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PRESIDENTS NOTES.

Hello again everyone.

Welcome to the James Ruse “old boys & girls club” to the Class of 2011 and congratulations on your results achieved in your HSC. You did yourselves, your families and, of course, your school and teachers proud. I am sure you are still finding your way around your “brave new world” in whatever you are now pursuing in 2012 so good luck and best wishes in all your endeavours and as one of my teachers wrote on my last day at Ruse:

Be careful where you tread as life is like snow, your footprints will be seen, if only for a short time.

The school celebrates 50 years of musicals in 2012 with an afternoon and evening of fun, performance, memories and camaraderie opportunities with students, front and back of stage of musicals past on Saturday, 9th June commencing at 3pm.

Of course in my era, (many years ago), the school musicals required both the male and female roles to be performed by all guys creating some challenging and interesting scenarios. But times changed in the mid-1970s, with the introduction of girls to the school, and the “rush” to play the lead male role opposite the heroine became thunderous, especially for those G&S plays with the occasional “romantic” scene!

But importantly, the celebration also is providing an opportunity to assist in fundraising for the school to replace the auditorium curtains that were hung originally and for the first and only time in my last and HSC year at Ruse, in 1979. I am unsure as to whether the Ruse curtains or I have survived best in these ensuing years since '79 but I am sure there is no doubt that the curtains, like parts of me, have seen better days.

If you are interested in finding out more please email Gerard Yeo at gerard.yeo@det.nsw.edu.au.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. RSVPs are due by Friday 1st June. Hope to see you there.

“If we do meet again, why, we shall smile; If not, why then, this parting was well made” (Julius Caesar, Act V)

Till next time.

Paul Harris (1979)
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great start to 2012. This year we are having an even greater focus on developing creativity, working creatively and addressing social justice issues. We expect our students to use their wonderful minds to make a real difference to our world.

We welcomed **Mr Warren Stanley**, our new HT Teaching and Learning who is also a HSIE teacher and congratulated **Ms Liza Mayers**, who has been appointed our new HT English via a merit selection process.

2011 HSC Cohort Nine students received the highest ATAR of 99.95:

- Anna Zhong
- Sherman Siu
- Frank Liu
- Elizabeth Huynh
- Andrew Lee
- Peter Joon Lee
- Babitha Selvananthan
- Carmen Tran
- Timothy Le

In 2011 we achieved wonderful state rankings across a range of subjects:

- Biology – Betty Huang 14th, Angela Le 16th, Jeffery Wang 18th and Carmen Tran 19th
- Chemistry – Peter Joon Lee 4th, Carmen Tran 6th, Andrew Lee 9th, Frank Liu 10th, Shefali Chaukra 11th, Edward Lo Cao and Christine Wu 12th and Jeffery Wang 16th.
- Information Processes and Technology – Sumedh Jayanti 3rd (year 11 2012)
- Mathematics Extension 2 – Vincent Kong 5th, Jinghang Luo 9th and Dennis Lam 10th
- PDHPE – Jason Ko – 2nd
- Physics – Peter Joon Lee 8th and Andrew Lee 9th
- Software Design and Development – Joshua Lau 9th (year 11 2012)

James Ruse again topped the honours list in the HSC with 786 credit marks of 90 or above. 94 students were considered top all rounders making the Premier's List of achieving 10 or more units in subjects with a mark over 90 and the median ATAR in 2011 was 99.1. Our senior students had the pleasure of listening to Anna Zhong and Hari Sritharan speak of their journey through the HSC. Flexibility, time management, consistency and balance were the key messages.

Castle Hill Show How wonderful in this *Year of the Farmer*, we re-enter the show and win the school's section. Our entry on *The Journey of the Bee* won a huge trophy and lots of ribbons due to: Karina Shum, Katherine Wu, Patricia Wu, Christina Lee, Crystal Mak, Tanya Han, Justin Li, Ravi Marwah, Krithika Rajashekar, Angela Tan, Dev Kuhasri, Juhi Krishnaswamy, Alicia Lee, Stephanie Cheung, Stella Ye, Ray Li and Rhea Gu.

Hills Shire Young Citizen of the Year Sanji Fernando (2011) has been named Young Citizen of the Year for helping people in tsunami-affected Sri Lanka, as well as the elderly.

