



*21st September 2007,*

### Annual Gala / Hantes

The Annual Gala / Hantes shall be held this Sunday at Mount St. Benedict College, 449C Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills (Corner of Beecroft Rd). There is parking on-site for 100 cars: others can park across the road and walk across the bridge over the road, or park at the shops nearby. All children involved in the show shall be required to be there by 2 pm for the final preparation by teachers- this is the final opportunity to final dress rehearsal/practise together, with all audio-visual accompaniments. The event shall start, with parents, at 4 pm sharp. Please remember to leave the front row clear for guests and officials!

### Term 3 Ends

Term 3 is about to end at the end of next week and students and teachers are looking forward to a well-earned break. Remember though, all teachers always put in a lot of work during the school "holidays" in preparation for the busiest, last, term of the year! While students are generally relaxing, our senior students will be applying themselves to assignments that need to be completed and preparation for their final examinations-the School Certificate.

Year 11 has been busy learning and being tested during this week. Results shall be available next week.

### Athletics Carnival

Yes, it's that time of year again! Next Friday the annual Athletics carnival gets under way and shall pitch students' athletic prowess against the best each has to offer. This has always been a popular event with the teachers and students. If parents are coming along (and all parents are invited), please let the teachers know when you arrive and where you will be sitting.

### School Swimming

During next term, swimming classes shall be run for all children. In our mild climate here in Sydney, it is very important that ALL children know how to swim competently. Unless there are medical reasons, all children are expected to attend these classes.

### Computer System Upgrade

The computer systems have been upgraded to take advantage of new "green" technology, using far less power than the previous computers whilst working at a much faster pace! The computers themselves also take up much smaller space on the desktops allowing students to have books opened beside them whilst they are learning. The speed of computing has improved ten-fold-even before the faster computer chip has been added!

The faster computing network shall allow children to be extended in their curricular activities as they are able to implement, perform and complete multi-media tasks at a pace unheard of previously: this is how far computer technology has advanced.

### National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) and June Dally Watkins School of Deportment

As parents of older children know, we have previously held these two events for the benefit of our senior / mature students. There is a desire to run these two events again this year for our children. However, because of our relatively small numbers, we would like to gauge parents' feelings about holding these two events on a Saturday at a broader venue, such as the Panoyan Centre in Fairfield: this shall allow our former students also to attend as well as making it more family-oriented as many of our children do have relatives in the region.

If parents are agreeable, these two events shall be arranged for the first two Saturdays in December- if there are any strong objections to sharing these experiences with the broader Armenian community, please speak to members of the Board or Ms. Vartanians at the Hantes this Sunday.

### Prospectus for Future Students

The School has prepared a new Prospectus for all students that is available at the Office. Parents should encourage other Armenians who have school-aged children, who are interested in gaining an Armenian education to please contact the School Office for a copy.