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A Message From the Regional Director

Murat Dizdar

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, visited Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre (BHIEC) to present a community service award to staff member Ms Yen Ha Lieu. Ms Lieu was recognised by the Governor for the work she has undertaken linking students and their families to school and health services through the 'Optimising Health and Learning' project at BHIEC. Ms Lieu arrived in Australia as a refugee.



Ms Lieu Ha Yen and the Governor Maree Bashir

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Mr Clout asked the Governor to present Ms Lieu with a Community Service award for her great contribution at a ceremony held at BHIEC. Congratulations to Yen on the wonderful recognition of her outstanding work in building bridges in the community and to Michael Harmey, Deputy Principal Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre, Colin Skene, Principal Beverly Hills Girls High School and the staff of our IEC on collectively optimising the health and learning of those most in need in our community.

On the journey from Vietnam, her boat was attacked by pirates seven times. Soon after arrival in Australia Yen started working at BHIEC as a Teacher's Aide. Fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese, over 32 years at the school she has supported thousands of students and their families to understand schooling in Australia and adjust to their new life. Mr Terry Clout, Chief Executive South East Sydney Local Health District, saw the pivotal role that Ms Lieu has had in the success of the 'Optimising Health and Learning' partnership which combines the skills and expertise of school staff, South East Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) staff and other medical professionals.

The program involves nurse-led screening in a supportive environment and introduces students and their families to the Australian Health Care system. This outstanding school and community partnership was recognised as the 2011 NAB Schools First winner for NSW.

In the Sydney Morning Herald (the Sydney Magazine December 2012) Yen was included in the top 100 Sydney's Most influential people 2012.



BHIEC Performance Group

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Winning Health Program focuses on the health of young migrants

I was delighted to join Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales, at an official visit to the Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre to acknowledge the Optimising Health and Learning Project.

by Terry Clout, Chief Executive SESLHD

The SESLHD Multicultural Health Service has been working in partnership with the Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and a number of health and educational services to provide Optimising Health and Learning, an early identification and intervention screening service for refugee and vulnerable migrant children focussing on health issues likely to impact on student learning.

Last year, the award-winning program was awarded \$100,000 to help with fundamental health issues for refugees and other vulnerable newly arrived students.

As part of the visit, the Governor honoured Ms Lieu Ha Yen (Ms Lieu), a Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre Learning Support Officer, who has worked at the school for more than 30 years, and who has been instrumental in supporting the health screening project, assisted in the school's growth, and importantly, helped thousands of students.

The formal recognition acknowledged the important contribution made by bilingual aides and office staff at the school in linking students and families to school and health support.

Joining the visit were Dr Astrid Perry, SESLHD Manager, Multicultural Health Service, Dr Greg Stewart, SESLHD Director of Operations Primary and

Ambulatory Health, Tish Bruce, SESLHD Deputy Director Primary and Ambulatory Health Care, Colin Skene, Principal, Beverly Hills High School, Michael Harmey, Deputy Principal, Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre, Murat Dizdar, South West Region Director, Department of Education and Robert Radley, Senior Manager, Government, Education and Community Business, National Australia Bank.

Tailored specifically to refugees and other vulnerable newly arrived students, the Optimising Health and Learning Project involves nurse-led health screening, parent education and linkage with General Practitioners. The pilot was

held at the Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre in March 2011 and received funding from the NAB Schools First Awards Program.

The Program – which involves health screening, parent education sessions, GP linkage for families and student tours of St George Hospital is a significant model of proactive planning and targeted intervention that demonstrates good health is vital to learning.

By linking the Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre to the SESLHD Multicultural Health Service and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, the Centre's bilingual staff can help identify students' health issues through early identification and intervention.

Through on-site screening, students can get early assessments of common and treatable conditions that

could affect learning, such as vision or hearing impairments, Vitamin D deficiency or iron deficiency.

Beverly Hills Intensive English Centre is a special NSW Government High School that assists newly arrived young refugee and migrant people for 6-12 months to develop English language skills before transitioning to about 20 local area mainstream high schools.



Governor Maree Bashir with Suhandi and some of the performance group

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Faisal and the BHIEC dancers



Yen and the Governor



Ms Lum's class on excursion to Kurnell

Excursion to Dubbo Zoo

by Sofia Prodromov

On the 6th of August we went to Dubbo for an overnight excursion. It was an extremely long trip by train and bus. We were all excited and we couldn't wait for the time to come. The trip was on Monday so the weekend went slowly.