Australian Junior Chess Championships Andrew Pan (Year 9) won the Australian Junior Chess Championships U14 division, held in Melbourne 14 – 11 January. He also won the U14 Lightning Championships and the U18 Problem Solving competitions. More details are on the website www.nswjcl.org.au. Andrew is currently one of the top 6 juniors at U14 in Australia. He is one of the ten members in the Australian Olympia Team Training Squad. The World Olympiad Team Championships will be held in Turkey later this year. Weekly lunchtime competitions and inter-school Friday night competitions support our huge growth in chess players.

BHP Billiton Science Awards The following students who entered the BHP Billiton Science Awards in 2011.

Avan Zeng	Testing lift and drag of airfoils – Semi Finalist
Eklavya Wangoo	Magic Microbes
Daniel Feng	Vitamin C in oranges over time
Mudith Jayasekara	Soundproofing

Table tennis success Erny Tsao has been ranked No. 1 in U15 Boys, and No. 4 in U18 Boys nationally in 2011. As a result, Erny has been selected to the 2012 National U18 Boys Tier 1 Squad, and also selected to the 2012 National Men Tier 2 Squad. Erny is the youngest and the only junior from NSW being selected to the National Men's Squad. As member of the Men's Squad Erny has been selected to the 2012 Olympic Shadow Team. Erny is the youngest, and the only junior from NSW being selected to the Olympic Shadow Team, and has been invited to compete in the 2012 Australian Olympic Qualification Tournament (AOQT) held in Sydney from 16th to 19th of February.

More Table Tennis success Sarah Tan has been selected to represent Australia at the 2012 ITTF WJC New Zealand Junior and Cadet Open/Oceania Cadet Challenge and World Junior Championships Oceania Qualification event in Auckland, New Zealand, 15 – 22 April. Recently, Sarah competed in the NSW 2012 Junior Division and Youth Closed

championships and 2012 NSW Closed Table Tennis Championships with wonderful results: Gold Medal in U21 Women's doubles; Silver medal in Youth (U21) women's singles; Silver medal in the women's open doubles!

NSW Junior Pole vaulting Championships Mudith Jayasekara (10) competed in the NSW Junior Championships. Although he had to compete in a higher age group, Mudith achieved a Silver Medal in the U/18 Boys Pole Vault and 2nd Overall in the U/20s.

Australian Athletics Junior Championships Mudith did it again. He won the U/17's Pole Vault at the Australian Athletics Junior Championships and now retains the National Champion title for his age group. He jumped a great personal best (PB) of 4.15 m which is 35cm more than his previous PB and won by 2 heights to the Silver Medallist. His season is nearly over after he competes at the NSW State Opens competition at the end of term.

Swimming Carnival The weather was magnificent. Congratulations to the following four students who broke eleven records: Yale Ye (holds five records), Hannah Qu (holds 5 records), Angela Luo (one record) and Andrea Luo (one record).

We won the zone swimming carnival! Our wonderful swimmers who participated in the zone swimming carnival this week. Zone carnivals are a team event and without the participation of every student it would not be possible to achieve such a wonderful outcome. Three fabulous swimmers became zone age champions: Jessica Guo (7), Yale Ye (8), Jason Guo (9). Michelle C Wang (11), David Tang (11), Angela Chen (10) and Hannah Qu (7) also finished in the top places of their age group.

2011 Junior State Debating Championships I received the following report at the end of last year.

Congratulations on the achievements of students from schools in the Western Sydney Region at the 2011 Junior State Debating Championships (JSDC) this year ! To reach the State Final of the Championships is a great recognition of the individual & collective Debating talents of these students throughout the tournament & was nothing short of what they deserved.

It is always difficult to put together four or five gifted speakers from different schools & hope that the team 'works' at JSDC, but it quickly became clear in the training sessions leading up to the Championships that this particular team was bonding well both in terms of Debating expertise as well as socially, so fingers were crossed that they would be competitive at JSDC.

And they were much more than merely competitive in winning four of their five debates to reach the State Final. After a narrow loss to the always-strong Sydney team in Round 1, Western Sydney then proceeded to win the next three debates against Hunter Central Coast, New England & Western NSW, to finish first in Pool A. They then defeated another strong metropolitan team, North Sydney (that includes students from North Sydney Boys & Girls High Schools), in a unanimous panel decision on Tuesday night to reach Wednesday morning's State Final.

