Stage 6 IT Timber
It has been a long and stressful year for both students and teachers completing Major Projects in 2015. However all projects were completed to a high standard and all the boys involved in the class will get the results they deserve. Congratulations on your efforts boys!

The Year 12 class for 2016 have now begun the strenuous tasks of completing their chosen furniture designs. All the timber orders have arrived and the race against the clock begins. Four words of advice- “Measure Twice, Cut Once”!

Stage 5 IT Timber
Our Year 10 timber class were assigned the task of designing and constructing a storage unit to meet their unique environment and situation. There have been a number of creative solutions, with each student being challenged to gain a greater understanding of the material, tools and processes involved in their project. Victor Le Nam has produced a magnificent kitchen trolley with cutting board on top and drawers & storage underneath. His project was made out of recycled timber with the cutting board made from old hardwood fence posts, the top is made from old Oregon shelf, with the remainder being constructed from Oregon and radiate pine.
**Hour of Code**

Launched in 2013, Code.org® is a non-profit dedicated to expanding access to computer science, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of colour. Their vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science. They believe computer science should be part of core curriculum, alongside other courses such as biology, chemistry or algebra.

Code.org increases diversity in computer science by reaching students of all backgrounds where they are — at their skill-level, in their schools, and in ways that inspire them to keep learning.

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Anyone anywhere can organise an Hour of Code event. One-hour tutorials are available in over 40 languages. No experience needed. Ages 4 to 104.

IST students at Blakehurst High School have participated this year and we will continue to encourage all students to learn computer science. For more information see https://hourofcode.com/au and https://code.org/

**Electronics**

Students that have elected Electronics as a subject have developed knowledge and skills in the use of materials, tools and techniques. They are enhanced and further developed through the study of specialist modules in circuits and component and/or computer repair.

Students are required to document the design process through the development of design folios. In Year 9 students complete many simple projects using electronic components like IC, resistors, capacitors, transistors, LED, hook-up wires, bread board, printed circuits boards using 1.5V and 9V batteries. Students have also completed simple circuit and schematic diagrams.

The practical tasks are designed to improve in depth understanding of concepts with application to real world scenarios.
**Construction 2015**
The Year 12 construction students over Term 1 have been preparing, pouring and finishing a concrete path adjacent to the top basketball court. They have learnt how to apply basic levelling procedures along with preparing the area for formwork and reinforcement. Finally the day arrived and they were able to apply the skills they had learnt in the placing, spreading and finishing of the concrete. To their credit they all worked hard and achieved their competencies whilst adding a much needed access way to the car park.

Mr S Moses
Head Teacher Industrial Arts
The Year 8 cohort had another productive year and as a reward enjoyed a picnic afternoon at Carss Park on Friday 11th December. We have been impressed by their participation in sport (both grade sport and carnivals) and a range of student-led organisations over the course of the year. This term, over 50 students applied to be Junior Prefects, which indicates their commitment to being active members of the school community. Unfortunately only 30 students could be selected and they will start their roles as Junior Prefects in 2016.

The picnic afternoon went well despite the high temperature. The students took responsibility to bring their own food. Mrs Wight kindly supplied fresh fruit and iceblocks. The students relaxed in the shade or played OzTag and other ball activities in a cooperative manner. We wish all Year 8 a fun and safe holiday period and look forward to working with them again in 2016.

Ms J Camilleri & Mr J Roff
Year 8 Student Advisers
This is our final newsletter for this year. We have had a very productive and successful year with the indefatigable Sandy Ng at the helm, directing the team of merry girls and boys.

I have to acknowledge the fantastic job that the SRC executives do including Meggie Yao, Cameron Leong, Jessica Jiang, Yang Lin, Polina Pavelenko, Robert Shopov, Ashwin Muneef, Andrew Hung and Norman Tran. We look forward to working together again next year.

Our last official activity was raising awareness for White Ribbon day in the school assembly on 26th of November. We highlighted that White Ribbon day in Australia is in its 5th Year and it is a movement to reduce violence towards women by men.

