Cabra Matters





Retiring Principal, Mr B. Loader

New Principal, Mr D. MacKenzie



A SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My first few weeks as Principal of the School have been busy, but most enjoyable and I wish to thank all those who have made me feel so welcome. Mr Loader's retirement was unexpected and I know that you would all like to join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement. He gave much of himself to the School and its students and was a person who was able to look into, and plan for, the future with the interests of students in mind. Mr Loader served as Principal for the last eight years and was Deputy Principal between 1981 and 1983. I hope to be able to build on much of the work that he started.

In "CabraMatters" last edition for 1993, Mr Loader spoke of "Students at Risk" and wrote at length about the range of courses available, the increasing flexibility of the School timetable for senior students and the way the HSC can be completed in different ways. While the School is providing these opportunities, it is essential also that students accept their responsibilities. These include attendance (both at school and individual lessons,) punctuality, and working to the best of their ability. I will not recommend the awarding of School or Higher School Certificates to students who do not satisfy these basic requirements; nor will Year 11 students be promoted to Year 12 unless they also can demonstrate personal commitment to their work.

Our School's 1993 HSC results were pleasing, especially the significant improvement in the overall TER average. Two of

our students – Ying Jun YU (TER 99.55), and Thi Tuong Van NGO (Ter 98.6) were placed among the top 1,000 students in the state.



Ying Jun Yu receives her award from the Assistant Director General (Region), Dr Alan Laughlin, and Mr Newton, President of the Metropolitan South West Principal's Council.

Other students who scored in the top 10% of the state included:

Bich Ho TRAN (96.50)

Narmine SOAS (95.9)

Hsing Ting SUNG (95.8)

Hai Du LIU (95.25)

Ning LIU (94.9)

students and their families.

Lisa TON (92.95)

Grzegorz ZWOLAK (92.85)

Seav Long LEAV (92.4)

Congratulations to these

This year we welcome the following teachers to our staff: Dr Jostsons as Head Teacher (English), Ms Lawrence in PD/Health/PE, Ms Li in ESL/Languages, Mr Beuzeville as Teacher/Librarian, Ms Sav and Ms Celkys in the Intensive English Centre, and Mr Yigit who is replacing Mr Munro as School Counsellor while he is on leave. I trust that their time at Cabramatta High School will be rewarding.

I wish also to extend a warm welcome to our new students, particularly those in Year 7, and hope that you will enjoy your stay with us. Whatever you can contribute to the School will be ultimately of benefit to you.

The School's appearance has been improved greatly by the external painting and we are soon to have the interior upgraded, including renewed facilities in Home Economics and Industrial Arts (later in the year.) The Lecture Theatre should be in operation by the end of this term. This will mean that our School has excellent facilities and it is up to all of us to ensure that they remain in good condition for a long time. Vandalism will not be tolerated and students caught damaging property will be asked to justify their remaining at this school. Student behaviour is also most important, and unacceptable behaviour will result in suspension of students. Neither students nor staff are to be put at risk by others and students must learn to accept the consequences of their behaviour.

The year has started well in terms of uniform and I am pleased to see that many students are now aware of the way in which it is to be worn. My thanks to the many families who have supported the School in this way as this is an important part of our image.

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我不够投校长加最初的周是繁忙的,也是愉快知。我感谢那些和我感受升度欢迎加人们。Mr Loader 巴休曼北是神之外的。我和语仔的都愿意同我一起 被他享受长久,快你加退休生活。他献等学校和学生, 是个想看学生创益, 看到并计划将来加入。Mr Loader 在过去的八年里任校长,1981年至1983年任副校长。我希望能在他开始的事生上程德智力。

在1993年最后一期"Cabra Metters"上,Mr Loader实到处于危机分配的"详细谈了一系列危机存因。还决了增加高年级学生的弹性上评时间,从及用不同方法决定高中华生文化净税。学校在提供这些机会细同时,历史们也应该的理他的最根本和责任。这些的程度对并通过的最级上课),尽最大能力要好功准。对那些不能满足文化基本要求分配生,我不会建议发给初中对高中华生的书句,也不会建议从十一年级升到十二年级,降推他的能量未对学生的个人义务。

