

# *Cabra Matters!*



A School Community Newsletter

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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

1994 has been a year of achievement at your High School and I am very grateful for the hard work of the staff which has seen so many excellent things happen. Many students performed admirably in the different state competitions for English, Maths and Science; our Debating, Ancient History and Chess teams have made it to the Regional or State finals; our sporting teams have improved dramatically and lifted our image on the playing fields.

In the properties area, the School's Lecture Theatre is fully operating (the envy of many other schools); the Industrial Arts and Home Economics rooms have been upgraded to make them among the best in the state; by 1995 we will have two new computer rooms (one was installed earlier this year); the School has been renovated inside and out; security will be improved with the installation of a new fence on the western boundary.

In the area of curriculum, we continue to expand and have added new subjects for both junior and senior students. I am pleased to see that many more senior students are being realistic in their expectations and are taking subjects which lead to study at TAFE and to joining the workforce. However, we still offer an excellent, strong curriculum for students who wish to pursue traditional academic study.

The murder of John Newman also has had an impact on our school during

the year. The media found yet another way they could make negative statements about the Cabramatta area. This naturally affected everyone living in Cabramatta, including the students, and we have spent a great deal of energy during 1994 to promote what is excellent in our school and community. This has resulted in many positive news items about our students and school, particularly in the local press.

Many schools face problems with student attendance, but I am pleased to report that our student daily attendance records are now among the best in the state and I wish to thank parents for ensuring that their children attend school.

In 1995 the school will be reviewing the way students (in particular Year 7) are assessed and the way we report their achievements to parents. This will involve a lot of hard work and we hope that reports will provide parents with more information about what students can achieve rather than just reporting a mark and a position. We will be letting you know more about this next year.

I hope that you will enjoy a happy and safe vacation at the end of the year and look forward to working again with you in 1995.

*D. MacKenzie*

# SCHOOL COUNCIL

## *Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 1st of September, 1994.*

- \* Students have raised over \$200 to care for a Snow Leopard at Taronga Zoo.
- \* Cabramatta High School has the best average attendance in the Region.
- \* Students are to collect money for the Rwanda Appeal on Co-operation Day.
- \* The Region will now pay for the school fence.
- \* School Service Fee not to be raised in 1995
- \* Draft Canteen Policy discussed and passed with minor amendments.
- \* Funds from the Canteen become part of School General Funds.
- \* Vote of thanks to Mrs Perik for her work on the Canteen Policy.
- \* Discussion on how to get parents to come to the school.
- \* Question on why swimming was in winter. Possibility of other related course for students who can swim.
- \* Bag searches discussed.

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*We wish our readers the Compliments of the Season and we look forward to informing you of the accomplishments, activities and programs from our school next year.*

## *Summary of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 3rd of November, 1994*

- \* A fence is to be constructed on the western side of the school grounds at no expense to the school.
- \* The school is to establish another computer room, installed with IBM computers, and ready for use in 1995 to meet student needs.
- \* It is hoped that the school will take control of the TAS block at the start of 1995.
- \* Old Home Science block to accommodate Languages; ESL to join English.
- \* Staff will be reduced slightly next year due to falling student population. Programs for students have not been reduced.
- \* Reports for Year 7 in 1995 are expected to change to reflect Outcomes.
- \* School received a certificate for sponsoring a Snow Leopard. Students raised \$970 on Co-operation Day to aid Rwanda.
- \* The school can only make submissions in DSC for next year which are literacy based. The council were asked to sign a document supporting the schools submission for 1995.
- \* Literacy Committee has been formed to co-ordinate a whole school approach to improving literacy skills.
- \* Election of School Councillors. Five members of the Council were required to stand down: Mrs Centellas, Mrs Fernandez, Mr Kirk, Mr Gailey and Mrs Maher. A letter to be sent to parents advertising the three now vacant parent positions on the council.
- \* Advertisements are being / to be placed in The Chinese Herald, Vietnamese Sunrise, and The Champion about the school.
- \* Mrs Mortimer was voted unanimously to receive a Regional Council Community Award for service to our students.