The students have been very productive in supplying the whole school body with white ribbons and collating a video of pledges against violence. The male body of the assembly was invited to renew their pledge of anti violence by saying “I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men’s violence against women”. We had our last SRC meeting for the year which was an opportunity to thank the SRC members by having a little party.

On behalf of the SRC, I wish you a safe holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Gylane Ware
SRC Coordinator
These last few weeks have been exceptionally busy for the LOTE Staff. Japanese students have enjoyed the Japanese Film Festival where they saw a humorous film entitled Wood Job. Years 7-10 Japanese students have been involved in Sushi Making, Years 7 and 9 Chinese students enjoyed traditional Yum Cha as well as many end of year celebrations. Year 7 Greek visited The Great Taste of Greek restaurant and enjoyed a variable feast. Luckily walking back to school helped to digest their incredible meal. Year 10 Italian went to Dolcissimo in Haberfield to experience traditional Italian food.

Years 7, 9 and 10 French classes enjoyed traditional French cuisine at The Little Snail restaurant. Year 8 French classes made their annual pilgrimage to La Grillade in Crows Nest where they also enjoyed traditional French food. Everyone had an incredible time as can be seen by the photographs following.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayumi Tomi who gave up her time to do speaking practise with our senior Japanese students. This was invaluable to their learning. I would also like to thank Doxa Kapiri and Socrates Gavrielatos our two Greek Assistants who worked tirelessly with our advanced Greek students across all the years.

I especially thank the LOTE Staff for their support and hard work throughout the year.
Students Enjoying ‘Little Snail’ & ‘La Grillade’ Restaurants
LEADERSHIP TEAM - Report

Year 9 Prefects Excursion to Manly
The Year 9 Junior Prefects finished the year with a splash. They were rewarded for all their hard work this year with an excursion to Manly Beach. The weather was kind to us. It was a perfect sunny day and a great time was had by all. A special thanks to Ms Sarah Daley not only for accompanying us on the day but also for all her hard work with the Junior Prefects throughout the year.

Year 12 Prefects Movember
During the Sports Assembly on the first Wednesday in December the Senior Prefects created their portable barber's shop and shaved the moustaches of both staff and students to raise awareness and funds for Prostate cancer. Apart from the BIG SHAVE they also sold cupcakes and milkshakes and managed to raise $600 for this worth cause a truly incredible effort from our student leaders.
MOVEMBER
Changing the face of men’s health
Prefect Induction

In Week 8 the newly elected prefects for 2016 had their induction ceremony. It was a very solemn occasion as they took the school pledge. In the audience there were their parents, siblings, peers and Year 10 students. A morning tea was held for them in the library afterwards. It was a most enjoyable occasion.
Year 10 Chinese Prep Class

The Year 10 Preparation class was set up in Term 4 this year for the newly arrived International and migrant students. On 23/11/2015, led by Ms Chen, Coordinator for International Student Program, the class had an excursion to Sydney Harbour Bridge.

We took a nice walk in the Botanic Gardens first and then, went to The Rocks where the students learned about the landing of the First Fleet at Sydney Cove. After lunch, we made our way to the Bridge Pylon Lookout where our students enjoyed an aerial view of Sydney Harbour.

On our way back to Circular Quay Station, Channel 10 was making the TV Program Amazing Race. All our students were invited to join them in the game. As the following photos indicate.

We had a great time that day and the excursion helped the students adapt themselves to the Australian society. Many thanks to the school support.
## Sushi Making
This term our Year 7 - 10 students were fortunate enough to have participated in a Sushi making workshop with Chef Hideo Dekura. Chef Dekura is a trained Sushi chef who has recently started educating Australian students in the ways of Japanese cuisine.

For Years 7 and 8, it was a great way to put the lessons they have learnt about Japanese food this term, into practice. The students learnt how to make flower rolls and inside out rolls whilst learning about Japanese culture and the different ingredients used in Sushi. The students had a fun time making their own Sushi rolls - and, of course, eating them too! Itadakimasu! (Thank you for the food! Let's eat!)