我校1993年初中华世文先老试结单令人满意,特别是整个"大学入取分数成传"有主义进劳。我校的两名野生一 Ying Jun Yu (TER 99.55)和Thi Tuong Van

NGO (TER 98.6)名到含州北贫-4名伊姆。

其地名到州百分之十内的西里有。

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何这些受比门及其家庭视觉。

今年我的改近以下各位新老师、英语教研组长Jostsons 村事士,仁发展与里拉研组的Ms Lawrence,语言和英语 为第二年活放研组的Ms Li; 图书馆教师 Mr Beuzeville, 英语3强化中公的Ms Sav和Ms Selkys, 学校贫驹员 Mr Munto体限期间提替工作的 Mr Yigit。我相信 使的在Cabramatta中导期间一是会布益的。

我也欢迎新野牧的,特别是华级知野牧的新华你们会喜欢同我们在一起的的子。无故您对学校贡献多岁. 都会极大地有利于你知。

大巷外墙的粉刷大大改善3学投加面客。不久榜进份官内容修,包括家政和工业关本教研组的新设备(今年晚绝时候)。这学期末大教室将开启使用。这是冰幕我校布度过知准验后,要苏钦硕大家来待的在长时间内强持自己的状态。决不能客忍破坏。就吃

管建设证学校则产将考虑能否如他的绝缘组投。 管建设为也征重要。不能接受的引为事致停营。不 证益学生,而是数师都不应该由于他人的引为而处 于危险。管生必须管线接受自己们为常来的后案。

授服,今年加开端是良好加。我很高兴者到净多了电影也是心到如何穿投服。我成净校这者面友持受校和净多家庭,因为这是面灵我投形象加一个重要和分。

Mr BRIAN LOADER

Late last year, Mr Brian Loader announced his retirement as Principal of Cabramatta High School.

Brian came to teaching in his mid 20's, having already worked in the Treasury. He has taught in the following schools:

1960	Teacher at Berleley High School
1961	Teacher at Kiera Boys High School
1964	Overseas
1965 (April)	Teacher at Enmore Boys High School
1965 (May)	Teacher at Kiera Boys High School
1968	Teacher at Northmead High School
1970	Head Teacher Administration at Granville South High School
1975 (April)	Metropolitan West Regional Office
1979	Head Teacher Administration at Model Farms High School
1981 (May)	Deputy Principal at Cabramatta High School
1984	Deputy Principal at Marsden High School
1986-1993	Principal of Cabramatta High School

Brian's contribution to the education of children in NSW has spanned 34 years. While he will be remembered by the community of Cabramatta High School for his forward thinking and his educational leadership, he will be remembered by the friends and colleagues of 34 years for his genuine concern for children.

The Background to Your New Principal,

Mr D. MacKenzie

I was trained as an English/History Teacher at Sydney University and my first teaching position was at Punchbowl Boys High School. I have also taught at Normanhurst, and was English/History Head Teacher at Liverpool Boys High, and then Galston High School.

My other career experiences include:

- History Consultant (Metropolitan South West Region)
- * State Resource Person (Australian History)
- ❖ Industrial Relations Directorate 1990
- ★ Inspector of Schools (English)(1988 1990)
- ★ Cluster Director (1990 1993)

I have been very involved also in running programs at Regional and State level for students which include:

- Student Welfare
- Student Leadership
- * Debating and Public Speaking
- ♦ PD/Health/PE
- * Youth Action Forums
- Healthy Schools Program

I am delighted to have returned to work in a school, and am particularly pleased to be at Cabramatta High School.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 2nd DECEMBER, 1993

- Mrs Coombes and Mr Robertson re-elected as staff Representatives.
- New student member is Shuang Cai.
- Results of parent elections not known.
- Mr Loader spoke of the School Report: School as a whole; Students; Curriculum; Staff; Community; Financial.
- School to be audited during Term I 1994.
- Comments from the School Report reflected that changes in education have not always been to the advantage of the classroom itself.
- Timetable changes for 1994 require Years 11 and 12 to commence at 8.30 am to allow courses to run and TAFE attendance. Some senior students will leave school early on some days.
- Concern expressed that some students have run away from home due possibly to cultural schisms or parents concentrating on business.
- Two new awards for Presentation Day: School Council Award to a student from the SRC; School Council Award for Sportsperson of the Year.
- Mooted that the proper authorities be asked to provide a fence along part of Cabramatta Road to prevent possible fatalities.
- Meeting dates for 1994 proposed.