1994年是你们学校取得成绩的一年。我感谢教师们的辛勤工作,他们做了许多优异的工作。许多同学在英语、数学和科学知识竞赛中表现极好。我们的辩论队、古历史队和象棋队进入区级或州级决赛。我们的运动队有了戏剧性的进步,使我们在这一领域的形象有了改进。

在建筑方面,学校的讲座礼堂投入全面使用(令许多学校羡慕)。工业美术和家政课室做了装修,现在是全州最好的之一。到1995年我们将有两个新电脑室(一个是今年年初安装的)。学校的室外都被装修一番。随着学校西面树起了新的围栏,校安全将得到改善。

在课程方面,我们继续为低年级和高年级学生扩大和增加新的课目。我高兴地看到更多的高年级学生对自己的期望更现实了,正学习那些导致TAFE课程和加入劳动大军所需的科目。不过,我们仍然向希望进行传统学业学习的学生提供共优秀的、强有力的课程。

约翰·纽曼的谋杀案对我校也产生了影响。新闻媒介找到另一途径否定Cabramatta地区。这自然影响到每一个住在Cabramatta的人,包括学生在内。1994年间我们花了很大力气提高宣传我校和我们社区的优异点。有关我校及我校学生的好的报道在报纸上,特别是当地报上出现。

许多学校面临学生出勤问题,但我高兴地告诉大家我们学生的出勤率是州中最好的一个。我感谢家长的努力,确保他们的孩子到学校上课。

1995年学校将审查评估学生(特别是七年级学生)及向家长报告学生进步的方法。这需要很多工作。我们希望学生报告能向家长提供有关学生取得进步的更多信息,而不仅仅是分数和在班里的名次。明年我们会让您得到更多的信息。

我希望您有个快乐安全的假期,盼望1995年能再次同您合作。

Năm 1994 là năm đã đạt được nhiều thành quả tốt đẹp tại trường trung học của chúng ta và tôi rất cảm ơn tất cả các giáo viên, nhân viên đã hàng hải làm việc mà tất cả các việc làm này đã cho thấy nhiều việc rất xuất sắc đã xảy ra trong trường. Có nhiều em học sinh đã làm bài trong cuộc thi tranh đua về Anh ngữ, Toán và Khoa học trong các tiểu bang khác nhau rất là đáng phục; các toán Tranh luận, Lịch sử Cổ đại, và Đánh cờ của trường chúng ta đã vào được chung kết ở cấp Vùng hay Tiểu bang; các toán thể thao của trường cũng đã phát triển một cách nhanh chóng và đã đưa hình ảnh của trường chúng ta nổi lên trong các sân chơi của môn thể thao.

Trong lãnh vực về các phòng ốc của nhà trường, Sân khấu Nhà trường hiện đang hoạt động đều đặn (việc này cũng làm cho nhiều trường khác ganh tỵ); Các phòng học về môn Kỹ nghệ và Kinh tế Gia đình cũng đã được tân trang để trở thành một trong số các phòng học tốt nhất trong tiểu bang; đến năm 1995 nhà trường sẽ có hai phòng điện toán mới (một phòng đã được gắn xong vào đầu năm nay); hiện nay nhà trường đang sửa sang bên trong và bên ngoài; tăng thêm an ninh bằng cách gắn hàng rào mới ở khu vực phía tây nhà trường.

Trong lãnh vực về chương trình giảng dạy, nhà trường tiếp tục mở rộng và tăng thêm các môn học mới cho các em học sinh của các lớp đệ nhất cấp và đệ nhị cấp. Tôi rất vui lòng khi thấy có thêm nhiều học sinh đệ nhị cấp đã có những kỳ vọng thực tế và chọn các môn học mà các môn học này sẽ đưa các em đến việc học thêm ở trường Kỹ thuật Chuyên nghiệp TAFE và gia nhập vào đội ngũ làm việc. Tuy nhiên, nhà trường vẫn có chương trình giảng dạy xuất sắc, hay cho các em học sinh nào mà muốn theo đuổi việc học lên đại học.