We all had to be at school by 5:30am. By six o'clock we were all there ready to go. We took the bus to the city and then we took another. Dubbo was our final destination. The trip was very long, approximately seven hours. Some people were sleeping all the time, some others were reading, and one group of children was playing games. The three teachers who came with us tried to sleep. It was an enjoyable trip.

We arrived in the city of Dubbo at around 1:00 pm. Then we took the bus to Taronga Western

Plains Zoo. A ranger welcomed us and introduced herself. She gave us some details about our activities and our missions.

The first mission was about to start and the teacher separated us into three groups. We had to go and see five specific animals until 4:30 pm. The other groups were on time but we were fifteen minutes late. We waited for a while and then we had a new mission. This time we had to make something that we can wear. After that we had to create our group flag. It was a lot of fun.

We ate our dinner and we all went for a night tour. For almost everyone this was the best part of the excursion. With two rangers as leaders we went very close to some animals. We saw a rhino, a hippo, camels, giraffes and uncommon species of goats. They were all very close to us and the teachers luckily fed the giraffes. We learnt a

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lot of new things about those animals.

When we returned from our night trip we went near a fire and drank some hot chocolate. It was

very cold by the time we went back. We stayed there only for a few minutes. Once we got to bed we all had to sleep, it was nearly 10:00pm so no one



Students from Ms Zhang's and Ms Crealy's classes

complained. The next day we had to wake up at six o'clock.

We all tried to sleep. However there was a group of children who did not sleep at all. They did not let the others sleep that night, especially the teachers. Those children woke them up and on the next morning no one was happy. Many of the children couldn't sleep because of the cold. The temperature was minus three



Yuan and Tracy with Koala



Liwan with elephant

long. Perhaps they slept for two hours or one. Then they started playing games and listening to music.

When we finally arrived in Sydney, everyone was looking tired and sleepy. Those two days were great. I think everyone would do it again if they could. Everyone was happy and we are still talking about Taronga Zoo. ***It was just perfect!***



Students from Ms Zhang's and Ms Crealy's classes



St George Probus Group visit BHIEC

by Shizuka Hayashi

On Friday the 9th of November, 14 retired people from the St George Probus Group visited Ms Harvey's class. We interviewed them about their lives because we will write their biography.

I felt very wonderful when I listened to the old people because they had many experience and knowledge. They told me everything that I needed in my future on this Friday morning. This Friday was special for me.

I felt nervous before the Probus group came because I didn't like to speak English very much. I didn't want to talk with them. After they came, I felt so bad. I didn't want to say, 'Hello' to them but Ms Harvey pushed me to my partner. I had to explain what the food was. After I explained, the woman smiled so I thought I could talk with her.

The woman was called Moira. She told me about her photos after we sat down on our chairs. She had many photos. There were photos of her daughter, her sister, her parents, her friends and her wedding dress. She was wearing a beautiful, long, white wedding dress. I wanted to wear a wedding dress like her one. It was so nice.



Moira and Shizuka

' I was so happy and I got self-confidence about my English and my future.'

After that, I asked her some questions that were written down on the pink paper. I don't remember many of the answers but I remember two important things. She told me she liked to connect with people like on this Friday. She was very active. She walked about an hour every day. She sometimes went to the swimming pool to swim. I thought if I was 70 years old I couldn't do like her. She told me another important thing that I really wanted to know from them before they came to our school. She told me about what advice did she have for teenagers. She was crying while she talked about it because



Narwee students proudly display their new books

she said, 'Keep trying and enjoy your life, it is very important.' But her life was not so good. Her grandchildren had big problems. She was very patient and also very kind. I learned so much from her.

By Shizuka Hayashi

Frensham Excursion

by Liwam Selomon

In week 4 of term three, all the dance group of Beverly Hills IEC went to Frensham Girls School to meet the students from that area. There were other IEC students from Chatswood who went to Frensham with our school too.

I was one of the students from Beverly Hills IEC and it took one hour by bus to get to the school. When we arrived at Frensham, we met the girl students. They welcomed us and our principal Mr Harmey who was representing our school as well as the other IEC principal representing Chatswood.