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 10th OF MARCH, 1994

- Letter of election of Parent members not received.
- Follow-up of road safety issue: unsafe crossing of Cabramatta Road; Police representatives to speak to students; congestion of Aladore Avenue; general warning to students. Traffic police to be invited to the school.
- Mr MacKenzie introduced himself and clarified his expectations of students.
- Cabramatta High School is part of Wakeley Cluster the Director is Helen Jones. 18 schools comprise the cluster.
- The school will be subject to a full audit.
- Top HSC results of the school announced.
- Students will not continue to HSC if not serious. Students with bad attendance have been directed elsewhere.
- Budget: SC to have input into the spending of money. The budget was explained, including retained earnings, expected expenditure, global budget, rental of facilities.
- Copyright of computer software to be protected individual liability for offenders.
- School image and marketing discussed, including grounds, uniform, internal spaces. Weekend taskforce proposed. Fences around grounds to be repaired.
- SC Discussed pedestrian through-traffic.
- CLO position will promote the school in the community.
- DSC grant of \$2,000 available on application suggested use in the Parent English Program.

Clean Up Cabramatta Campaign

On Friday the 4th of March, Cabramatta High School held our first Clean Up Cabramatta Campaign in conjunction with Clean Up Australia. It involved all of Years 7 & 8 who spent 1 1/2 hours weeding gardens, planting seedlings, and generally cleaning up the grounds. It was a most rewarding day, as one Year 8 student reports....

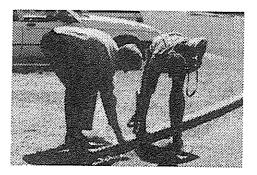


Cabramatta High School had their Clean Up Day on Friday 4th March. Years 7 and 8 took

part in this exciting event. Each class had a

different part of the school to work on and job to do. My class' part was gardening. Even though it was

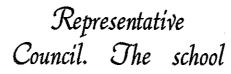




pretty messy, I actually enjoyed it.

Not only did I enjoy it, but many others did. I know the boys enjoyed doing

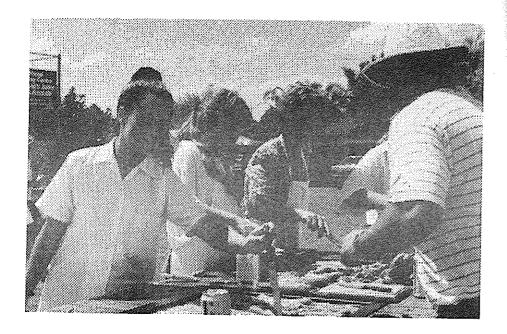
something different once in a while. After two periods we had a free lunch which was sponsored by our local community and the Student





band entertained us during lunch. A lot of people enjoyed it, especially the teachers. It was a great day. I liked it a lot.

by Alice Huynh (Year 8)



The School would like to thank our community sponsors:
Cooks Hill Quality Meats, 477 Cabramatta Rd.
Hung Hing Butchery, S26 Cabramatta Plaza
Hung Long Butchery, 9/85 John St.
Lucky Butchery, 61 John St.
Minh Hung Butchery, 44 Park Rd.
New Asian Butchery, 105 John St.
Tuong Hung, 46 Park Rd.
Buttercup Bakery, Fairfield
Flower Power, Fairfield

STAFF NEWS

New members of the teaching staff introduce themselves to the school community. We wish them every success for a long and satisfying stay at Cabramatta High School.

Mrs S. Celkys – IEC Teacher

My name is Mrs Celkys and I'm a new teacher in the IEC this year. I have been teaching for a long time at Narrabri, Bega, Canley Vale, and Ashcroft High Schools. In the last week of term last year everyone at Ashcroft High School was very sad when we learned that the IEC at Ashcroft would be closing. All the students had to go to new schools and the teachers and aides had to find new jobs. Some of them are still looking for jobs.

