



In the last week of term. **Ruby Laing**, from our International Cultural Awareness group, invited Lieutenant Governor Hieu Van Le to speak to the school. What an entertaining speaker and inspiring man!

Mr Le was one of the first boat people from Vietnam, who arrived on our shores as a refugee in 1977. Since then he has gained a degree in Economics and Accountancy and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Adelaide and has received numerous awards for his contributions to multiculturalism. He is currently Chairman of the South Australian Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.

As Mr Rann said of him when he was appointed to his role as Lieutenant Governor, "His is a story of courage, bravery against all odds and an example of what can be achieved in the face of huge disadvantages and obstacles which included language and cultural barriers. Hieu Van Le is a symbol of all that is best about our multicultural society."

Not only is this true, but Mr Le is also a fine example of strong leadership. At the start of the semester, as students take up new leadership roles, it is fitting to think back on his address. He was inspirational and charismatic but not arrogant; he was humble despite his many achievements. He did not tell us what a good leader he is; rather he demonstrated that through his poignant, at times horrifying life story.

In his speech at Walford he spoke of the lessons learned during his traumatic journey to Australia. He encouraged us to take blind jumps of faith, and to be prepared to take on leadership roles even when we feel we are not ready. As a young man on the boat to Australia he took responsibility and acted courageously and with humility. He put others before himself and showed real compassion for those around him. Whilst he was always ready to listen to others' ideas, he was prepared to make brave decisions himself and follow them through. He was not always right but accepted the consequences of his decisions.

Earlier this week, at a special induction service, we acknowledged all the Year 11 students as Seniors, and presented senior braids. They are expected to be role models to younger students and lead by example. We also welcomed and congratulated our new student leadership team. These students have a line of exceptional leaders stretching behind them but with the support of the school community, they should meet the challenge of their positions of responsibility and continue the tradition of exceptional leadership at Walford.

<b>School Captain</b>	<b>Emily Taliangis</b>	
<b>School Vice Captain</b>	<b>Matilde Wiese</b>	
<b>Student Council</b>	<b>Sarah Black</b>	<b>Penelope Evans</b>
	<b>Olivia Jenkins</b>	<b>Rebecca Livesey</b>
	<b>Ashleigh Peplow-Ball</b>	<b>Natasha Wright</b>
<b>Cleland House Captains</b>	<b>Penny Schulz</b>	<b>Ashlee Wachtel</b>
<b>Fletcher House Captains</b>	<b>Alice Klingberg</b>	<b>Courtney Swanson</b>
<b>Gordon House Captains</b>	<b>Nicola Holmes</b>	<b>Charlotte Ireland-Larritt</b>
<b>Murray House Captains</b>	<b>Stephanie Haarsma</b>	<b>Emily Treloar</b>
<b>Prince House Captains</b>	<b>Rhea Danner</b>	<b>Helen Hobbs</b>
<b>Rayner House Captains</b>	<b>Grace Rodger</b>	<b>Carolyn Sansford</b>
<b>Boarding House Captain</b>	<b>Melissa Willson</b>	
<b>Boarding House Vice Captain</b>	<b>Claire Bunten</b>	

*Mrs Wendy Dowd, Head of Senior School*

*Week One Term Three  
25 July 2008*

# Newsletter

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## Course and Career Information

**Walford / Concordia Careers Night 7.00 – 9.20pm Thursday 7 August at Walford.**

A reminder that this evening is compulsory for all Year 10 students and Years 11-12 are encouraged to attend.



**Reminder: Bond University Scholarship** applications including the Walford/Bond Collegiate Scholarship **closes 31 July.**

**Projects Abroad Information Evening: Walford 6.30-8.00pm Wednesday 13 August**

Projects Abroad offers placements ranging in duration from one month to a year across 23 countries and a vast range of placements/projects.

See me for an information booklet or visit: [www.projects-abroad.com.au](http://www.projects-abroad.com.au)

**Electronics Careers Evening Wednesday 20 August - 7.00-9.00pm**

Education Development Centre, Milner Street, Hindmarsh. Hear from recent graduates as well as the presenters from both the University and Tafe sectors.

