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A Word from the Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Fortians,

I wish to express my thanks for your support of the school during the course of 2010. It has been a wonderful year with many successes of which to be proud. These will be detailed in the 2010 annual report and the Fortian Magazine. I also pay tribute to the teachers and ancillary staff who work tirelessly to ensure that Fortians are provided with the best of opportunities and learning experiences.

Fortian Visit

We were privileged to have the Hon David Kirby, Fortian 1960 visit as guest speaker at the SRC Induction assembly. David titled his speech the "*second fiddles*". It is reprinted on page 8 and is most interesting reading. David has generously offered to assist students interested in studying the law.

2010 Higher School Certificate

Our results are impressive with 399 band 6 results and 412 band 5 results. Of the band 5 results there were 123 students in high band 5 on 88 or 89 marks. In addition one student studied textiles at Open High School, and was awarded a band 6 and eight of the students who studied Accounting through Petersham TAFE gained a band 6. Our students were awarded **408** band 6 results overall.

Our dux is calculated on the best 10 units of those students who were awarded Premiers All Round Awards.

I am pleased to announce the dux 2010, **Ellen Moore**. Ellen, recipient of The Order of Australia Youth Commendation, a highly focused and conscientious student gained the following outstanding results: **98 in Ancient History, 95 in Biology, 96 in English Advanced, 48/50 in Extension 1 English, 50/50 Extension 2 English, 97 in Legal Studies and 50/50 in History Extension.**



2nd place equal - Robert Pattinson and William Wang

Roberts results are **98 in Ancient History, 95 in Biology, 96 in English Advanced, 47/50 in Extension 1 English, 48/50 Extension 2 English, 95 in German Continuers and 48/50 in German Extension.**

William's results are **93 in Chemistry, 96 in Economics, 92 in English Advanced, 98 in**

Mathematics Extension 1, 99 in Mathematics Extension 2 and 94 in Physics.



3rd place – Vivian Ho

Vivian's results are 93 in Chemistry, 94 in English Advanced, 99 in Mathematics Extension 1, 98 in Mathematics Extension 2 and 94 in Physics.

We have 25 students who will receive **Premiers All Rounders Awards**, with 10 or more units over 90 (i.e. in band 6)

Congratulations to:

- Deborah Banh
- Freya Cole
- Thanh Toan Tran
- Adelbert Garcia
- Grace Garden
- Nathan Giang
- Vivian Ho
- Isobel James
- Stephanie La
- Karen Law
- Winky Leung
- Berwyn Liu
- Miles Ma
- Ellen Moore
- Max Newman
- Yuxi Pan
- Kevin Park
- Robbie Pattinson
- David Pink
- Sam Saw
- Scarlett Smoult
- William Wang
- Sean Yap
- Wendy Zhang ; and
- Li Zou Zheng

Eight students achieved **9** units above 90:

Congratulations to:

William Durrant Whyte, Sleena Wilson, Addison He, Kevin Heng, Esther Kopp,

Max Schintler, Bernard Soon and Jackson Sussman.

Nine students achieved **8** units above 90.

Congratulations to:

Lily Cheng, Florence Choo, Nahian Chowdhury, Emily Jenkins, Hyeon Koo Lee, Kevin Nguyen, Michael Tran, Vivienne Tran, Brady Watkinson and Phoebe Willis -Craig

The top achievers in courses are:

Robert Pattinson - 2nd in the state in German Extension, 14th in the state in Ancient History

Ellen Moore - 7th in the state in History Extension, 17th in the state in Ancient History

Freya Cole - 3rd in the state in German Extension

William Durrant Whyte - 5th in the state in German Extension

Yunxiang Guan - 5th in the state in Mathematics Extension 1

Yunxiang Guan - 5th in the state in Mathematics Extension 2

William Wang - 7th in the state in Mathematics Extension 2

Phoebe Willis Craig - 15th in the state in PD H PE

Our subject group performances were well above the state average performance.

A full comparison of previous results and 2010 results compared to state averages will be presented in the February Mercurius.