After that, the students offered us morning tea and we played and chatted with them. They asked us some questions and we ask them some too. Then we showed the students some African dancing and our music teacher Mr Suhandi taught the girls how to play the drums.

Everyone was very happy. After this fun, we had a lunch with the girls before we went back to school. It was an awesome day and we all loved the students and were happy to meet them.



Janet and Sahro



Jia Liang and Layla at Narwee



Shopfront Theatre

On September 13th, 2012 the students from our class, Ms Crealy's, participated in the Arcade Assembly that we have been preparing for for about two terms. With a group of artists that came from Shopfront Contemporary Arts and Performance centre, our class has been doing many activities that were part of this project.

The artists who came to teach us about Shopfront were called Sara and Kevin and Ms McInerney helped also to get the best out of us throughout this project. We did many great things including a part-maze, part-performance, part-retro computer game. These things were so much fun. It enabled us to express our feelings through several conversations about real and fantasy meetings.

One of the best activities that we did was a video that



Aicha and friend

we filmed to send messages to the people that we cannot meet anymore. It was so expressive and emotional. I guess everyone loved it. Some of these videos were presented in one of the assemblies that took place in the IEC.

This Project was one of the best experiences that we have had in Beverly Hills IEC. We've learnt many things from it and we met many new people. It was also a great opportunity to make new friendships. The most important thing is that it was a good way to escape from studying, have fun and do a great job.

by Shumokh Ibrahim



Abu, Andrew and Kirsten



Students from Ms Zhang's and Ms Crealy's classes



Jenolan Caves Visit

My class and the international students went to Jenolan Caves for excursion. It was a fantastic and adventurous trip.

The best part of this trip was the walk in caves. There were lots of different and beautiful shapes of crystals and stalactites. It was very tiring to walk up and down the stairs or turn right and left again and again, even climb a ladder which was almost vertical (*it made us very weary*). Even though, I think it is pretty worthwhile to have had an opportunity to go into the caves and see so many inconceivable crystals.

I learnt many things about the Jenolan Caves in Australia during the trip. The caves were created about three hundred and sixty million years ago, they're older than the dinosaurs! Also I learnt how the crystals and stalactites in these caves were made. It is so amazing that nature can make these wonderful views.

This excursion was a really great experience for me and the other students. I hope I can go to the Blue Mountains again one day.

by Jody Chiang



Mr Rice

Red Cross Excursions

On Tuesday 28th August, we went to Bankstown Sports Centre for a Red Cross Excursion. Our class joined Ms Goreta's class and we went there by bus. First, the girls played beach volleyball and the boys played soccer. Then the boys played basketball. Everyone joined in together, even the teachers! We had icecream and went back to school. It was a good day because it was fun and enjoyable playing sport.

Rwaida, Bianca, Leo and Hafsa from Ms Sugden's class.



Terrigal Visit

by Petros Laloukiotis

I am going to tell you about our wonderful excursion in Terrigal High School!! Terrigal is a place near 2 hours away from our school.

Well, we met outside the staff room at 8:15. Only 5 students were on time. The time passed it was 8:40 and we were missing one student. Abdul was late again, we were lucky he came school at 8:45 and we left the school. There were 10 students with our two amazing teachers, Ms Crealy and our "EPIC" bus driver Mr James.

At the beginning we had some good music on, but after several minutes Mr James and his music tastes made us feel bored. We were happy he didn't play Beethoven or something like that. We managed to make Mr James turn off his music, and we started making up some lyrics to songs we knew. We had great fun in the bus.

After an hour and a half we were outside Terrigal High School. Everyone was worried about whether the day was going to be good or boring. At the beginning I was like "It seems a boring school". But I was wrong. The school was huge, with 5 rooms for every subject, with one room for Art and two for Music.

We waited for several minutes until someone came to greet us. Then one of the teachers came and took us on a tour! We also met student from Juniors to Seniors.

After we talked with them, we went in a gymnasium. We also were given ice blocks, however no one knew how to eat them. Anyway when we went to the gymnasium the music class of the school played live for us. I personally loved the "Seven Nation Army Medley".