I was delighted to have been appointed to Cabramatta High School, which was my first choice. The staff and students here have been very friendly and helpful I'm sure you'll agree that the IEC does a wonderful job in teaching English to newly arrived students and preparing them for high school life in their new country.

I am married with two children (Jenny aged 7, and Kate aged 4.) My hobbies include gardening, learning jazz, and looking after my two cats: Rainbow and Magic. I am very happy to live in the local area, so if you see me walking around Cabramatta, please stop and say "hello."

Mr P. Beuzeville – Teacher Librarian

Cabramatta High School is my first appointment as a Teacher Librarian. This is my third career change and I am enjoying both the job and the school very much. I have had a strong interest in Asia and other cultures since my late teens and spent a very stimulating month travelling in China.

I began my working career teaching Science/Biology for ten years. Following this I worked as a Curriculum Consultant in the Studies Directorate of the Department for many years. During this time I worked with a number of syllabus committees including Science and Technology (Years K-6) and Society and Culture (Years 11–12.)

For three years I taught Education Studies to Aboriginal Education Assistants at Sydney University. During this time I also had responsibility for the Aboriginal Education Centre Library and decided to gain the qualifications needed to become a teacher librarian.

My priorities for the development of the Library this year are to:

- make it easier for students to find the information they want, including the development of an information skills program;
- get new books into the collection especially to support the major new subjects;
- complete the installation of a range of CD-ROMs;
- install another computer for on-line searching of national data bases by senior students.

Dr C. Jostsons - Head Teacher of English

I was delighted to accept appointment to the position of Head Teacher English at Cabramatta High earlier this year as I had heard a great deal about the school and its achievements. My first impressions certainly confirm all these positive reports; it is a pleasure to teach such courteous and highly motivated students.

Over the years I have taught in a number of Independent and State schools, most recently at Muirfield Technology High, and Cabramatta compares very favourably to them all. I look forward to a long and happy relationship with the school.

Ms J. Lawrence - PD/Health/PE Teacher

As a newly appointed Personal Development/Health/Physical Education Teacher to Cabramatta High School in 1994 I have been asked to tell you a little something about myself.

I completed my teacher training at Sydney University and was extremely fortunate to be appointed to Cabramatta High School by the Department of School Education.

Although my interests include all sports, I play netball and touch, enjoy going to aerobics and am a keen cricket and rugby league supporter. I am also involved in coaching netball outside of school and I am am currently coaching the open girls grade touch team. I look forward to becoming more involved in other sporting teams for the school and at zone and regional level.

I have settled in well at Cabramatta High School and I'm looking forward to meeting more of the students and staff in the coming year.

Ms X. Li - Languages/ESL Teacher

Hello, everyone. My name is Ms Li. I am a new teacher in this school. I have completed my B.A. Degree and Diplima in Education at the University of Sydney. I speak Chinese (Mandarin) and English. My teaching subjects include Chinese, and English as a Second Language.

I am very delighted at being appointed to this school, which has a tradition of language learning. The staff and students here are great. I am looking forward to working with them and enjoying my first year of teaching.

Where are they now?

Ms D. Davidson is on maternity leave.

Mrs Y. Gutierrez has transferred to Asquith Girls High School.

Mr J. Papas has transferred to Elizabeth MacArthur High School.

Mr A. Yeung has transferred to Canley Vale High School.

Goodbye Christine Glover

The Ancillary Staff of Cabramatta High School were sorry to lose the services and companionship of Mrs Christine Glover who has been a popular member of staff for five years. Christine has transferred to Moorebank Primary School and will be missed by all staff at Cabramatta. We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jean Barlow who is replacing Christine on a temporary basis.