It was fantastic to sit back & watch & listen to the four girls prepare & deliver each & every debate. Every one of their debates was an improvement upon the previous & highlighted exactly how well they incorporated advice & feedback from the adjudicators & their own experience.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Western Sydney Region Representative Debating team on being 2011 JSDC Finalists. Students came from Colo High School, Glenwood High School, James Ruse Agricultural High School & Penrith High School. Well done to Natalie Buckett from Penrith High School (ex Colo High School) on being awarded the prestigious Lily Gunther Shield for Best Speaker at JSDC. It was an absolute pleasure to be associated with these girls at this year's Championships. Thank you to all four girls for being such wonderful ambassadors for their respective schools - Natalie Buckett from Penrith High School, Archita Sreekumar from Glenwood High School, Thanya Sritharan from James Ruse Agricultural High School & Rebekah Ward from Colo High School.

George Zivkovic, Speaking Competitions Co-ordinator, Western Sydney Region

Extracurricular activities showcase This took place in week 4 at recess and lunch, our own version of O-week! It was a wonderful opportunity to see all the school has to offer and to find out how to participate. While it targeted Year 7 and new students, all students got an overview of what is possible in 2012.

Valentine's Day Valentine's Day is always an action packed time at James Ruse and 2012 was no exception. Tuesday was spent sharing smiles and laughs as we listened to the prefects serenade us and deliver us roses. The concert was wonderful, showcasing the many talents of James Ruse students – some of which we have never seen before. Another successful dance occurred on Wednesday night allowing all year groups to share a wonderful time together, creating great memories.

Our New Families BBQ was hosted by the Community of James Ruse. Many parents, students and teachers were able to attend and share the evening together. We had our fabulous peer support leaders doing all they can to ensure a smooth transition for Year 7 into high school.

Israeli principals' visit We hosted a visit from a small group of Israeli principals. It was interesting to share experiences and understandings.

OzCLO NSW winners (Computational Linguistic Olympiad) Congratulations to our two teams who achieved first and third place! Both teams now compete in the Nationals on 29 March. First place - 91.5 - Team 233 JRAHS: Kerrie Yuan (Year 12) Sydney Tang (Year 11) Emily Hall Jenny Liu; Third Place - 90 - Team 232 JRAHS: Bonita Gu (Year 11) Monica Tay (Year 11) Carmen Cheng (Year 11) Benjamin Zhu (Year 11)

Australian International Informatics Olympiad Eight students were invited to compete in the prestigious Australian International Informatics Olympiad: Leo Huang (12), Michael Su (12), Joshua Lau (11), Daaron Chiu (10), Ray Li (10), Saimarooban Muralidaran (10), Kevin Shi (10), Mohammad Ishraq Huda (9). This four hour exam combined with the FARIO on March 9 determines the Australian Informatics Olympiad Team for 2012. Students also competed in the **Australian Mathematics Olympiad** this term to win a place in the team.

French-Australian Regional Informatics Olympiad (FARIO) Ray Li and Joshua Lau came **first** and **third** in the ninth annual FARIO with scores of 297 and 251 – an amazing result! More details are on the FARIO website. They beat members of last year's Olympiad team.

Informatics Scholar School It is a wonderful achievement to get five places to the April school. The following students were successful: Joshua Lau (11); Ray Li (10); Daaron Chiu (10); Kevin Shi (10); Israaq Huda (9).

Asia-Pacific Physics Olympiad Steven Xu (12) has been selected to represent Australia in the Asia-Pacific Physics Olympiad to be held in New Delhi. We wish Steven every success as he prepares for the Olympiad. David Roshan and Victor Yang competed for a place in the Australian team for the **International Biology Olympiad**.

Social Justice The school has set up a representative Social Justice Committee. All years voted to elect a representative to join the inaugural social justice team. Social Justice Programs continue to grow and are widely publicised in this newsletter and in the daily notices. Students attended the UN Youth Conference in March. There is an exciting indigenous immersion and exchange program in the September holidays. Ms Murphy, the Social Justice Co-ordinator, presented to the Selective Schools Principals' meeting being held at our school on 9 March.

Global citizenship We launched a set of resources to support global education called *Make a World of Difference: a Guide to the Global Citizen*. Abbi Linghanathan and Richard Tong spoke magnificently. Other presenters included Dr Sam Johnston, United Nations University, Dr Susan Bliss, Director of Global Education 2000- 2010, Mark Eldrige co-author and Verity Firth CEO, Public Education Alliance. The event was chaired by Ms Joy Smithers, actress and Deputy Chair, Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation.

