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## FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

Our emphasis this week in the Senior School has been on cyber safety. On Tuesday students in Year 8 attended a presentation from Snr Constable Ben Purvis on the risks associated with using social networking sites and mobile phones. On Tuesday evening parents were addressed on the same issues by Ms Robyn Treyvaud. About 60 parents from Hillingdon, Fiona and Senior School were given very useful insights into the cyber world that is an essential component of our girls' lives. It is very interesting that in the last three years, the emphasis has changed from protecting our children from others online, to protecting them from compromising themselves. As Ms Treyvaud points out, prohibition won't work, nor will erecting fences to keep them out of the pool. They are going to dive in, so as responsible adults, we need to teach them to swim and survive.



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Congratulations to all our music teachers, and to the 250 girls (almost half the Senior School) whose Instrumental and Choral Concert (from our 27th Annual Music Camp) held last Friday, was absolutely sensational. From the Ascham Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Mr Hillinger), the Intermediate Madrigal (conducted by Ms Gerrys), the Senior Madrigal (Mrs Wilson), the Guitar Orchestra (Mr Charlton), the Ascham Strings (Ms Somers), the Vivaldi Camerata (Ms Huey), the Concert Band (Mr Edwards), and the Percussion Ensemble (Mr Collins), to the Junior Madrigal, Senior Choir, Junior Choir and Combined Choirs (all conducted by Mrs Mormanis), not a note was out of place, not a performance anything but excellent. Mrs Green, Mrs Hillier, Mrs Leong, Ms Byron and Mr Lovenfosse accompanied various pieces, as did several of the conductors. Other members of the music and academic staff provided stage management and supervision. To everyone, a huge thank you. The highlight on a night of highlights would have to be the world première performances of two choral pieces commissioned from Australian composer, arranger and performer, Mr Dan Walker, who was in the audience.

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Finally, a special invitation to everyone in our Ascham community, from Preschool to Year 12 families, to come along on Sunday for our Tennis and Family Fun Day. Some will indeed be competing throughout the day in the annual tennis competition, but many of us will not. We'll be there to watch the tennis and soak up the atmosphere of the day - even if you only have a free hour or two on Sunday, just come along and enjoy being part of our Ascham family, no RSVP required! Parents will be cooking a gourmet barbeque and there will be stalls with everything from jams and cakes to books and handicrafts. And for some of our little ones, the jumping castle will be the most memorable part of the day. For non tennis players, the fun starts at 11am and will go through to 3pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Thank you to all the mothers and daughters who participated in the Mothers' Day Classic Walk last Sunday 9 May. It was a beautiful day, scenic walk and lovely to

have such a large Ascham group supporting this worthwhile cause. We look forward to participating in this event next year.

Ascham has been participating in the Mothers' Day Classic Walk for Breast Cancer for 4 years now. It has become a huge event over that time. Last Sunday I was delighted to be part of the second largest school group in this event, 89 of us walking behind the School banner, led by Mrs Ward, and including our husbands, fathers, brothers for a cause that can touch all women and their families.



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Another performance area in which Ascham excels is drama. For all of our girls, English and drama are an integral part of their education. Many of our girls take drama as a subject and are involved in public speaking. For all of us, drama is a way to explore ideas and emotions and reinforce who we are. For any girl doing drama or interested in literature and drama the 2010 Senior Production is not to be missed. The sets look amazing and the acting is superb. With the participation of Cranbrook and Sydney Grammar students, our Tom Stoppard double bill - *After Magritte* and *The Real Inspector Hound* deserve your strong support. I do hope many parents will come along to celebrate the extraordinary quality of drama at Ascham.

Performances are on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 - next week at 7.30pm in the Packer Theatre. The evening should conclude by 9.50pm. Please reserve your seats early.

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## FEEDBACK

As always we are happy to receive feedback regarding eNews to [Jennie Barrett](mailto:jbarrett@ascham.nsw.edu.au) ([jbarrett@ascham.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jbarrett@ascham.nsw.edu.au))

Any other issues please contact the [school](#)

The Ascham Council of Governors welcomes feedback from all members of the Ascham Community. If you would like to contact the Council please use the following email address [councilofgovernors@ascham.nsw.edu.au](mailto:councilofgovernors@ascham.nsw.edu.au). Any emails concerning operational issues within the school will be re-directed to the appropriate department.

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## CALENDAR 14 – 30 MAY

### CALENDAR SENIOR SCHOOL

Fri 14 May		IGSSA cross country, Frensham
	4.30pm	Boarder parents forum
Sun 16 May	11am - 3pm	<a href="#">Parents' Association tennis and family fun day</a>
	9am-6pm	Senior production technical rehearsal
Mon 17 May		Senior interhouse debating round 1
Tue 18 May		Archdale debating round 6

	4-9pm	Senior production dress rehearsal
	7.30pm	Ballet excursion to <i>Coppelia</i> , Sydney Opera House
Wed 19 May		AMEB Musicianship exams
		Intermediate interhouse debating round 1
	4-9.30pm	Senior production final dress rehearsal
Thu 20 May		Whole school mufti day - fundraising for Cambodian schools
		Mid term card signing
Fri 21 May		ISDA debating semifinal 1
		Year 11 Alliance Française excursion
	7.30pm	<a href="#">Senior school production</a>
Sat 22 May	7.30pm	<a href="#">Senior school production</a>
Mon 24 May	4pm	Year 11 parent/staff meeting
	5.30pm	Twilight concert
Tue 25 May		Archdale debating round 7
Fri 28 May		(2010 Alliance of Girls' Schools Conference)
		ISDA debating semifinal 2
Sat 29 May		(2010 Alliance of Girls' Schools Conference)
Sun 30 May		Red Shield Appeal
		(2010 Alliance of Girls' Schools Conference)

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## CALENDAR FIONA

Sun 16 May	11am - 3pm	<a href="#">Parents' Association tennis and family fun day</a>
Thu 20 May		Whole school mufti day - fundraising for Cambodian schools
Fri 21 May		Fiona IPSHA debating round 2
Tue 25 May		ICAS computer competition

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# CALENDAR HILLINGDON

Sun 16 May	11am - 3pm	<a href="#">Parents' Association tennis and family fun day</a>
Thu 20 May		Whole school mufti day - fundraising for Cambodian schools
Mon 24 May	5.30pm	Twilight Concert, Studio
Wed 26 May	11am	National Simultaneous Storytime
Fri 28 May		Preschool charity day

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## FROM HILLINGDON

**Mothers' Day stall**



Last Thursday 2-7 held their charity day, the Mothers' Day stall, supporting The Royal Hospital for Women. At the stall all the Hillingdon girls were able to select special presents to give their mothers for Mothers' Day, to say 'thank you' for all the wonderful things our mothers do for us throughout the year. We hope all the mothers enjoyed their presents and were spoilt on their special day.

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## **Year 1 mothers and daughters afternoon tea**



Last Friday Year 1 girls shared a lovely time with their mothers at the annual Mothers' Day afternoon tea. The girls had been preparing for this special occasion since the beginning of