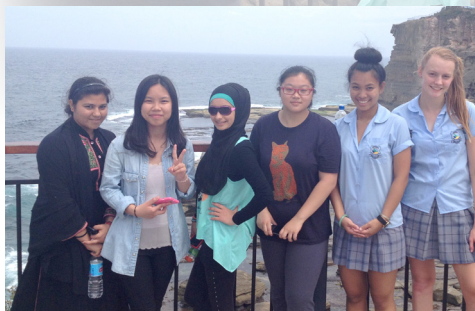
After we listened to those guys playing, we had the chance to play with the music instruments. I was shy to play guitar, however Mr James showed his epic drum skills. The best thing was when Brima and Abu played the drums. The sound and the way they played was the best thing.

Everyone liked the music. After we played music, we had Morning Tea.

Morning Tea was very good. We talked with girls and boys from the Terrigal High School. We also had biscuits, sweets and tea, of course. The conversation with the people from the high school was really good. We improved our English and we learnt new things.

After the Morning Tea, we had our Art

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Students from Crealy's class and Terrigal High School

Lesson. When we went in the class a sweet teacher told us to sit down and that we are going to watch a movie. So we watched a movie named "The Lost Thing", the movie was about a researcher who found a lost machine. The main point of the movie was how rotten and destroyed our world is, because everyone is obsessed with his job and no one has time to go and enjoy his/her life. After the movie, the Art teacher told to draw pictures from the movie or draw whatever we wanted. Kirsten, Michael and Abu loved it; they draw some very good drawings. When we finished the drawings we



Abu and Brima

the other students learnt about our mates background. After that lesson, it was the time to go the BEACH!

We went outside the school and waited for Mr. James to get the bus, so we could

leave. No one was talking on the way to the beach, everyone was quiet. After 10 minutes we were on the beach, and all of us were happy. The teachers gave us two soccer balls, 1 vortex and 2 Frisbees, and they told us that we could play. Everyone was happy about that but we were even happier when the food came. The teachers from the High School had ordered Fish & Chips for every student and teachers. I loved the food like everyone else, but it was limited.

After the food was the most fun part of the excursion, Beverly Hills I.E.C

versus Terrigal High School – an epic soccer game. However, many students went for a walk along the beach instead of watching.

The game started very well. We started losing by 0-1, and also we had Mr James give us yellow cards for missing a goal. After some minutes we managed to score and make the score 1-1. We started playing better then, so the score was 2-2. Later on we managed to make the score 5-3 and it was really good for us because we were happy and the whole soccer game as funny. The final score was 5-4 to our school, but we could easily have lost the game because the opponents – the girls especially – totally humiliated us in front of our teachers. They were so good! We also had some good goals and of course some injuries, but it was all very funny. After the soccer game we shook hands and said goodbye. You think that was all?? Of course not, my friends. The dance part comes in and makes our excursion funnier than before.

We danced Gangnam Style with the Terrigal High School Students. It was amazing. The feeling of dancing and doing something with new friends was one of the best feelings. It was so funny because everyone was doing whatever they wanted, no one

followed the Choreography of Gangnam Style.

After the dance, it was the saddest moment of the excursion. Goodbye time, but we were happy that we made new friends.

After the goodbye we left for the I.E.C, however no one wanted to leave Terrigal. However, what happened on the way to school was just amazing. We started waving hello to all the cars, dancing and of course singing. It was amazing everyone was so excited that we couldn't stop singing and screaming. It was one of the best excursions I've ever been on and I think everyone loved it.

Petros Laloukiotis, Miss Crealy's Class



Crealy's class with Terrigal High School students

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Aicha and Hajra speak to the class



Excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW

by Kylie Yixin Wang

On the 23rd of October we went on an excursion to the city. We left the school at 9:00am and then we got on the train as soon as we arrived at the train station. After about half an hour we got off at St. James.

First, we walked to Hyde Park and took some photos there. There was a magnificent fountain and a beautiful church which left a deep impression on me. After that, we walked to the **NSW Art Gallery**. It was gorgeous, with white stone carvings. Our art teacher, Mr Lawrie, gave us an art worksheet and we walked into the Art Gallery. Once inside, we saw many great oil paintings on the wall. We kept on walking past pretty western porcelain, some were of lovely dogs, some were dancing people, some were delicate teapots. They were put in a clear glass box. They were so lovely that I really wanted to observe them closer and feel them with my hand, but I couldn't, so I took many pictures of them.