Subject	Band	% in Band
<i>Ancient History</i>	6	33.33
	5	48.14
<i>Modern History</i>	6	31.81
	5	45.45
<i>History Extension</i>	6	100
	5	0
<i>English Advanced 2 Unit</i>	6	41.13
	5	51.26
<i>English Extension 1</i>	6	23.68
	5	76.31
<i>English Extension 2</i>	6	31.57
	5	68.42

<i>Mathematics 2U</i>	6	49.48
	5	26.8
<i>Mathematics Extension 1</i>	6	71.29
	5	25.92
<i>Mathematics Extension 2</i>	6	56.66
	5	43.33
<i>Biology</i>	6	40.98
	5	40.98
<i>Chemistry</i>	6	22.36
	5	51.31
<i>Physics</i>	6	34.84
	5	40.9
<i>Economics</i>	6	27.41
	5	48.38
<i>Legal Studies</i>	6	61.53
	5	26.92
<i>Geography</i>	6	62.5
	5	37.5
<i>Music 2</i>	6	30.00
	5	40.00
<i>Music Extension</i>	6	0
	5	100
<i>Drama</i>	6	22.22
	5	55.55
<i>Vis Arts</i>	6	66.66
	5	33.33
<i>French</i>	6	20.00
	5	60.00
<i>German</i>	6	71.42
	5	28.57
<i>German Extension</i>	6	100
	5	0
<i>Japanese</i>	6	0
	5	100
<i>Japanese Extension</i>	6	0
	5	100
<i>Engineering</i>	6	16.66
	5	66.66
<i>Software Design & Development</i>	6	0
	5	28.57
<i>PD H PE</i>	6	54.54
	5	45.45
<i>Hospitality</i>	6	0
	5	40.00
<i>Accounting (Petersham TAFE)</i>	6	78.00
	5	16.00

School Certificate 2010

One hundred and fifty students studied towards the School Certificate. The School Certificate is awarded to students who have fulfilled the courses requirements in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, and PDHPE, elective courses studied and completed the examinations in English Literacy, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography.

Thirty-four students (16 boys and 18 girls) were awarded a **Grade A** in each of the nine subjects studied, of these **23** students were awarded **Grade A, 10** in Mathematics and **9** students, a **Grade A**. A further **21** students were awarded **8 As** and **1 B** or **C**.

At this time I would like to acknowledge those highest achievers.

Congratulations to:

Jennifer Banh, Arlo Beaumont-Edmonds, George Bishop, Angela Buchanan, David Corleto, Rebecca Dawkins, Miles Cope-Summerfield, Anni Gao, Arizona Hart, Elizabeth Hunt, Fenn Idle, Esther Kim, Jessica Liang, Emily Louie, Benjamin Luo, Yathushiya Mahenthirarasa, Kim Ngoc Nguyen, Connor Pearce, Jaemin Shin, Ariadne Sofianidis, Katherine Voukidis, Belinda Wang, Wendy Wang, Jack Willis-Craig, and Cassy Wong, who were awarded a Grade A in each subject studied and a Grade A10 in Mathematics.

A further **9** students, those who were awarded grade As in all subjects and A9 in Mathematics, they are:

Domenica Blomkamp, Alexandra Chalmers Braithwaite, Trish Hatumale, Brian Minh Le, Gordon Liang, Lawrence Liang, Matthew Mercer, Christopher Mo and John Vassil.

The State-wide Tests

In the School Certificate Tests 146-148 of our students sat the tests with a small number of absences due to illness.

Our results in 2010 showed continued improvement in the performance of students in Science and Mathematics compared to

2009 and similar numbers of students in Bands 5 and 6 combined in each of English, History and Geography. In all subjects performance on the tests were 10-20% above the state average.

Our tests results are summarised as follows:

English

47 students in Band 6,
87 students in Band 5 with 21 students on 88 or 89 marks (1 or 2 marks less than a Band 6)

and

10 students in Band 4 with 8 students on 78 or 79 marks (1 or 2 marks less than a Band 5)

Mathematics

103 students in Band 6,
38 in Band 5 and
1 in Band 4

Science

79 students in Band 6,
63 students in Band 5 and
2 students in Band 4 (both on 79 marks)

History

36 students in Band 6,
77 students in Band 5 with 13 students on 88 or 89 marks,
31 students in Band 4 with 21 students on 78 or 79 marks

Geography

50 band 6,
83 students in Band 5 with 25 students on 88 or 89 marks,
11 students in Band 4 with 5 students on 78 or 79 marks

Computing Skills

148 students in Band 6

Congratulations to the top achievers in the tests with their marks in (brackets).