Australian Legal History Essay competition Ben Nam of Year 11 was successful in winning the 2011 Australian Legal History Essay competition. This competition is sponsored by the Forbes Society (www.forbessociety.org.au). Ben has won a \$250 cheque and a \$250 Abbey's book voucher. Ben's wonderful effort has also earned the school \$500 and a \$500 book voucher.

Grinchball games tournament Despite the weather in recent weeks, students have been competing at recess and lunchtime, demonstrating their sporting skills, teamwork and camaraderie.

Clean Up Australia Day More than 200 students volunteered to clean up the school at recess and lunchtime – a wonderful group of volunteers. *Go Green* is very active.

International Women's Day celebrations Students attended the IWD breakfast in the city. Other students attended a Women in Science Forum at Macquarie Uni. The Social Justice Committee have been very active! Year 7 enjoyed the POP quiz they entered about women as part of our IWD celebrations. Year 8 put Did You Know facts about famous women all around the school. Year 9 created an inspirational WALL of Women. The photos taken by Year 12 for the IWW collage were magnificent

Table display in the library Year 9 Design and Technology students have had a wonderful display of their work in the library. Mr Widmer inspired his students to reach excellent standards of craftsmanship.

Dobell Art School Ben Chen and Joyce Cheng have been selected to attend the Dobell Drawing school at the National Art School 10 – 13 April.

School musical. Rehearsals are in full swing for *Hullo Dolly*. It is wonderful to see the commitment from so many students.

Stellar Astronomy Scholarships for Girls Michelle Wang (11) received this prestigious scholarship. The Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli is presenting Michelle with her Award on Monday 2 April at noon at parliament House. The Chief Scientist for NSW, Mary O'Kane will be giving a keynote address. The scholarship is funded by the Public Education Foundation.

Wollemi Pines In 2011 the 9A High Resolves group focused on conservation issues and bought, with fund raising, four Wollemi pines. Recently they were planted near the heritage tractor, between Powe and Cameron block. With Mr Pronger's guidance and Mr Tardelli's efforts, this area could be turned into a mini rainforest. Ms Fernandez championed this initiative with our students.

Year 7 Information Night Year 7 parents received their curriculum and assessment booklets. A lot of information was shared with parents.. It was a delight to listen to our Year 8 students deliver information and expectations and to promote their love of different subjects so passionately. Well done to: Michael Paulraj and Pooja Halasagi (who chaired the evening); Kerry Xue (SRC Vice president); and our presenters - Bridget Huang, Eva Sinha, Simon Yang, Justin Wu, Stephanie Moon, Joanne Liu, Jin Yoo, Sarah Bak, Supuli Ranasinghe, Lily Chen, Jeffrey Khoo, Joel Huang, Joshua Selvadurai and Joel Jenson. Mrs Chen organised the parents to provide the amazing supper, supported by Mrs Jo of the

Mothers' Club support, and Mrs Xu and Mr Alison from COJR. Once again we see how strong our school is because of parent involvement.

Blood bank donations The following students who gave blood: Caleb Wu, Jane Ma, Beatrice Zhang, Alex Tu, Marco Lee, Suraj Ashok, Victor Yang, Nashin Khan, Ralph Bulandi, Jack She, Melissa Lee, Sophie Wu, Vanessa Shim and Tristan Ku. It is such a wonderful thing to do.

School Zone Flashing Lights Initiative I have been advised by the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) that the school zone on Baker Street and the school, has been included as one of the next 82 school zone sites to receive school zone flashing lights to alert motorists of the speed restriction around schools to improve safety. It is expected that the work will start in mid March 2012 and all school zones in this roll out should be fitted with the flashing lights by June 2012.

Air conditioning The parents provided the school with air conditioned classrooms. The students and staff have really appreciated it during our very hot days. It is much more conducive to learning. Hopefully, we can have the whole school air conditioned by the end of the year.

Sound And Lighting The following students have been selected to be part of the Sound and Lighting team. Year 11: Kack Shi, Anki Tang, Bridget Lee, Frank Zhu, Andrew Tsui; Year 10: George Lin, Daiming Du, Wilson Cheng, Kathu Zu, Sen Fang; Year 9: Kai Lun, Anna Shen, Edwina Kuang, Joshua Zhao, Trevor Khan, Joe Chen.

Handwriting course This seven week course will again run next term to support students who need help with their handwriting.

Premier's Reading Challenge Many students are signing up.