Việc ám sát Dân biểu John Newman cũng đã có tác động đến trường học của chúng ta trong suốt năm nay. Giới truyền thông đã tìm thêm được một cách nữa để nói những điều không tốt về khu vực Cabramatta, nguyên thủy của vấn đề này đã ảnh hưởng đến mọi người sống ở vùng Cabramatta, bao gồm cả các em học sinh, và trong suốt năm 1994 nhà trường đã dùng hết mọi nỗ lực để đẩy mạnh những việc làm xuất sắc trong nhà trường và trong cộng đồng của chúng ta. Vấn đề này đã mang lại nhiều việc tốt cho các em học sinh và nhà trường của chúng ta, đặc biệt là trong báo chí của địa phương.

Nhiều trường đã gặp khó khăn về vấn đề hiện diện của các em học sinh, nhưng tôi rất vui lòng để báo cáo rằng sự hiện diện hàng ngày của các em học sinh của trường hiện nay là một trong những trường có sự hiện diện tốt nhất của tiểu bang và tôi muốn cảm ơn các phụ huynh về việc bảo đảm rằng các em hiện diện đầy đủ ở trường.

Trong năm 1995 nhà trường sẽ duyệt lại cách đánh giá của các em học sinh (đặc biệt là Lớp 7) và cách mà nhà trường báo cáo thành quả đạt được của các em cho quý vị phụ huynh biết, vấn đề này sẽ làm cho nhà trường tốn nhiều thì giờ và công sức và nhà trường hy vọng rằng các bản báo cáo này sẽ cung cấp cho các quý vị phụ huynh với nhiều tin tức về các thành quả đạt được của các em học sinh hơn là chỉ báo cáo về số điểm và thứ hạng của các em. Nhà trường sẽ thông báo cho quý vị biết nhiều hơn về vấn đề này trong năm tới.

Tôi hy vọng rằng quý vị phụ huynh và các em học sinh sẽ hưởng một mùa nghỉ hè vui tươi và an toàn vào cuối năm và xin hẹn gặp lại vào năm 1995.

El año 1994 ha sido un año lleno de logros en la escuela secundaria de Cabramatta, en primer lugar quiero agradecer esto al personal docente que han hecho posible que sucedieran tantos acontecimientos maravillosos. Por otro lado mencionar el enorme esfuerzo de muchos estudiantes en competiciones a nivel estatal en inglés, matemáticas y ciencias, los debates, historia de la antigüedad y los equipos de ajedrez que consiguieron llegar a las finales a nivel estatal y como no mencionar lo mucho que han mejorado los equipos deportivos y como han dado una buena imagen de la escuela en los campos de deporte.

Tocando el tema de las propiedades inmobiliarias escolares hay que mencionar que la sala de cátedras de la escuela está abierta (y que es la envidia de muchas otras escuelas), las salas de artes industriales y economía del hogar se han actualizado para ser una de las mejores del estado, para el año 1995 contaremos con dos salas de computadoras (una de ellas fue instalada al principio de este año). La escuela ha sido renovada por dentro y por fuera además se ha mejorado el sistema de seguridad con la instalación de una cerca nueva en los límites del oeste.

En el tema del programa escolar continuamos a ampliarlo por ello hemos añadido asignaturas nuevas tanto para los estudiantes junior como para los de Año 12. Por otro lado quiero comunicarles que estoy orgulloso de ver que muchos estudiantes de Año 12 siendo realistas han elegido asignaturas que pueden perfeccionar en el instituto TAFE para después entrar en el mundo laboral. No obstante también contamos con un programa de estudios muy competente para estudiantes que deseen continuar con estudios académicos tradicionales.

El asesinato de John Newman causó un gran impacto en la escuela este año. Por otro lado los medios de comunicación encontraron una forma de realizar falsas declaraciones sobre la zona de Cabramatta, lo que sin duda alguna afectó a todos los habitantes del área incluyendo los estudiantes. Aún así y gracias a la gran cantidad de energía que hemos invertido durante todo el año promoviendo las maravillas de nuestra escuela y nuestra comunidad, los resultados han sido fructíferos de cualquier forma y ello se demuestra con los comentarios positivos sobre los estudiantes y la escuela, particularmente los publicados en la prensa local.