For more information visit: [www.eiaa.asn.au](http://www.eiaa.asn.au)

**New Arrivals:**

**Queensland QTAC** University Guide 2009

**Women in Engineering** – Stories of Inspiration

**Careers for Engineering Graduates**

**Cultural Care Au Pair** in the USA 2008/9 18+ year olds

*Ms Adele Harty, Careers Counsellor*

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## Walford Sailing Parent Meeting 31 July

A reminder to all parents of girls who wish to team sail and are in years 7-11 this year that a Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday 31 July at 7.30pm. The venue is now confirmed – at Walford Rooms ML1 and 2. Tea and coffee will be available. The meeting will discuss our goals for 2008/9 (and beyond), management structure, sailing camp in September/October holidays, States next year at Victor Harbor and finance and fundraising. For further details contact Adam Cooper on 0438 896 560.

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## School Shop News

### Phone “Re-Charge” Cards

Now available from the School Shop, \$30 OPTUS and \$30 TELSTRA Mobile Phone “Recharge” Cards.

While the school does not condone the use of mobile phones at school, it does recognise the value of students having a phone for safety and family reasons and is happy to provide an easy option for buying pre-paid phone cards.

### School Shop Closure

The School Shop will be closed all day on **Monday 18 August** to allow shop staff to attend a National Supplier Trade Show in Adelaide.

*Mrs Chris Page, School Shop Manager*

## Curriculum Update



One of the current issues in curriculum in Australia is that of Performance Standards. Performance Standards are benchmarks of achievement by students, and they are intended to answer the question: ‘How adequate is a student’s performance?’

In this way, performance standards are meant to be measures of student achievement which go further than just measures of what students know, understand or are able to do. They have to be based on a value judgement about adequacy of performance. Of course all assessment is based on value judgements, however objective we think that it might be.

The purpose of performance standards is to answer questions such as:

Has this student achieved standards necessary at a particular age or grade level?

Has this student achieved standards necessary to be awarded a B grade?

Has this student achieved standards necessary to manage a course to be an airline pilot?

Performance standards are a next step upward from ‘assessment criteria’ or ‘rubrics’, which we now use extensively in our assessment of student work within subjects. When performance standards have been articulated and expressed clearly, they can be used to establish benchmarks such as those used in the National Skills Testing which all students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have to undertake. In the report which students and parents get from the National Skills Testing, each student’s score is compared to the benchmark.

In NSW, the Higher School Certificate (HSC) uses a mixture of performance standards, marks, and comparisons with the overall cohort to report on student achievement. This means that the actual certificate at the end of year 12 gives a very comprehensive analysis of where a student sits in relation to the performance standards of each subject and the graph of achievement by all other students. It is a similar set of information that is given to students and parents by the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Basic Skills Tests.

Clearly one of the difficulties of developing performance standards is the expression of them in clearly understood wording, and making them as unambiguous as possible. Performance standards are only useful if their expression is unambiguous. How possible this can be is questionable. It certainly takes skilled expertise in assessment, and a long time frame to develop. Nevertheless, the political managers of the *future SACE* have decided that performance standards will be the basis of assessment in this certificate, and that it will be done in a very short time frame. As a professional educator, I have severe reservations about the validity of what can be developed in the time and manner envisaged.

It will be interesting to see whether the *future SACE* can put the concept of performance standards into place in a way that is supported and understood by students, teachers and the community.

*Mr John Butler, Director of Studies*

## PTA Newsletter

Taste@ Walford will be held on Friday August 15 and we are looking for donations from the School Community. Once again we will be holding the 'Bottle in a Bag'. We would ask that any one who can donate a bottle of wine please put in the basket in the Junior school by Christine or pass into the Development Office in the Senior School.

We are also asking for donations to put into baskets such as gourmet foods etc so if you can help please place these donations to either the Junior or Senior School.

### Dates For Diary

**Fathers Day Breakfast: Wednesday 3 September**

**Next PTA Meeting:**

**Tuesday 29 July 7.30pm Upper Information Centre.**

All Welcome

*Co-Presidents*

*Michele McCormack and Meredith Robinson*

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## *taste@Walford* Tickets now on sale!

