancient rainforest at the Jamison Valley floor. Once in the rainforest Year 7 students were then taken on a guided tour, learning about the local flora and fauna and exploring elements of the site’s coal mining history. We completed our journey with a 545 metre ride ascending in a cable car back to the top of the valley. The Cableway’s cabin provided amazing panoramic views of the Three Sisters, and Katoomba Falls. The students all had a great day and due to the success of the day, the HSIE faculty hopes to have more such excursions in the future.

**Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Report**

Apart from our day at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, the CLOs have been busy with a number of community engagements.

**Kite-Making Workshops**

Our friends from the Granville Multicultural Community Centre are visiting for a total of four workshop days to complete traditional Afghani kites to display at our planned Afghani Night to be announced next month. It has been a pleasure to watch our senior students mentor the juniors in this rich tradition.

**Girl Ready Program**

The **Girl Ready Program** is a school-based program that works with female students in Year 9/10 and aims to support personal and physical development via group work (Netball) and intensive life skills workshops. This program is run in partnership with Netball NSW, NSW Sydney Swifts and the Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC).

The program commenced on Wednesday May 14th where students met with NSW Sydney Swifts Netball Player, Sonia Mkoloma, who will be facilitating a number of specialised Netball Clinic’s with the girls over the course of the program. Students will also participate in a number of Life Skills Workshops including, Goal Setting, Communication Skills and Career Pathways.

Students will also have the privilege of attending a National ANZ Championship match and watch the Sydney Swifts play on their home court in the latter weeks. This is an exciting opportunity for our female students and we look forward to the weeks ahead!
Mother’s Day Morning Tea

We had the absolute pleasure of hosting a Mother’s Day morning tea for our community and school family on Thursday 23rd May. It was the largest gathering of parents and community members at Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School and we enjoyed soothing music provided by our students, coupled with the good company of staff and parents of the school. Opportunities like these are treasured as they highlight the importance of our staff – parent relationships.

Indoor Soccer Competition

The Community Youth Sport Program, or better known as the Indoor Soccer Competition, is played every Wednesday (junior competition) and Thursday (senior competition) at Lunch. This program is delivered in partnership with Granville Multicultural Community Centre (GMCC). The games are played inside the school hall and teams are coached and managed by senior students with the aim to develop and highlight leadership skills.

The winning teams of the Term 1 Competition were:

**Junior Competition** – Tamer Tetik’s Team coached by Hadi Ghama

**Senior Competition** – Bashar Wannous’ Team coached by Mohamed Dandan

The Coach/Manager of the Term was awarded to:

**Junior Competition** – Ammar Fazil/Mushtaba Karimi

**Senior Competition** – Mohamed Dandan

Following the Term 1 winning streak, Bashar Wannous’ Team were called out by Mr Nagi to verse the Teachers’ Team. The first game was played on Thursday May 15th where it was clear that the students had fitness on their side. An unexpected goal by Mr Farthing from the first kick-off had the student team frazzled and the teachers continued to dominate the game. The teachers went on to win this game. After, the students claimed that this was only a warm up match. Mr Nagi and the Teachers’ Team then challenged the students to another game, played on Thursday May 22nd. The students played strong and were more structured in their attack, leading early in the match with goals scored by Ali Dulleh and Mohamed Dandan. It was an even game for most of the match but the teachers were too strong in the end with the help of Mr Marcos as Goal Keeper, winning 5-4.

Thank you to Mr. Nagi and his team: Mr Farthing, Mr Marcos, Mr Garrido and Mr Bizan for their time and efforts, Mrs. Leiva and Mrs. McKeown for their assistance and to all staff who came to support the match. Thank you to all the student spectators who contributed a gold coin donation on the days.

Ms R Irsin
Community Liaison Officer (CLO) – Student Engagement

News from A Block Office

A friendly reminder: if there are any changes to student details, emergency contact numbers, etc., please contact the school immediately to enable our records to be updated. It is most important that the school has current contact numbers in case of emergency.

The school is also updating student medical records. If you have received forms for your child that require completing, please do so and return the completed forms to the main office as soon as possible. If students are required to have medication administered during school hours, please have your daughter/son bring the medication in the original package to the office with a letter signed by yourself clearly stating student’s name, name of medication, dosage required and when it is to be administered. The only medication that students should keep with themselves are Ventolin and EpiPen.

Enclosed with this newsletter are price lists for both our uniform shops. Both stores have a stock of black school shoes. Now that winter is upon us, please ensure the correct school sloppy joe or jacket is worn. No hoods allowed. PE shorts, aprons and school ties for senior students may be purchased through the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs S Grinyer
School Administrative Manager / Business Manager
Up-coming School Calendar Dates

- June 4: Sydney West Dance Festival Matinee
- June 6: Sydney West Dance Festival evening performance
- June 9: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- June 10: Go Active Program for Girls (Indoor Handball)
- June 11: Dance excursion to “Patyegarang” by Bangarra Dance Company
- June 17: Go Active Program for Girls (Soccer)
- June 24: 24th Go Active Program for Girls (Netball)
- June 25: Parent Teacher Evening
- June 27: Go Active Program for Girls (Basketball)
- June 27: Last day of Term 2