On 22 May we commemorated the positive efforts of the whole student body, through a reward day. Everyone had heaps of fun and appreciated the rides and activities that the school provided. A special thanks to everyone who helped organise, set up and clean up. Some of the activities that were available were a climbing wall, bungie trampoline, bucking bull, inflatable hamster wheels and much more. There was also a Boost Juice van, ice-cream truck and a sausage sizzle. Thanks to the Music Department for providing music for the afternoon, you did a great job! We hope you all had a great time and we are excited for our next opportunity to commemorate your great work!
On the 12 June, the Specialist Music Program’s Junior Ensembles put on a performance for the children and teachers of Woodvale Primary School. There was Wind Orchestra 2 - made up of Year 9 and 10 students; the Junior Guitars – made of Year 8 and 9 students, and the Junior Jazz Band – made up of Year 9 and 10 students. It was a brilliant performance and it was obvious that the children and teachers loved it.

“Today, we celebrate freedom.
And those that fought and died for it
from many parts of the world”.

St Mary’s Concert

The St Mary’s concert on 2 July was to showcase the amazing talent of the students in the Woodvale Secondary College’s Specialist Music Program. The night involved all the ensembles and choirs of the program and it was a spectacular night. There was the Wind Orchestra, Wind Orchestras 2 and 3, Senior Guitars, Junior Guitars, Senior Jazz Band, Junior Jazz Band, Senior Choir and the Junior Choir. All the teachers that conducted or helped had worked hard and it resulted in a night of brilliant performances by all who were there. Thank you to all the families who came to support the children.
In term 2, some Year 4, 5, and 6 students from the College’s catchment schools attended an afternoon session at the College, to further develop their science skills. Students from Woodvale PS, North Woodvale PS, Creaney PS, Halidon PS, enjoyed help from the co-ordinator of the 'Student Buddies' program, Mrs Warr, and a selection of our Academic Extension students, from Years 8 and 9. The primary students are being entered into the 'Science Talent Search', a state-wide competition, to find a new young Einstein. This competition gives primary students an opportunity to widen their horizons in Science, as well as a chance to win a cash prize, valued at $50-$500. The students have eagerly participated in these afternoons, and will continue work on their amazing projects, until 18 August, the judging day for all entries. The College science buddies will continue to assist the 'young Einsteins' throughout the competition time. The Science staff wish all participating students good luck, as do all the helpers. Good luck for August!

“Japanese students tried Vegemite, visited Woodvale Primary and received a glimpse in an Australians life.”
During the first weeks of school, the students of Woodvale Secondary College entered ‘Junior Masterchef 2013.’ Held by our Home Economics Department. Students of all years brought their best skills to the culinary kitchen, with only two to remain. The first round was to bake and decorate cupcakes; Home Economics teachers such as Mrs Barry tasted the entries, that’s A LOT of cupcakes! Round 2 started a week later, and the remaining contestants (2 Year 8s and 7 Year 9s) were put to work in Home Ec 1 (kitchen) and prepared Anzac Biscuits for our eager judges to taste. Every student tried as hard as they could, with one Year 8 and three Year 9 contestants remaining. In Round 3, the cooks had to prepare delicious Soufflés, and with the salivating pallets of the judges only 2 chefs remained, Lydia O and Rares P. The last round was forseen the two Year 9 finalists had to bake a Swiss Roll. Rares Popa showed victorious, with Lydia Owen taking 2nd place. We would like to congratulate all of the contestants; a congratulate Rares Popa for winning Woodvale’s ‘Junior Masterchef!’
Interschool

On June 18 the Year 9 cohort went out to compete in their desired sports against the surrounding schools. The teams for soccer, netball, basketball, volleyball, football and hockey were all packed into the buses and shipped out to the surrounding ovals, courts and greens to battle the schools of the northern suburbs. Everyone acted appropriately and with good sportsmanship.

“As usual we all did our best and placed highly in most events, and when we didn’t, we congratulated all the other schools for their achievements. With a great day had by all I'm sure everyone can’t wait for the next interschool event.”

“Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy.”

Ludwig van Beethoven."
Overall we had a great first semester. The Senior Staff, Year Coordinators and the student council would like to thank you all for your positive contribution towards making Term 1 an enjoyable and educational experience for the whole Year 9 cohort. We are looking forward to having a positive and successful term 4. If you have any enquiries, feel free to approach the student council (Michaela G, Jemima B, Paige M and Jayden C) or year coordinators (Mrs Zekovic and Mrs Jarvis).

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson

**Brain Teaser**

If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?