Knitwits This starts in Term 2. We will see how many squares we can knit or crochet to make the blankets for *Wrapped with Love*

Community of James Ruse meeting, Tuesday 20 March This was held in our refurbished Ruse cottage. I was asked to explain our expression of interest for *Empowering Local Schools*, as part of the *Local Schools Local Decision Making* rollout, and the introduction of *LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform)*, the total software package to replace OASIS, and all other packages to do with timetabling, attendance, reporting, student data etc. We had only been given a little over week for the initial consultation process, and details have still not yet been released. It was a good opportunity to discuss as many issues as we could.

Larissa Treskin

James Ruse Students Visit Cambodia

On the 2nd of July 2011, the first ever 13 James Ruse TEAM CAMBODIA set out on a venturing into the sweltering heat of Cambodia of a lifetime. Our excursion was designed to social justice initiative. Taking leaps out of our zones, we were immersed in the Khmer and exposing ourselves to a completely Seeing the poverty and the realities people faced every day made all of us reflect how privileged we are. The definite highlight our trip was our visit to the Hope for Children Foundation.

The Hope for Cambodian Children Foundation Australian non-government, not-for-profit which aims to give a future to children whose affected by HIV/AIDS. They seek to provide

healthcare and education to children and families, and operate numerous HIV-prevention and support programs. An orphanage was established in Battambang, where 120 children are cared for as they have been abandoned by their families or community because they have or are suspected of having HIV/AIDS, or have lost their parents to it. The Foundation is reliant upon donations and sponsorship from Australia. After many months of planning, we were so thrilled to be able to visit the centre we had heard so much about.

As soon as we walked in, we were welcomed with scarves and handmade pins, a blessing and name cards. Kids grabbed our hands and led us to their library, where they had organised performances for us. As we sat down, more children sat in and around our legs, talking to us and smiling at us. The way this continued for the next four days was amazing. Every day we walked in, we were swamped by at least four kids, impeding all our attempts to walk, and all we could do was hug and laugh with them. The feeling you get when a little girl wraps her arms around your waist, and looks up, saying 'sister' or 'brother' is one rarely experienced. The children were happy to share their personal stories with us, and their resilience in such adversity was incredibly touching. Although they did not possess a lot materialistically, the children at HOPE taught us a great deal about care, love and kindness, and to value everything we have. Our visit to the centre was truly life changing and amazing, and all of us formed strong relationships in such a short time.

After such a magical and breathtaking experience, James Ruse is so excited and motivated to raise awareness, and to help HOPE in any way we can. All of us are so passionate to foster the connection we established in July, and we are



membered, 12 day journey, for the experience be our first major own comfort culture, observing different context. Cambodian and realise just and purpose of Cambodian

Inc. (HOPE) is an organisation lives have been support,

desperate to aid the centre, so they can continue to change and give hope to many children and families. By the end of 2012, we aim to fundraise \$10 000 for the foundation, and sponsor three students to attend university. But we can't do it alone.

Our fundraising events have been sponsored Interact club and we have also received a Rotary. However we are hoping that our ex-might like to get involved. Donations would be show support either to the school via our Administration Manager (Janie Golding) or HOPE website. Donating through the HOPE your donation to be tax deductible. Please your organisation to allow us to count your our \$10000 target.

<https://www.hopeforcambodianchildren.org/>

The HOPE orphanage is also supported by volunteers that are able to give up their time to administration, medical and dental checks, teaching, agricultural pursuits as they grow their own rice and building / maintenance.

Our James Ruse Interact club also sponsor the "Shades for Aids" program (<http://www.shades4aids.org/>) which raises awareness and funds to prevent the transmission of HIV from mother to babies. Through the support of Australian school children last year, 34 babies were born HIV free.



We hope to return to Cambodia in 2013 meanwhile our Social Justice team have been focusing on issues closer to home and we are hopeful of having an Indigenous Australia experience in September.

If you would like further information on Cambodia or our social justice plans, or could help in anyway, please contact Megan Connors (megan.connors@det.nsw.edu.au), Deputy Principal.

Dominique Chan
Year 12, 2012

Mentoring Year 10 Students

Michael Su of the 2004 cohort has discussed with me the possibility of developing an ex-student mentoring program for our Year 10 cohort. We are only in the early stages of planning but would like to begin sometime next term with a meeting of interested ex-students. Although the mentoring would largely be online we would like to include an initial face to face meeting.

We need a large number of ex-students preferably from different career backgrounds to assist in the implementation of the program. As we develop the program I will be in touch again with more information.