En muchas escuelas se plantea siempre el problema de la asistencia, tengo el placer de comunicarles que el informe diario de asistencia de nuestra escuela se coloca entre uno de los mejores del estado por ello quisiera agradecer a los padres el empeño que ponen para que sus hijos/as asistan todos los días a la escuela.

Durante 1995 la escuela llevará a cabo una revisión sobre la forma en la que se evalúa a los estudiantes (en particular Año 7) y como informamos a los padres de los logros. Esto involucrará mucho trabajo y con ello esperamos ofrecer a los padres más información sobre los logros escolares alcanzados por sus hijos/as en vez de simplemente informarles sobre notas y puestos alcanzados. El año que viene tendremos más información sobre este particular.

Por último quisieramos desearles que pasen unas vacaciones muy felices al final del año y esperamos el poder trabajar juntos de nuevo en 1995.

## LANGUAGE SUCCESS

In August this year twenty seven students of Chinese, seven students of Japanese, and one student of French participated in the nationally run Australian Language Certificate Exams.

There were some outstanding results with fourteen of the students of Chinese achieving marks in the top 30 % nationally at the beginner level.

Good marks were also achieved by the students of Japanese who this year sat the more difficult intermediate exam.

The results show Cabramatta High School students excel at a national level the languages they are studying here at the school.

## NADIA'S LETTER

Nadia Ding, a student in Year 8, this term won a special prize in a letter writing competition run throughout NSW by the Chinese Language Teachers Association.

Her letter was one of the four best letters entered in the Australian-Chinese Children's Friendship Letter Competition, where students had to write to children in China. The letter was judged on written expression and content. This was an outstanding effort.

## LANGUAGES FACULTY MUSICAL SEMINAR

On Wednesday, November 16 the Languages Faculty held a seminar on Vietnamese Music. The Seminar was conducted by a prominent Vietnamese musician, Hoang Ngoc Tuan.

It was a very successful day. More than 100 Year 11 students attended from Cabramatta, Fairfield and Canley Vale High Schools. Students experienced different Vietnamese musical theories and forms. They were introduced to a range of Vietnamese and Western musical instruments. They also learnt the origin of the instruments. These origins are as diverse as Europe, India and China. The students interacted with the musician and much discussion was generated.

## SRC FUNDRAISING REPORT

The SRC's Fundraising Committee has already raised approximately \$800 this year, though we will still need support in the Christmas raffle. The first three prizes are cute cuddly teddy bears.

This year the SRC Fundraising Committee has held two Pizza days and a Hot Dog day. There will be another Hot Dog day later this year. This year has been a great year in fundraising and we hope everyone will keep up the good work which also means that the student's and the teacher's support is greatly needed to achieve this, and we would like to thank those who have been very helpful.

Thanks go to Mrs Di Ramio, Ms Hand and Miss Constantinidis, and I'm sure there's lots more people who have greatly helped. Thanks also go to all of the students who bought pizzas and hot dogs.

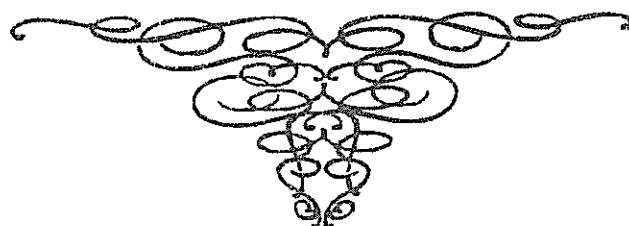
The money that we raise goes towards the school. Recently, we purchased sporting equipment that students could borrow at lunch and at recess. Basketball rings and basketballs were the most recent purchase. We are planning to put some funds raised into buying shelters to be placed around the school so that we have some shade in summer.

Keep up the good work and support the fundraising of the SRC, and don't forget to buy your delicious hot dogs and raffle tickets.

*Alice Huynh*

The SRC wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

See you in 1995!



# YEAR 8 CAMP REPORT

On the 18th, 19th and 20th of May of this Year, Year 8 went on a Creative Arts Camp to Vision Valley.