The taste@Walford Committee is busily finalising the arrangements for taste@Walford to be held on Friday 15 August at 7.00pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Why not start organising a group of friends to come along and support this major 2008 JSPC and PTA fundraising event. All proceeds will assist the PTA/JSPC 2008 Wish List Fundraiser for the new Middle School Recreational Area for our girls.

To purchase tickets, please complete the convenient tear off slip on the attached flyer and return it to the School Shop.

*Taste@Walford Committee*

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## Congratulations

**Madeleine Leung**, 8BC, **won third prize** in the 2008 Australia-China Council National Chinese Speaking (Hanyuqiao) Competition (Second language category) held at the Australian National University in Canberra on 11 July 2008.

**Madeleine won first prize** at the State competition held earlier this year allowing her to participate in the national competition. For the final competition there were 13 competitors from around Australia who had all received either first or second places at a state level. These competitors included students from all year levels but predominantly from either Year 10 or Year 11, making Madeleine's third prize particularly impressive considering she is currently in Year 8.

There were two sections to the competition including a prepared and impromptu speech. Madeleine's prepared speech on the most recent earthquake disaster in China contained advanced vocabulary and expression. The content of her impromptu speech was also very broad and well structured. Both speeches were delivered fluently with correct phrasing, pausing and intonation.

Overall, this is an outstanding achievement. **Well done Madeleine.**

**Isabelle Bach**, 7C, recently competed in the Royal Academy of Dance Graded Examination Awards held at the Goodwood Institute. Isabelle was announced the **winner** for her category and awarded the "**Jacqueline Tucker Award**". Isabelle will also now have the opportunity, through sponsorship, to attend classes at Dance 09 early next year to be held at the Centre for Arts. **Well done Isabelle.**

**Taylor Swain**, 7M, recently competed in the Australian Gymnastic Championships held in Adelaide. Taylor was placed in **6th position overall** and came **3rd in the Ball final**. Taylor's team was also awarded **3rd place overall** for their division. An outstanding achievement. **Well done Taylor.**

### South Australian Youth Parliament

**Elisa Hawke** in Year 11 has been selected as a member of the South Australian Youth Parliament. She will have the opportunity to learn more about public speaking, debating and the workings of parliament as she works in a team to propose a bill.

### Music

**AMEB** results: **Helen Seppelt** 11DJ has been awarded her Associate (A.Mus.A.) in flute.

### School Mathematics Competition

The following students who were recognised for their fine efforts in the School Mathematics Competition at a special presentation ceremony last month.

**Laura Bey** - Outright Ninth Place in the Intermediate section - a wonderful achievement

**Alicia Schmidt** - Credit in the Intermediate section

**Catherine Prowse** - Credit in the Junior section

## For Your Calendar

### Week Two

#### Mon 28 July

- Tues 29 July** 2008 International Competitions & Assessments - Mathematics
- 8.50am: Secondary School Assembly, HR Hall  
10.00am: JS Induction Service, HR Hall  
6.30pm: Year 8 Debating, Walford I vs Mercedes I, Christian Brothers College  
7.30pm: Combined Walford and St Peter's College Orchestral Concert, Mem Hall  
7.30pm: PTA Committee and Parent Rep Meeting, Upper Information Centre  
7.30pm: Year 8 Debating, Annesley II vs Walford II, Christian Brothers College  
8.30pm: Year 9 Debating, Walford I vs Mercedes I, St Peter's Girls' I vs Walford II, Christian Brothers College

#### Wed 30 July

- 6.30-10.00pm: Adelaide Decorative & Fine Arts Society Meeting, HR Hall  
6.30pm: Year 10 Debating, Walford II vs William Light II, Mitcham Girls' HS  
7.30pm: Year 10 Debating, Mitcham Girls' vs Walford I, Mitcham Girls' HS  
8.00pm: B Grade Debating, Mercedes vs Walford, A Grade, Annesley I vs Walford, Mitcham Girls' HS

#### Thurs 31 July

##### Australian Mathematics Competition

##### MYP PD Evening, Concordia

- 12.10pm: Principal's Assembly, Sec School, HR Hall  
7.30pm: Sailing Information Session, ML1 and 2

#### Fri 1 August - CENSUS DAY

##### China visit commences

- 9.30-4.30pm: Non Government Schools Review Visit  
1.30pm: Holy Communion, St Elizabeth Chapel