English

97	Kim Ngoc Nguyen
96	Arizona Hart, Lawrence Liang, Imogene Lourey Gregory
95	Jennifer Bahn, Michelle Bi, Kalanjay Dhir, Francis Raciborski

Mathematics

100	Simon Ko
99	Jordan Reid, Anthony Yip
98	Dana Chen, Charlotte Ferrier, Jason Hua, Christopher Lam, Brenda Lee, Imogene Lourey Gregory, John Shi, Jaemin Shin

Science

98	Simon Ko, John Shi, Angus Johnson
97	Rebecca Dawkins, Benjamin Luo, Kim Ngoc Nguyen, Jason Trang, John Vassil
96	Bryce Bondfield, Christopher Mo, Ken Tong

History

98	David Corleto, Andriana Fu
97	Grant Zheng
96	Kim Ngoc Nguyen

Geography

99	Benjamin Luo
98	Ariadne Sofinidis
96	Akash Bhattacharjee, Lawrence Liang, Jack Willis Craig

Computing Skills

98	Fergus Barker, Charmaine Duong, Jason Hua, Angus Johnson, Simon Ko, Harold Lander, Francis Raciborski, Jordon Reid, Jason Trang
97	George Bishop, Miles Cope Summerfield, John Vassil, Katherine Voukidis, Jack Willis Craig
96	Angela Buchanan, Rebecca Dawkins, Trish Hatumale, David Huynh, Grant Kim, Brian Le, Brenda Lee, Adam Longauer, Imogene Lourey Gregory, Benjamin Luo, Kim Nguyen, James Okeby, Andrew Wang, Belinda Wang, Cassy Wong

It is my pleasure to announce the highest ACADEMIC achievers for the whole year and to acknowledge the dux of Year 10. The dux is chosen from the students who have been awarded grade A in each subject based on academic work throughout Year 10. Then the performance of those students on the School Certificate tests is considered.

The University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award **Elizabeth Hunt.**



3rd place in Year 10 is awarded to **Jaemin Shin**, 2nd place to **Benjamin Luo** and DUX is **Kim Ngoc Nguyen.**



Congratulations to:

- **SRC 2010/11** for a wonderful Christmas dance.
- Yr 8 Debating Team – **Marcus McCullough, Janek Drevikovsky, Isla Miller, Madeline White, Siobhan Ryan** and **Grace Berg** and team manager Mr Cox who won the state debating title.
- **Hannah Davies Connyngham** and **Ruby Munro** who were nominated for HSC Encore 2010



- **Grace Garden** and **Wendy Qi Zhang** whose visual arts works have moved from nomination to acceptance into HSC ArtExpress 2010

- Music, Drama and Visual Arts students for their wonderful performances and exhibitions at the Junior Performing Arts Evenings in November.
- **Emily White** Year 12 received a provisional offer for the co-op scholarship in Civil Engineering at UTS.



- **Kimberly Yoon** Year 9 equal 1st in Year 11 Preliminary Japanese at the Open High School as an accelerated student.
- **Yan Qi Zhao** Year 8 received a certificate for Excellent effort and attitude at Saturday School at Junior Chinese

Aircraft Noise Program

As a result of the holiday works the school will have on return to Term 1 on January 28:

- Upgraded electricity to the whole site and expanded electricity substation
- A completely insulated and air conditioned hall

The formative work completed on the science laboratories in the Kilgour Building and formative work completed in all rooms in the Wilkins Building.

Staff Changes

We fondly farewell:

Mr Bruce Fraser from the TAS faculty after more than 20 years teaching at the fort. Mr Fraser was instrumental in the introduction of Electronics into the junior school and has mentored and guided the Robotics team

since its inception. We wish you a wonderful retirement and thank you most sincerely for your contribution and commitment to the school.

Ms Kate McGown, Mathematics teacher extraordinaire, supervisor of girls, significant member of the student welfare team and learning centre co-ordinator. Kate has decided to take up the offer from UNSW to work with students in need of support, building on her work here in establishing the Learning Centre. We thank you for your untiring commitment to the school and wish you every success in your new role.

Mr Jamie Suddaby has been with us only a few years and has made a significant contribution in Mathematics, Duke of Edinburgh and the Homework Centre. We thank you and wish you well in your move to Armidale.

On December 16 late in the afternoon, **Dr Susan Griffin** was informed she had been successful in being selected as HT Science at Moorebank High School. Her last day at the Fort was December 17. In her two years as HT Administration, she has transformed processes and made all "matters admin" transparent. As an inspirational teacher and executive member, we will miss her and wish her well.