The aim of the camp was to enable Year 8 to participate in a number of sporting and creative activities that would help them develop their communication and co-operation skills. The camp proved to be wonderful both for the students and the accompanying teachers and firm friendships were formed between the two. The Year 8 students should be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour and their sense of fun, and many budding creative talents were discovered amongst this group!

Thanks should be extended to the organising teacher, Ms Yeomans, and to all the teachers who actively and enthusiastically participated in the camp: Ms Kougelos, Ms Costis, Mr Newbold, Mr Tedds, Miss Kurovsky, Ms Martin and Mr Munro. Alice Huynh best sums up the camp with her commentary, below.

## OUR YEAR 8 CAMP

*We came to school earlier than usual to get ready to get on the bus. It was a long trip but when we got off we knew it was all worth it. It was a beautiful camping area with a big hall where everyone could get together and there were lodges where we could sleep. It was a beautiful site and so peaceful too.....but not for long. We were all so excited that we quickly had our morning tea and ran out onto the big grass area. It was lovely. We were at camp but that does not mean we were free. Our teachers scheduled activities for us all day. They were different experiences and interesting, and included archery, horse riding, bushwalking, abseiling, face painting and drama. Everyone took turns in serving meals and cleaning up. After dinner was the major event, the*

*campfire! We made damper, burnt marshmallows and sang heaps of songs. We had live music courtesy of Mr Newbold and his guitar. The campfire was big and everyone enjoyed it especially when ghost stories were told by the teachers. We also had a boomerang champion come to teach us how to throw a boomerang. And Guess what? The boomerang comes right back to you! We competed against each other in different and interesting activities. But the best competition of all was the talent quest! We were given two hours to make up a play in a group, then perform it on the night. We had eight groups and they all had a turn on the night to perform. We had Sale of the Century with Cindy Crawford played by Deyan Toskoski, and a Beauty Contest with your host Alice Huynh and Miss China and Miss New Zealand. Jimmy Knoch and Mel Foaga as Miss Universe and runner up; Tarzan (Murry Pham), and Tarzan (Khai Yip), were fighting over our beautiful Jane (Lantaro Veloso), and heaps more took place. Unfortunately there had to be only one winner, "The Beauty Contest". The group were treated to lolly snakes and everyone went to the kitchen to have their last hot chocolate.*

*The next morning we were on our way back to school. It was an early morning, having showers and our early morning exercises. After our last breakfast - hash browns, eggs, cereal and toast - we were all packed. Before we left the campsite we all united and formed a "V & V" for Vision Valley, and took a photo.*

*Alice Huynh*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Sladjana Kupresak of Year 11, John Celik Year 12 and Irene Palmer Year 7 on receiving Bernera Zone Awards in Tennis, Soccer and Cross Country respectively. These students have performed exceptionally in their chosen sports. Carlos Rivas and Davis Alvarez on gaining selection in the Australian Combined High Schools soccer team to tour Argentina in December this year.

## DICK SMITH FLIES IN

On the 14th September students at Cabramatta High School saw famous Australian Dick Smith land his helicopter when he arrived to speak to students at an Assembly. The assembly was held to focus on Australia, and Dick Smith spoke about what it meant for him to be Australian. He entertained students with stories of his experiences flying his helicopter solo to the North Pole. Dick also spoke to students about his success, and he told students that if they worked hard, tried to be the best in their chosen work and asked for advice they should be a success. After Dick's talk, Mike Cagney sang some popular Australian songs and made some interesting sounds on the didgeridoo. Dick was happy to receive a beautiful painting by Sefedin Begaj, a student in Year 8, to show our appreciation of his visit.

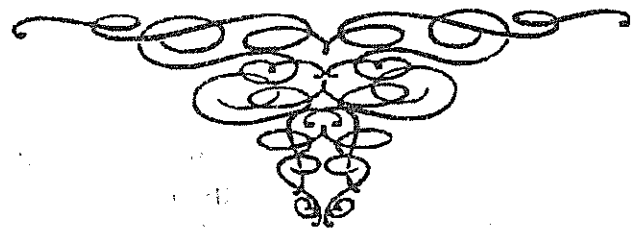
## YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Year 6 students and parents were welcomed to the High School for a Year 7 orientation morning. Students were given information about the routine of the high school and were shown around the school by peer support leaders. While the students were busy, parents were also hearing information and were taken on a tour of the school. Miss Bulmer, the Year 7 Adviser for 1995, was very pleased with the large number of parents who attended and she looks forward to seeing them at school functions in 1995.