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Vienna and Hannah from Ms Lum's class
carvings of Buddha and so on. I realised that our world is really abundant in civilisations. Time went quickly and after about an hour we went to have lunch.

We wandered through the Botanical Garden and walked into the city. It was a really long walk

Unlike the NSW Gallery, this was a modern gallery. It had many new and original art works. Since it was a little bit late, we had just thirty minutes to visit the gallery. Then we walked to the train station and all of us were very tired – some of us even slept on the train home!

This was my first visit to the Australian Art Galleries. I'm looking at the pictures in my mobile now and I think I prefer the NSW Art Gallery because they had many pretty and fantastic artworks from the past. I really enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to the next excursion.



Hannah

'I found that the Art Gallery not only has pretty western artworks but also has many traditional works from other countries.'

Walking onto the second floor, I found that the Art Gallery not only has pretty western artworks but also has many traditional works from other countries. We looked at Chinese vases, Korean paintings, Japanese drawings, Indian stone

which made us very tired and hungry. Then we arrived at the Food Hall in the city.

We had lunch for half an hour and then moved on again.

After lunch, we followed the teachers and walked to the second Art gallery, the **Museum of Contemporary Art**.

Botany Bay Recount

Yesterday Beverly Hills IEC went to Botany Bay National Park. First, Ms Ellis marked the roll. Then we got on the bus and we drove to Botany bay. We went for a walk and then we listened to the

teacher. We ate lunch and played games. lastly we came back to school.
It was a fun day.



Vincent, Bianca and Bernadette



Students from ms Zhang's class



Students from Ms Lum's class

Sculpture by the Sea

by Vicky Pham

This term, Beverly Hills IEC organised for the International Students and Ms Lum's class to visit Bondi Beach with Mr Harmey (*The Deputy Principal*), Ms Yen (*support teacher*) and Ms Lu (*Math teacher*). We had a happy time together and also enjoyed many interesting artistic pieces beside the beautiful landscape.

In the morning, we left the school at 8:30 to go to Beverly Hills train station to catch a train to Bondi. Then from Bondi station, we went to Bondi beach by bus and on the way there, we saw many people wearing colourful clothes walking in the crowded street like in the summer. We arrived at the beach and had a rest before we started to enjoy the beautiful view on a sunny day. On that day, there was an art competition called Sculptures by the Sea and many artists showed their own art products to compete against others. We walked

along the cliff path and studied many interesting art pieces and understood the coda inside each. After looking at the art, we walked to another beach and we were so surprised because Mr Harmey was cooking our lunch.

Then we had a rest to have our delicious lunch and get ready to enjoy the beach. When we finished lunch, Mr Harmey and other teachers led us to

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the beach and we had fun. Before we touched the water, Mr Harmey told us to always be careful in the sea and not go above our ankles. Then we played a Chinese sea game and we had a really happy time together.

When we finished the game on the beach,

we started to pack up everything and threw the garbage in the bin to keep the beach clean and fresh. We got on the train to go home and on the way, we

all slept a bit because we had played many games, been many places, watched and learnt about many art pieces therefore we were so happy but quite tired.

The excursion not only gave us the opportunity to have a good time together, but also lets us get to know each other more. After

this excursion, we have learned how important the environment is and that we have to protect it for the world and for our children's generation.



Mr Harmey



Students from Lurnea IEC and BHIEC soccer teams



Sugden and Funnell's Classes

Sport's Activities

by Mr McAdam

This term we had some interesting sports activities at Beverly Hills. Miss Sugden's and Miss Funnell's classes took part in a cricket program run by Cricket NSW. The students had fun learning the rules of cricket and took part in training and games with Multicultural Development Officer Jeremy Ng and members of the Chinese Cricket Academy, who were in Australia for training also.

Our Boys Soccer team and Girls Volleyball team visited Lurnea IEC for a soccer and volleyball match. The girls lost a very close game against Lurnea, but the spirit and sportsmanship of both teams was outstanding. The boys won a tough contest 4-1, with star striker Abu

Turay scoring three goals! Lots of new friends were made and both schools enjoyed the experience of competing in a friendly atmosphere.



Students with the Chinese Cricketing group



The BHIEC volleyball team

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