S.R.C. Representatives, 1994

Year 12

Shuang Cai (School Captain)
Evan Nguyen (School Captain)
Davis Alvarez (School Vice-Captain)
Joanne Sarson (School Vice-Captain)

Year 11

Xia Cai Vu-Phi Luu Phet Photirath

Year 10

Van Tha *Le* Michael *Ly* Suzanne *Manderson*

Year 9

Ghek Lim Katarina Novakovic John Palmer

Year 8

Alice Huynh Ngy Tran Lautaro Veloso

Year 7

Marcella Herrera Hoang Ngoc Tran Nguyen Nay Muoy Pheng

The Sports/House Representatives are:

John Celik of Year 12 for
Bradman
Tuyen Cam Huynh of Year 10
for Fraser
Le Hoa Thi Phan of Year 11 for
Mackay
Ua Saipaia of Year 11 for
Strickland

CabraLinks

The CabraLinks programme is again running in 1994. This programme is a joint initiative of Cabramatta High School and its two main feeder primary schools, Cabramatta Primary School and Cabramatta West Primary School, and is part of the Staying On Programme of this region.

Teachers from the three schools have again arranged a varied menu for students across several Key Focus Areas. This year, an attempt is being made to include aspects of Staff Professional Development into each area, so that both teachers and students benefit from the programme.

The Key Focus Areas, organised at the recent Full Committee meetings are:

- Drug Education
- English
- * Languages
- **★** Mathematics
- ❖ Performing Arts
- ♦ Science
- Student Leadership
- ♦ Visual Arts

The programme in these Areas will run through the year and shortly the Management Committee will meet to arrange financial matters. At this stage, it is pleasing to see the enthusiasm of the teachers involved and it is to be hoped that the students at whom the programme is targetted will respond in a similar fashion.

Go Science!

As usual, the Science Staff is providing a varied programme for students this year, hoping that the very good results from last year's HSC can be further improved. Early in the year, excursions for the Year 12 Biology and Science for Life students to Mt. Kiera and Port Kembla, and for Year 12 Physics students to the Lucas Heights nuclear facility will be held; later, Year 7 students will be making the annual visit to Taronga Park Zoo.

Students also have the opportunity of entering several outside competitions run by the University of NSW, and soon our senior students will be able to enter the National Chemistry Competition. This year, in addition, the Science and ESL teachers are co-operating in team teaching several classes in different years, and it is to be hoped that students and parents support these initiatives and opportunities to further progress the impact of Science in our school.

Thanks

The editor of CabraMatters, Mr S. Gailey, would like to thank the following contributors for helping to make this issue possible:

Mrs R. Byrnes, Mr J. Daly, Ms N. Hand, Mr D. MacKenzie, Mrs M. Maher, Mr D. McEwan, Mr K. Molyneux, Mr D. Newbold, Mrs C. Prados-Valerio, Ms P. Simpson.

Mr C. Solomon and Mrs V. Wighton are assistant editors.

LANGUAGE THOUGHTS

A Year 7 French Language class were asked what they had already learnt in French in the first seven weeks of this first term. We thought the rest of the school community would like to know what it is that we do which makes Languages so attractive. Herewith some responses from the students (who incidently have each chosen a French name to use during lessons):

In my French class I learnt how French people pronounce their words and letters. — Louise (Antonia)

Hi! My name is Viviane (Ngoc Tran.) In French I learnt how to sing a song in French and say greetings. I can say "Salut!" which means "Hello", and "Au Revoir" which means "Good Bye." I really like my French Class.

In my French class I learnt how to pronounce French names and words and how to spell them. – Felicité (Irene)

I tell other people my name during all periods of French Class. I have also improved my writing in French. Au Revior. – Émilie (Sui Ling)

So far I have learnt a lot of names, words and expressions in French. We've done a few tests and an assignment on cardboard called "French All Around Us." I am going to enjoy learning French. – Nathalie (Alison)

I've learnt how to communicate with each other in French, how to apologise, and I can count up to twenty. — Irenée (Georgia)

I've learnt a lot. - Christine (Christine)

I can sing in French. - Charles (William)

I even sing "Bonne Fête" or Happy Saints Name Day in French. – Léon (Jose)

French class is alright. I learnt how to introduce myself to people I don't know and how to pronounce words. — Dominique (Zoran)

There are so many things I learnt that I can't write everything in. I am so happy to learn French. — Catherine (Jenny Tran)

A collage "French All Around Us" created by the class can be viewed in room A1.