In Term 1, 2011 I have been asked by the Regional Director, Sydney to relieve as School Education Director Woronora River. I leave you in the capable hands of Mr Osland who will again relieve as Principal and Ms Starr as Deputy Principal.

I look forward to seeing you at Speech Day, and hope you have a happy and safe festive season and a relaxing holiday.

Roslynne Moxham
Principal

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VALE



Norman "Mr Squiggle" Hetherington (1921 - 2010) (Fortian 1938)

Norman Frederick Hetherington was an Australian cartoonist, best known as creator of the long-running Australian children's television show *Mr Squiggle*. Norman's excellent caricatures graced the pages of *The Fortian* in his school days.

Important Dates

January:

28	Staff Development Day
31	Year 7 and Peer Support Leaders commence
	IMP Tutors Breakfast

February:

1	All years commence
7	Swimming Carnival
	IMP New Members Night
9	P&C Meeting
	Years 7/8 SRC Dance
14-16	Year 7 Orientation Camp
25	Speech Day
28	IMP Parent Meeting

Fort Street Family Cookbook

In association with the Canteen Committee, the Student Representative Council is publishing a Fort Street Family Cookbook to sell for Mother's Day 2011. The book will consist of recipes submitted by parents and students within the Fort Street community. We need you to send in your favourite recipe for a meal, snack or dessert that is special to you and your family.

The recipe should include:

- Name
- Ingredients
- Method
- Name of student in family (so people know who to thank!)

And we'd love it if you could include

- The country of origin (to incorporate a multicultural feel to the book)
- A short anecdote explaining why the recipe is special to you and your family.

And if you're really keen, a picture of the meal, this may or may not be included.

We need the recipes to be submitted by the end of the summer holidays/beginning of term 1 2011 so they can be edited, compiled, categorised and sent off to the printing company! They can be given in by USB, submitted as a hard copy to an SRC representative or emailed to harriet.scandol@education.nsw.gov.au or carol.li1@education.nsw.gov.au.

Happy cooking!

Harriet Scandol and Carol Li Year 9

Study Skills Tip for December: Stretch Your Brain

With the end of the year fast approaching, take the time to ask yourself these questions:

- * How well did I do this year at school?
- * Did my particular style of thinking or approach produce more or less than I had expected?
 - * What could I have done differently?
 - * What might I change to help me improve next year?

Take a piece of paper and write down the top 5 changes you want to make in your approach to school next year. Do it now because you will forget what you did in the new year. That way you can review your list before you start school again next year.

The holidays are also a perfect time to stretch your brain. The best thing you can do for your brain is to try something new, this will build new neural pathways in your brain. So these holidays, try at least one thing you have never done before, Sudoku, start learning a new language, try a new sport, take up a new hobby, even brushing your teeth with the opposite hand can have a beneficial effect on the brain. Visit

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au next year to learn more about the brain in our new unit we are now developing, Your Brain and Memory.

Right now though, Year 10-12 students might like to check out the new, and very comprehensive, unit Managing Part-Time Jobs (click on the 'For Student's tab). Requested by a student, this unit tells you everything you need to know about getting and keeping a part-time job and how to find a balance with your schoolwork.

Our school's subscription details were emailed to you at the beginning of the year and again for BOOST during Term 3 from Ms Starr. The annual evaluation is now on, so click on the link on the homepage to share your views on what you like and any suggestions for improvement.

Penny Starr
HT Teaching and Learning

The “Second Fiddles” Speech

SRC Induction Assembly

Thank you for your invitation. It is wonderful and **amazing** to be back. “Amazing” because when I sat in the body of the hall, as a student, fifty years ago this year, I never imagined in my wildest dreams that one day I would return and bore you all witless with what I have learned in fifty years.



So I am not going to talk about the lessons of fifty years. Your headmistress, Ms Moxham, suggested that I talk about leadership.

Leadership is a tricky topic for me. I was born into a family with four children. Actually five, one died very young aged 18 months, his name was also David. I was the next child and so called David.

I was the third boy and the second youngest. I had two older brothers: Michael, and Donald. Some of you may have heard of Michael Kirby. Justice Michael Kirby. A former Judge of the High Court, who retired at the beginning of 2009. A famous old boy of this school.