## PARENT TUTOR PROGRAM

The need for some of our students to improve their literacy has prompted teachers to look at ways of achieving this. One of the programs to start in 1995 is for parents to help students to learn to read. If there are parents who can spare 20 minutes once a week to help students in this way we would love to hear from you.

Contact Gail Ballantyne on Mondays or Tuesdays for more information.



## YEAR 9 JINDABYNE EXCURSION

Sixty five students from Year 9 went to the Sport and Recreation Camp at Jindabyne for a week in the Snowy Mountains.

Many interesting activities were organised by the camp staff and the boys and girls were given the opportunity to experience something a little out of the ordinary in a very different environment.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the two days skiing. The first day at Charlotte Pass was an introduction to the basic skills of skiing and some of the kids showed considerable expertise almost immediately.

The next day they went to Thredbo and after an exhilarating ride on the chair lift and a brisk walk towards Mt Kosciusko, everyone had a very pleasant day of cross-country skiing. There was still a bit of snow and some of the more creative people made a snowman.

It will certainly be an excursion that will be long remembered by all who went.

# SPORT REPORTS

## GALA DAYS

### Year 7

The year 7 Gala Day was held on Friday 2nd September. This was contested by six schools: Busby, Hoxton Park, Miller, Ashcroft, Bonnyrigg and of course Cabramatta. This involved our hockey, soccer, touch, netball and softball teams playing 4 or 5 games over the day.

For their first exposure to inter-school sport our students gave a one hundred percent effort in all games. All staff and students commented on a most enjoyable day.

### Year 8

The year 8 Gala Day was held on Friday 28th October. It was conducted at various venues with our school filling teams in netball, softball, soccer and touch. The day involved our school teams playing teams from Busby High and Hoxton Park High. All students represented their school with outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship leading to excellent results on the day.

#### Winners

Girls Softball: *Helen Tran, Alice Huynh, Amanda Chandler, Phath Yem, Chantba Loeung, Lang Leav, Sinem Ongu, Johanna Herrera, Tania Djordjevic, Irina Kbuastounova, Esther Atuatika*

#### Runners Up

Boys Touch: *Mele Foaga, Grant Doyle, Murray Pham, Phben Vann, Brendan Gronow, Tuan Duong, Kbien Tran, John Haidlar*

Girls Netball: *Mouk Chao, Houy Lim, Thanh Nguyen, Sokli Tang, Song Ing, Ly Fang Yin, Sokhim Thou, My Ai Ngo*

#### Equal runners up

Girls Blue Soccer: *I Louw Chen, Priya Sullivan, Jenny Pan, Jennifer Lam, Roeeun Ream, Danijella Dukic, Tanya Poletan, Yang Bian, My Le Doan, Ai Pin Quach*

and

Girls Green Soccer: *Stacey Chen, Grace Fong, Mai Nguyen, Cam Tu Luong, Michelle Bui, Christina Jekic, Theresa Ung, Lynn Banh, Nadia Ding, Sou Hour Chea*

On the day a best and fairest player for each sport was awarded with *Bao Pham* of 8B2 being selected for boys touch.

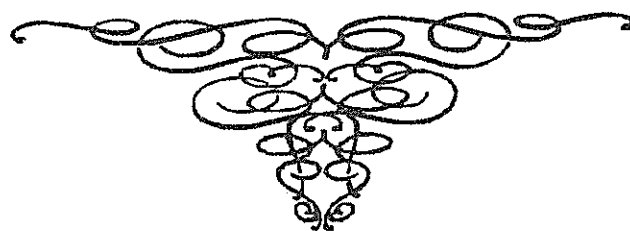
## BERNERA ZONE BLUES AWARD

On Friday 4th November, Bernera Zone Sports Association (schools include Busby, Bonnyrigg, Cabramatta, Miller, Moorebank, Hoxton Park, Ashcroft and Lawrence Hargreaves) held the first Blues Award Ceremony at Cabramatta High School. This involved the elite athletes of the zone being awarded for their outstanding performances in their chosen sport for 1994.