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## Mayumi -sensei, Arigatou!
We were very fortunate this year to have Mayumi Tomi working with our senior students. Mayumi has just retired from a long career in education, having taught Japanese at Universities and TAFE.

She kindly volunteered her time to helping our Year 12 students develop their speaking skills in preparation for their HSC oral exams. Her assistance has been most appreciated and we look forward to working with her again next year!

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Mrs A Mangraviti
Head Teacher LOTE
News from the LIBRARY

“Double” Books for Holidays Reading

The Library has been very busy with students taking advantage of the opportunity to borrow “double” the usual number of books for the holidays.

Congratulations to the TOP 10 BORROWERS for 2015 at Blakehurst High School.

K Kingi, G Chen, N Wood
L Pateman, K Vuong, E Wong
A He, P Palvenko, A Hallak
S Singh

Students are enjoying using the newly refurbished furniture - a great place to read and relax.

Some holiday activities at Rockdale City Library on following pages…

Ms J Davoren & Library Staff
Teacher/Librarian
#rockdalelostworlds

TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB

From 30 November 2015 to 9 January 2016
Read some library books
Fill in an entry form for every book you read.
Drop them off at the library for your chance to win a gift voucher

Arncliffe
11 Firth Street
Ph: 9562 1816

Bexley
499 Forest Road
Ph: 9562 1813

Bexley North
24 Shaw Street
Ph: 9562 1814

Brighton Le Sands
1 Moate Avenue
Ph: 9562 1812

Sans Souci
104 Russell Avenue
Ph: 9562 1817
Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for 12-14 year-olds

The town’s most precious asset is missing. Screams have been heard in the un-dead of the night. We need you and your Adventuring Party to investigate. You will be rewarded with gold and magic weapons; if you survive. Please help!

Friday 8 January
10:30am - 12:30pm
Rockdale Town Hall
448 Princes Hwy

Enquiries: 9562 1921. Dungeons & Dragons is a fantasy role-playing game. You create your own character and join a group of fellow adventurers on a quest. This FREE session is an introduction to the game by an expert Dungeonmaster. Bookings essential at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au/LibraryEvents
With the completion of Summer Grade Sport, Blakehurst High was successful in winning 14 grade sport championships. Congratulations to the following teams and respective coaches for winning their competitions:

- 1st Grade Girls Table Tennis
- 13A Boys Mini Soccer
- 13B Boys Mini Soccer
- 14A Boys Mini Soccer
- 14B Boys Mini Soccer
- 15A Boys Mini Soccer
- 16A Boys Mini Soccer
- 15A Girls Mini Soccer
- 13A Girls OZTAG
- 13B Girls OZTAG
- 14B Girls OZTAG
- 1st Grade Girls OZTAG
- 14A Girls Table Tennis
- 16B Boys Touch Football
- 14’s Cricket

Looking back in the year we had, Blakehurst was the most highly represented school in the St George Zone Grade Sport competitions, entering 63 summer teams and 56 winter teams culminating with 13 winter and 15 summer premierships. A big thank you to all staff and students for assisting in the efficient running of grade sport on a weekly basis. Blakehurst High school was crowned Champion Girls School in the winter sports season in the St George Zone for the seventh consecutive year and also took out the champion girl’s school for summer sport. It is a wonderful achievement to win the winter and summer point score in the same season.

In recognition for their outstanding contribution to not only Blakehurst High School, the following student received a St George Blue Award for their continued success and representation of St George Zone at Sydney East Competitions and NSWCHS Carnivals throughout their time at Blakehurst High School.

- Julia Glavincevski - Athletics

We also had a number of other students who collected awards at the St George Zone presentation. These students are as follows:

- Sheridan Smith
- Tamara Milacic
- Max Poulter
- Andrew Hung
- Lazar Drakulovic
- Kaitlin Hatt
- Laura Seib
- Nicole Harrington

It has been a successful year and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone return happy and healthy in 2016.

**Sport web sites**
The following sport web sites are useful for school sport notices, zone sport information and Sydney East knock outs and representation.