#### Sat 2 August

#### Sun 3 August - OS Reunion Luncheon, Clare

### Week Three

#### Mon 4 August - Year 9 Camp commences

##### Junior School Parent Club Meeting, Junior School

- 4.55pm: Year 6 B1 Debating, St Peter's Woodlands  
5.35pm: Year 6 B2 Debating, St Peter's Woodlands

#### Tues 5 August - Year 9 Camp

- 8.50am: Secondary School Assembly, HR Hall  
9.50am: JS Assembly, St Elizabeth Chapel

#### Wed 6 August - Year 9 Camp

- 7.30pm OS Committee Meeting, WH Conf Room

#### Thurs 7 August - Year 9 Camp

- 12.10pm: Principal's Assembly, Sec Schl, HR Hall  
7.00-9.30pm: Careers Night, Walford

#### Frid 8 August - Year 9 Camp concludes

- 1.30-2.30pm: Boarding Parents' Consultative Committee Meeting  
1.30pm: Holy Communion, St Elizabeth Chapel  
5.45pm: SATAC Information Evening, HR Hall

#### Sat 9 August - EXEAT - China visit concludes

- 9.30-11.30am: Junior School and ELC Open Morning

#### Sun 10 August - EXEAT

## The Siemens Science Experience 2009

The Siemens Science Experience is a three-day hands-on program for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2009. Opportunities exist for students to attend the program scheduled for 13 -15 January 2009 at Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. Many universities across Australia participate, so it is possible to attend an interstate program. The Siemens Science Experience is intended to introduce students to the facilities available in our universities and the opportunities for later studies and careers.

Each Siemens Science Experience includes a wide variety of hands-on practical activities in many branches of science, engineering and technology, together with interesting presentations by leading scientists and engineers. Visits may also be made to other places of scientific interest. Sample sessions include: space science, fusion, bugs and germs in the tropics, sports science and robotic dancing.

The registration fee for the program is \$105. This fee does not cover transport, meal or accommodation costs. There are no specific selection criteria and you can make arrangements for your application to be endorsed by a Rotary Club who may pay the registration fee.

Further information and application forms are available from Ms Caruso. The closing date for applications is 26 September 2008. You can also visit [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) for more information.

Walford students have attended this programme in the past and have thoroughly enjoyed the activities offered.

*Ms Maria Caruso, Science Co-ordinator*

### 2008 Term Dates

#### Term 3

**Tuesday 22 July — Friday 26 September**

**Exeats:** 9-10 August  
5-7 September

#### Term 4

**Tuesday 14 October — Tuesday 9 December**

**Exeats:** 1-2 November  
22-23 November

# *taste*@Walford

Showcasing local wineries and artisan food producers  
to inform, tempt and cajole

including

d'Arenberg Wines, Will Taylor Wines, Grant Burge Wines, Bremerton Wines,  
Gemtree Vineyards, Coopers Brewery, Serafino Wines, Whitechapel Wines,  
Pernod-Ricard, McGuigan Simeon Wines,

Patritti Non-Alcoholic Fruit Juices, Limoncello, Howard Vineyards, Penny's Hill Wines,  
B3 Wines, Scarpantoni Wines, Hugh Hamilton Wines, H.Q. Cuisine, Alexandrina Cheese,  
The Olive Lair, Squid Ink, Jones the Grocer, Willabrand Figs, Bracegirdle Chocolates,  
Barossa Valley Cheese Company, Skilly Creek Olive Oils, Ditters and Foods from the Edge

Food produce can be purchased and wines ordered on the night

**Friday 15 August at 7.00pm in the Helen Reid Hall**

Delicious cocktail food prepared by the *taste*@Walford committee  
will be served

Fabulous raffle and a silent auction

**All proceeds will assist the JSPC and PTA fundraiser  
for the Middle School Recreational Area**

**Tickets available at the Walford School Shop**

To confirm your booking please return this slip with your payment to the School Shop by Friday 8 August

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Name: ..... Phone: .....

Daughter's Name(s): ..... Year Level(s): .....

Number of taste@Walford tickets: ..... (\$50 per person) Ref: #2424

Total amount enclosed: \$..... Cash/Cheque

Charge my credit card: VISA MasterCard Card holders signature: .....

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