He is my older brother and five years older than me. Now, he had obvious leadership qualities. He was, and is, a very dominant character and a complete Show Off. Indeed, he got the complete allocation of the Show Off gene for the whole of the Kirby family. The rest of us quickly realised that we were put on this earth to be his audience. We were the second violin. And I was very comfortable in that role. I was somewhat shy, for instance: I never went in a school play, I never engaged in public speaking, nor was I

very studious at that point, whereas my brother, Michael, worked and worked and got the rewards for work, and did brilliantly. I was more interested in sport and also, I hesitate to add, in girls. But just dreaming of girls. Fort Street, alas, in those far off days was an all boys school.

So I had no particular ambition, and certainly no leadership qualities, that I recognised, but that was OK. My brother Michael not only had ambition for himself, he had ambition for me.

So, when I began my first year, Michael began a five year campaign to make me a prefect. Your equivalent of the Student Representative Council. And I remember, in that first year, one day I came home and laid out on my bed was the maroon and white uniform for the football, for the rugby. And so I became a footballer. I went through all the Grades, including First Grade. And eventually Michael achieved his ambition, I was made a Prefect and House Captain of the Blue House. In those days we had four houses, each named after a headmaster.

And I have to confess that, during my final year, I did not work as I should have, and I did much worse in my final exam than I had ever done at school. That was embarrassing and it is still embarrassing to see that I have one lonely Second Class Honours on your Honours Board. But it was a Wake-Up Call and I did work rather more when I went to university to do Arts and then Law. And once I got to law, I found something that I liked and I worked. And I got the rewards for work. And, if I say so immodestly, in one year even came equal top of my year.

By that stage my brother Michael was a successful barrister. And about five or six years after him I also went to the Bar, but more to impress my girlfriend, who later became my wife. I was still fundamentally very happy in the role of the second violin. And then, one day, having been at the Bar about six years, my life changed. I went to the Opera House with my wife. I was about 35 years old. During the interval I went downstairs to have a glass of champagne.

And, whilst I was there, the then Premier of New South Wales, Neville Wran (he was famous in his day and he was a former barrister and he knew my brother Michael well and I also knew him), anyway, he stepped out of the circle that he was in and came over and spoke to me. He asked me whether I'd like to do an Inquiry into an environmental issue. It concerned a Freeway. I said I would. He told me that the Department would get in touch. And they did. And when they did, I found out that I was not to be Counsel Assisting, I was to be the Commissioner for the Enquiry. That is, a starring role. And suddenly I was in charge and it turned out to be highly controversial: 3,000 people made submissions there was high emotion people's houses were in jeopardy. People would make submissions every week and it went on for about 12 months. At the end of it I produced a very large report, incidentally recommending against the Freeway unless they put it in a tunnel, which eventually they did. This is the Freeway that goes through the Wolli Creek – the M5.

But running the Enquiry, suddenly I was no longer second violin. I had to perform. And, to my amazement, I liked it. In fact, I loved it. And so my career at the Bar took off. I rapidly was offered many other Enquiries into all sorts of things: plane crashes, murder convictions, company collapses. And in 1985 I was made a QC which, at the Bar, is referred to as Leading Counsel. Suddenly you appear with another barrister who is known as a Junior. And all this sounds very self aggrandizing, but it is not meant to be.



To get to this school you must have ability. And in your life you will be handed

opportunities. So it is important that you do not put limitations upon yourself. You do not say to yourself: "I don't have leadership qualities." You probably do. And you must seize the moment. You must look for opportunities and exploit them when they are presented.



Wow! What excitement lies ahead of you. And, to your amazement, you may stand here in fifty years time and tell students the story of your own life.

The Honourable Justice David Kirby Fortian 1960

Fort Street High School Exit Profile

(Ratified September 2007 School Council Meeting)

Our aim is that on completion of Year 12 Fortians will have:

- *achieved their full academic potential*
- *developed individual skills and talents*
- *developed learning strategies to equip them to be independent self motivated life long learners*
- *developed emotional resilience, self reliance and leadership potential*
- *recognise their responsibility to the wider community*
- *developed a strong sense of social justice as well as commitment to fairness and equity.*

Year 8 Requirements for 2011

Each faculty has set out below the books and equipment that will be needed for their subject areas. Year 8 students will need to have this for their first day back at school. Any books should be covered with contact or plastic and be clearly labelled with their name.