From Cabramatta High School three students were awarded this prestigious award.

<i>Irene Palmer</i>	Yr 7	Cross Country
<i>Stadjana Kupresak</i>	Yr 11	Tennis
<i>John Celik</i>	Yr 12	Soccer

Congratulations to these students.



## CARNIVAL DATES

The following dates have been set down in the school calendar as Cabramatta High Sporting Events for 1995. All you swimmers, runners and athletes take note.

### 13 February

Swimming Carnival  
at Fairfield Pool

### 9 May

Cross Country Carnival  
at Cabramatta High School

### 26 May

Athletics Carnival  
at Cabramatta High School

### 24 August

Yr 7 Gala Day  
at various venues

### 10 November

Yr 8 Gala Day  
at various venues

## SPORTS AWARD DAY

The annual Cabramatta High School Sports Award Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. The top athletes from our school will be rewarded at this special ceremony. Awards will be presented to:

- a) best and fairest of grade sport
- b) best and fairest of a knockout team
- c) team of the year
- d) relay team of the year
- e) gala team of the year
- f) junior boy sports star
- g) junior girl sports star
- h) sports girls of the year
- i) sports boy of the year
- j) sports person of the year

Stay tuned to see if you are one of these worthy recipients.

# SRC REPORT ON THE BIRDS

On the 19th of October, Cabramatta High School presented a production called "The Birds". It was based on a play written by Aristophanes. It was produced, directed and choreographed by Ms Cotsis, Ms Martin and Ms Elder.

The students who performed were extremely talented actors. Such students who stood out for their starring roles were *Alice Huynb*, who played the character Hope; *Sophie Tang*, who played the part of Truman; and *My Xuyen Bui*, who played Hoopee. Perhaps one of the most creative performances was given by *My Ai Ngo* who was the Slave Bird and Reporter.

Not only students, but teachers also performed in the play. Mr Kenny was funny as the Tax Man, Mr Pulham was pushy as the Real Estate Man, Mr Newbold played the Hen-pecked Husband very well, and the Hen-pecking Wife was played by Ms Simpson. An outstanding performance was given by Ms Ozers who played the part of the all-mighty god Zeus.

The students in the play should be very proud of their efforts. They and the teachers involved must be congratulated for their time and their dedication to the play.

We, as the audience were very proud of them. We hope to see future performances from these talented friends of ours.

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# Term Dates & Community Calendar 1995

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I

Term I commences Monday, 30th January – ends Thursday, 13th April  
Tuesday, 31st January: First day for Years 7 & 12, as well as Year 11 Peer Support Leaders  
Wednesday, 1st February: First day for Years 8, 9, 10, and remainder of Year 11  
Wednesday, 15th February: Year 7 Parents – “Getting to Know High School”  
(10am – 12pm / 7pm – 9pm)

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II

Term II commences Monday, 24th April – ends Friday, 30th June  
Wednesday, 26th April: Year 12 Parent-Teacher Night  
Monday, 1st – Friday, 12th May: Year 11 Mid-Course Exams  
Monday, 22nd & Tuesday, 23rd May: Trial School Certificate Exams  
Wednesday, 24th May: Year 7 Parents “How to Help Your Child” (10 – 11am)  
Wednesday, 7th June: Years 7–11 Parent-Teacher Night

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III

Term III commences Monday, 17th July – ends Friday, 22nd September  
Monday, 14th – Friday, 25th August: Trial HSC Exams  
Wednesday, 16th August: Year 7 Parents “How to Help My Child Learn English”  
Monday, 28th August – Friday, 8th September: Final Year 11 Exams

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IV

Term IV commences Monday, 9th October – ends Friday, 15th December  
Thursday, 7th December: Presentation Day, 1995

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