Regards,

B Kemp
Sports Organiser
# Attendance Counts

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

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Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...  
Check the time your school starts.  
DON’T BE LATE!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed...  
Every day counts!
School Leavers: Don’t Let the Celebrations Turn Sour

Dear Parents and students,

Excitement is building for those students who are about to cross the finish line in their high school education journey.

For many, preparing for school work and exams will have gone hand in hand with planning their end of school celebrations, but the St George Area’s Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) is urging school leavers not to focus their celebrations solely around drinking. One of the best ways to minimise the risk of alcohol and drug-related harms is for parents to talk with their teenagers before the partying begins: Head to www.theothertalk.org.au to get some tips to help your conversation go well.

Things that parents and young people can talk about to stay safer at celebrations:

- Drinking isn’t the only way to have fun: make good memories, not bad ones
- Make a plan for safe travel to and from the party
- Stay on the right side of the law: giving alcohol to your friends who are under 18 can be illegal
- Be a good friend: stay with friends and look out for each other
- Eat, and drink water: if you drink alcohol make sure you eat first too – and drink water between alcoholic drinks.

- Do an activity while celebrating, such as dancing or playing pool, rather than just drinking
- Alcohol and swimming don’t mix: don’t swim when you’ve been drinking or taking drugs.
- Think before taking drugs: there’s no safe level of drug use and you have no way of knowing what you’re taking.
- Drugs affect everyone differently: just because a friend has taken a drug and is OK doesn’t mean it will have the same effect on you.

If you are concerned about a young persons’ alcohol consumption or drug use, St George Youth Services offer free and confidential support through their Ready project. They offer all kinds of support, from one-to-one individual support for young people aged 12-25 focusing on their drug and alcohol use, to parental or peer support for those who have concerns about someone who is using alcohol or other drugs. For clear, non-biased factual information or support, parents or students or schools can contact Stuart (Youth Health Officer) on 95561769 or email ready@stgeorgeyouth.org. Meetings can be held at the school premises or at various meeting places around St George.
Know your **SCHOOL ZONES**

Council's school enforcement program operates for the safety of all children and families. SCHOOL ZONE parking offences carry demerit points as well as fines in NSW (see over). This reflects the increased risks to children caused by parking illegally in school zones.

Every child is special. With patience, we can all pick up our children from school while respecting the safety of other children and all road users.

**Tips to minimise SCHOOL ZONE stress:**

- Stagger your time of arrival to avoid the rush, or park further away and walk. This is a great chance for exercise and a relaxed catch-up with your child.
- Walking reduces congestion near schools.

SCHOOL ZONES operate from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on all gazetted school days, including pupil free days.

Child safety is the responsibility of all road users. Drive safely, park legally.

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**Fines and demerit points for parking offences in SCHOOL ZONES**

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<td>Stop on / across driveway</td>
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Parking restrictions are in place for safety reasons. For further information on safety and road rules, please go to www.kogarah.nsw.gov.au.

The information contained in this leaflet is correct as of 16 September 2015, however is subject to change by the NSW Government without notice.

A school safety education initiative from Kogarah City Council and the NSW Police.
Seeking Hosts/Carers for our

High School International Students

- **ENJOY SHARING** the ‘Australian lifestyle’ with visiting students.
- **EXPERIENCE THE REWARDS** of close cultural relationships.
- **MAKE NEW FRIENDS** from around the globe that can last a lifetime.

If you would like to host an international student attending our school, then please contact

one of the registered Homestay Providers listed below

**or**

visit their websites for details on how to apply today!
All Homestay Providers offer 24 hour friendly service and support to students and their registered host families.

**AUZZIE FAMILIES Homestay Care**
www.auzziefamilies.com / info@auzziefamilies.com / (02) 9301 0900

**OZ HOMESTAY**

**STAY DOWN UNDER**
Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 02 9765 5000 or email fostering@facs.nsw.gov.au
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Years 7-10

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St. George & Sutherland Community College
Tel: 9528-3344 or visit our website  www.sgcc.edu.au