At all times students should have basic equipment (ie a blue, black and red pen, a highlighter, a pencil, an eraser, a ruler, stapler, white out, glue, coloured pencils and a small pair of scissors). Every Year 8 student will be provided with a student diary. It contains important information and is also a vital organisational aid. Students should ensure the diary is placed on their desk every lesson to record homework, assignments and other relevant information.

Requirements

Please note that some subjects require students to use a folder as well as another type of book.

☞ A folder **that is brought to school each day** – which will be used for most subjects

- with push clip so all the paper stays in one place
- dividers (10pk)
- bundle of loose leaf reinforced paper
- hole puncher - 2 hole punch : 'bindermate'
- reinforcers [these are sometimes called eyelet labels] for sheets

The subjects that students will use this for are; English, History, Science, Language, VA, Music, D&T, PDHPE, a section for Geography where they will store their sheets.

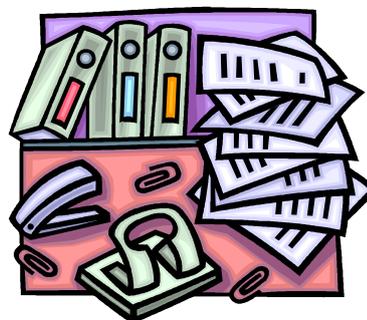
☞ A folder **that is left at home for each subject** listed above. You may want to buy only one per 2 practical subjects (e.g. one for VA and Music). Students will need a minimum of **6** of these.

As students finish a unit of work they will take it out of their school folder and put it into their subject folder at home.

In addition to these folders students will need:
Display folder for **D&T**

- 1 **Visual Arts** process diary – A4 60pg spiral bound Quill or Derwent
- 1 **Music** exercise book with manuscript – 96 pages
- 1 228 page exercise book –for **Maths**
- 1 228 page grid book –for **Maths**
- 1 A4 book **without** holes – for **Science** Practical work
- 1 A4 book **without** holes – for **Geography**

Students **must not** store books in their folder.



Ms Kemp
Deputy Principal

2010 Junior Performing Arts Nights and Visual Arts Exhibition

The Fort Steet High School 2010 Junior Performing Arts Nights and Exhibition was held on the 24th and 25th of November to showcase the diversity of Music, Drama and Visual Arts achievement from this year.

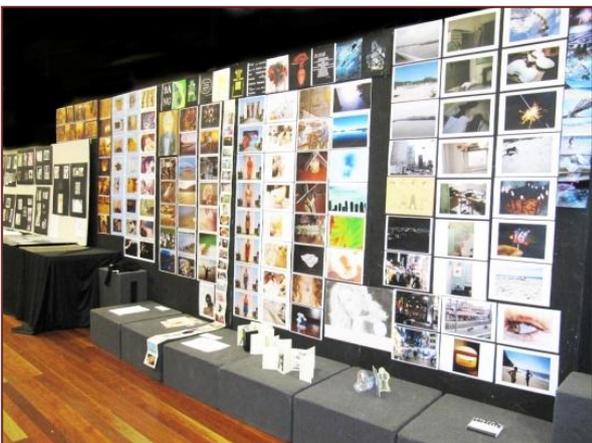


Commedi delArte troupe for their energy and performance both before and during intermission and all of the student curators that assisted in the design and installation of the exhibition.



Mr B Hart
CAPA – Head Teacher

The works performed and exhibited once again were an outstanding representation of the diversity of work completed in classrooms throughout the school year. They displayed a range of traditional and contemporary methodology as well as individual and collaborative endeavour. It was particularly pleasing to see the work of our newly formed Student Technical Crew who were responsible for all of the sound, lighting and video.



Special thanks goes to the Creative and Performing Arts Staff for the hard work throughout the year, the P&C for their catering, **Charmaine Duong** and **Deborah Nemesh** for hosting the event, the Yr 10

SRC Report

As the Summer holidays draw closer and closer, the average Fortian would think of nothing but the sun, sand and surf. But not the executive team of 2011! We have endured countless hours of learning and observing from the experts, the executive team of 2010, as they have left incredibly large shoes for us to fill next year. With their mentoring, we were able to hold our first successful event of our term.

The 2010 and 2011 SRC joined forces in order to organise and run the annual Christmas dance that was held last Wednesday 8th of December. The theme was "circus extravaganza" and it was pretty wild if I do say so myself. There were acrobats and different sorts of fauna at every turn, there was even the occasional circus tent here and there. And I am glad to say that it was a very successful event in which we raised approximately \$600 for the Smith Family charity.