À bientôt! (See you soon)

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Telegraph Mirror

Wednesday January 12, 1994

Go west for a top education

HE success of students from schools in Sydney's west in last year's Higher School Certificate Examination comes as no surprise to the students, nor to the teachers who work in the region.

For, contrary to stereotypical perceptions of the western and southperceptions of the western and south-western suburbs as regions of deprivation and social decay. Sydney's expanding suburban belt nowadays contains some of the city's most vibrant cultural resources and

community facilities.

Educational opportunity in the region — as the latest HSC results indicate to indicate - is equal to the best the city can offer.

Students from Parramatta, Marayong, Bonnyrigg, Bankstown, Cabramatta and Carlingford scored as well as their colleagues from the eastern suburbs and the north shore. Their success is a measure of the positive—and deliberate—development of Sydney's outer suburbs as areas in which families are guaranteed access to the same range Students

guaranteed access to the same range of amenities as those which inner-city residents take for granted.

residents take for granted.

Parramatta, a city in its own right
and an area of national historical
significance, is home to more than
200,000 people, most of whom would
choose to live nowhere else.
And it has long-since shed its image
as Sydney's struggling poorer
relation. Vigorous live theatre
companies, the range of sophisticated
crestaurants and nightspots, and
efficient transport links have
combined to make the area a powerful combined to make the area a powerful

magnet.
Further west, the growth of population in the new suburbs around Penrith and in the lower Blue Mountains has stimulated the development of genuine communities regular with appropriate social provided with appropriate social provided with appropriate social

provided with appropriate social resources.

The University of Western Sydney, established in 1989, has encouraged more youngsters in the area to aim for tertiary qualifications and most graduates have remained in the area, their skills becoming a valuable economic and social asset.

In the past, many suburbs in the west and south west were stigmatised as havens of violence and impoversimment, areas into which it was not safe to venture for those from the more affluent east.

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And in the past, principally as a result of the allocation of insufficient resources for the development of essential community services, there were working aspects of lifetime. were worrying aspects of life in Sydney's sprawling western suburbs.

But local government leaders, ethnic community organisers and other social agencies have worked hard to eradicate that stigma.

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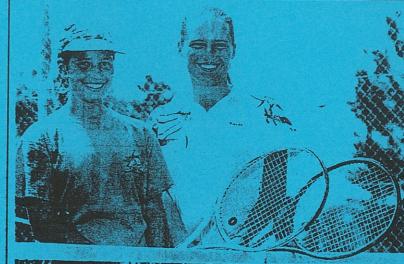
Our claims to being an egalitarian nation depend on the provision of equal educational opportunity, and in the latest HSC results, there are encouraging indications that we are meeting that challenge.

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: back row from left; Grzegor; (Pharmacy). Middle row from), Jun (Pharmacy), Hai Dt

54. FAIRFIELD ADVANCE, Tygsday, Murch 15, 1994

sport



Brooke Atterton and Sladjana Kupresak have been chosen to represent the region

THREE players from the Fairfield- Combined High Schools individual Liverpool area have been selected in the metropolitan south-west region secondary schools girls tennis team.

Hoxton Park High School, Brooke two girls will play in the open division. Atterton, 13, of Westfields Sports High School, and Sladjana Kupresak, 15, of Cabramatta High School

tennis championships at Gosford from March 15 to 17.

Brooke will play No 1 for the region They are Nicole Burley, 15, of in the under 15 division and the other

Forty-two girls representing schools from Bankstown to Picton played at Sunnybrook Tennis Centre last Friday They will compete in the State before the regional team was chosen.

TERM DATES - 1994 TERM II

Commences: Monday, 11th of April School Council: Thursday, 21st of April Shool Council: Thursday, 12th of May School Council: Thursday, 9th of June Finishes: Friday, 24th of June

TERM III

Commences: Monday, 11th of July
School Council: Thursday, 4th of August
School Council: Thursday, 1st of September
Finishes: Friday, 23rd of September

TERM IV

Commences: Monday, 10th of October
School Council - Annual General Meeting:
Thursday, 3rd of November
School Council: Thursday, 1st of December
Finishes: Friday, 16th of December