The SRC is also contributing around \$1200 of their funds to a new project aiming to improve our inter-school communications. We've all experienced the occasional inability to listen to the daily announcements due to inevitable aircraft noise and wild weather. This new project includes purchasing two new LCD screens that will be located in the office and the library. With this technology, announcements will be able to be viewed before and during school.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank all the SRC members who helped out on Wednesday with the Christmas dance, as well as all the teachers that gave up their time to supervise the crazy circus extravaganza. And finally to all those lovely Fortians who came to boogie down!

Charmaine Duong
Vice- President

Year 9 Commerce

Year 9 Commerce students **Michael Au, Michael Nguyen, Jack Ou** and **Marcus Cheong** each won \$50 and \$500 for the school for their entries in the NSW Fair Trading Department Money Stuff Competition.



The students submitted a scam kit and 'Scams, court and consumer protection' video, which was awarded a Highly Commended in the NSW Metropolitan Years 7-9 Award Category of the competition. Fort Street High School won a further \$500 for the quality of our submissions as a school group.

Paul Pagani
Commerce

P&C President's Report

Welcome to a new year at Fort Street. A special welcome to the new students, parents and friends who are joining us for the first time. I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

For those of you who are new to the school, let me introduce you to the P&C.

P&C Executive 2011

The executive, elected at the November 2010 AGM, are:

- President: **Ian Reid**
- Vice Presidents: **Cassie McCullagh, Aziz Rahman**
- Secretaries: **Mark Mercer, Roslyn Bell**
- Treasurer: **Richard White**
- Canteen Coordinator: **David Scandol**
- Uniform Shop Coordinator: **Jane Bell**
- School Council Representative: **John Melville**
- Executive members: **Jennifer Douglas, Sarah Foster, Floro Quibuyen, Rod Lander, Madhu Chaudhuri, Kathy Esson, Jonathan Chen, Ian Newton**

Year 7 parent representatives will be elected to the P&C at the Year 7 Parents Welcome Night on Wednesday 9th February.

Canteen

The canteen is run by the P&C in order to keep prices down, ensure good service and to return any profits to the school.

The P&C employs a manager and some assistants for the canteen. They are helped by student and parent volunteers. They are overseen by the Canteen Sub-Committee.

The Canteen Sub-Committee provides:

- administrative support, community feedback and new ideas to ensure that our school canteen continues to offer healthy eating choices at affordable prices.
- meets twice per term on Thursday mornings between 8.00am-9.00am and consists of representatives from the P&C, SRC, School Executive and the Canteen Manager.

We are very keen to hear from parents interested in joining the Canteen Sub-Committee. This commitment will not take up a great deal of time or effort but will make an enormous contribution to our children's healthy eating choices. Interested?

Please contact David Scandol (Convenor) tel. 0411 374 073 or email david@rozelletotalhealth.com.au

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is also run by the P&C. The P&C employs a manager and parent volunteers are always appreciated. Orientation Day and early in term 1 are always the busiest times.

The uniform shop is open every Wednesday of the school term from 10am to 2pm. If you would like to help, please contact the coordinator Jane Bell at janebell@gmail.com or phone 0439 444 750.

Fundraising

One of the roles of the P&C is fundraising, to enable the school to provide better facilities for our students than government funding covers.

The funds that the P&C can make available to the school come from your P&C memberships, uniform shop and canteen profits and the proceeds from activities such as 2010 Fort St Festival, Trivia Night and the Travel Raffle.

In 2010 we gave the school more than \$100,000 to provide classroom technology, faculty assets and numerous other things.

This year we plan to establish a fundraising sub-committee to look at ways to raise money other than through events. If you have expertise or an interest in fundraising for the school we would love to hear from you.



While on the subject of fund raising, I would like to take this opportunity to once again express our appreciation of Rick Damelian and Suzuki for their very generous sponsorship of the Fort St Festival.

Community Events

Last year the P&C helped to run the enormously popular and successful Fort St Festival as well as a Trivia Night that was enjoyed greatly by those who attended.

This year I am proposing that we run a smaller festival on the weekend of 21-22 May. The Fort St Festival involved a large proportion of the school community and many are keen to do it again. The full festival is too much work to run every year so it is run every second year and will happen again in 2012.

I envisage an international festival, celebrating the diversity of the Fort St community, with an emphasis on international food and entertainment.

If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, and in particular anyone who is willing to help with such an event, we would love to hear from you.

Meetings

The P&C holds meetings in the school library on the second Wednesday of each month during school terms. Most of these meetings focus on a particular topic, which is often aimed at the parents of a particular year group or groups. Meetings commence between 6 and 7.30pm depending upon school activities.

The proposed meetings for this year are:

Wednesday 9 February - Year 7 Parents and other new Parents Welcome

This function starts at 6:30pm and coincides with an SRC dance for year 7 and 8 students. Refreshments will be served and there will be a presentation on Welfare.

Wednesday 9 March - Years 9 & 10 Study Skills & Technology

Starting at 6pm, there will be a presentation on study skills for parents of Year 9 & 10 students. There will also be a presentation on technology, particularly for parents of year 9 students who will be receiving their notebook PCs around this time.

Wednesday 11 May - Year 8 Subject Selection

Year 8 students will be selecting their elective subjects for Years 9 & 10 and there will be a presentation for parents at this meeting.

Wednesday 1 June – Years 7 & 8 Study Skills + Year 10 Subject Selection

Starting at 6pm, there will be a presentation on the Online Study Skills Handbook available to students and parents courtesy of the P&C.

Starting at about 7:30pm, there will be a presentation for parents of Year 10 students who will be selecting their elective subjects for years 11 & 12.

Wednesday 10 August - GATS Presentation (guest speaker TBA)

Wednesday 7 September - Cyber Safety

With the proliferation of Facebook, Email, Texting, etc., Cyber Safety has become a major concern in school and elsewhere. This will include a presentation by the student esmart team.

Wednesday 9 November - School Plan & AGM

There will be a presentation of the schools updated 3 year plan as well as the P&C AGM.

Years 7 parents and parents of other new students to the school, Wednesday 9th February is a special day for you. Your children are invited to attend an SRC run student dance with Year 8 students. After dropping them off, you are invited to the school library to meet other parents and learn more about the school. Come along!

We are also hoping that there will be a picnic or BBQ hosted by Year 8 parents. This will be another opportunity to meet other Year 7 parents and also to meet Year 8 parents who have recently been through the 'new parents in the school' process.

Contact

The P&C has some pages on the school website (<http://www.fortstreet.nsw.edu.au/>) under the **Community** link. There you will find information about the P&C, meetings, the canteen and the uniform shop.

If you wish to contact the P&C, email fortst.pc@gmail.com or phone me on 0402 188 489.

Ian Reid
P&C President

IMP Report

Welcome to 2011! Time to pull out those musical instruments and start practicing in preparation for the upcoming year!

The rehearsal schedule for 2011 is printed below – be sure to check rehearsal times and make plans accordingly. All rehearsals (except training band) will commence in Week 1 – beginning **Wednesday 2nd February**.

IMP fees for 2011 will be \$230 per semester. Invoices and registration forms will be posted late January and we ask that you pay these fees promptly.

The IMP Camp is at the end of Week 9, Term 1 this year – Thursday 31st March to Sunday 3rd April at Merroo Conference centre in Kurrajong. Further details to come.

Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Vocal Ensemble and Stage Band will once be performing at Speech Day – please be ready for rehearsals first week back.

I am very much looking forward to a wonderful musical year!

Liz Scott
IMP Coordinator

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School (7:20am arrival for 7:30am downbeat)	R2	Vocal Ensemble <i>Dan Walker</i>	Symphony Orchestra <i>John Ockwell</i>	Wind Ensemble <i>Liz Scott</i>	Wind Orchestra <i>Liz Scott</i>	Philharmonic Orchestra <i>John Ockwell</i>
	Cottage	Jazz Ensemble <i>Tim Crow</i>				
Lunch	Cottage	Junior Percussion <i>Martin Highland</i>		Percussion Ensemble <i>Martin Highland</i>		
After School	R2	String Ensemble 3:20-4:30 <i>John Ockwell</i>		Concert Band 2:30-3:45 <i>Liz Scott</i>	Training Band 3:20-4:30 <i>Liz Scott</i>	
	Cottage	Big Band 3:20-4:30 <i>Colin Philpott</i>	Chamber Choir 2:45-4:00 <i>Dan Walker</i>		Stage Band 3:20-4:30 <i>Colin Philpott</i>	