Megan Connors

Deputy Principal

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SCHOOL MUSICALS.

Greetings from the committee overseeing the celebration of 50 school musicals. It is indeed an extraordinary achievement as James Ruse AHS continues to host a musical annually.

You are invited to a night of music, laughter, fun and camaraderie on Saturday 9th June, 2012 (June Long Weekend) commencing at 3:00PM with a tour of the school. At 4:30, the school band is scheduled to play a selection of music from various musicals in the quad. Some memorabilia will be on display in the hall where high tea will also be served from 5:00PM. From 6:30PM, groups from various years / musicals will perform a song or two from their musical. If you or a group of your friends are interested in performing (costumes are optional), please let me know and I will include you in



by our school donation from Ryde student community a wonderful way to School directly through the website will allow indicate JRAHS as contribution towards

numerous assist with

the program. The night will conclude with a launch of the online publication of musicals at James Ruse. If you wish to contribute to this publication, send your images to me with an annotation of who is in the image and the name and year of the musical conducted by James Ruse AHS.

This activity provides an opportunity to contribute towards the refurbishment of the school hall, namely replacement of the curtains on the stage that were initially installed in 1979. A number of companies that tendered for this job commented on the longevity of the present curtains and were surprised that they were still being used. Contributions to this activity are tax deductible. Excess donations (above the cost of replacing the curtains) (if any) will be used to refurbish the dated canteen / kitchenette in the hall. This will enable us to host events in keeping with the reputation that is James Ruse.

Please advertise this event to your extended network – especially former students, parents and staff. Even if they were not directly involved in the musicals, it is a forum at which you are able to renew acquaintances and forge inter and intra generational friendships.

I look forward to meeting many of you on the night. It will be great to put a face to names that I see on a computer screen.

Gerard Yeo
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Email received from **DAVE CUPPLES (2001)** who was the Guest Speaker at last years' Awards Day.

Email Subject:

VIDEO LIVE: Dave's James Ruse Awards Day Guest Speech - Living Your Dreams: What I Wish I Knew in High School

Email Body:

Hi Everyone,

By popular demand former James Ruse Student Dave Cupples (Class of 2001) has uploaded the FULL VIDEO of his Guest Speaker Address at the James Ruse Awards Day on Tuesday, 13th September 2011.

Watch the video here:
<http://FatCowBusiness.com/Ruse>

Dave says: Thanks again so much for having me and thanks for all the great comments and feedback so far, will keep responding to them all so please keep those comments coming!

Watch these Top Audience Moments:

- 1) Mr Flood Impersonation @ 0.33
- 2) Asian Parents ... @ 8.15
- 3) Girls, Nerds, Convertibles and why James Ruse = Hot! @ 9.30-10.30
- 4) Having guts, a special volunteer and HSC Study Notes @ 11.08-12.35

VIDEO LIVE: Dave's Awards Day Guest Speech – Living Your Dreams: What I Wish I Knew in High School

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Thank you

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REUNION – CLASS OF '92.

The class of 1992's 20 year reunion is being held this year. Please see <http://facebook.com/JRAHS1992Reunion> or contact Lucy Harel (nee Curlewis) lucy_harel@hotmail.com.

VALE Todd Cameron (1987)

Todd passed away peacefully on 2nd March after a long illness. He is survived by his wife Kerri and 3 children.

GREG MAIL (1995)

Former NSW SpeedBlitz Blues batsman, **Greg Mail**, has become the leading First Grade run scorer in the 119 year history of Sydney Grade cricket, surpassing the mark set by former team mate Greg Hayne.

Greg began the weekend needing 55 runs to pass Hayne's career tally of 12,354. He knocked off 42 of those runs during Day One of Sydney University's Two-Day fixture against one of his former clubs, Sydney, on Saturday, before making the record his own with 67 in his side's First Grade Limited Overs Semi Final loss to Fairfield-Liverpool, taking his First Grade career run tally to 12,409.

Greg, who topped the Fifth Grade averages as a 15-year-old back in 1993-94, has represented four teams in First Grade: Parramatta (1995/96), Hawkesbury (1996/97 – 1998/99), Balmain/UTS Balmain, now the Sydney Cricket Club (1999/2000 – 2003/04) and Sydney University (2004/05 – present).

He was team mates with Greg Hayne at Sydney from 1999 – 2004. The majority of his runs have been made for Sydney University (7,414) followed by UTS Balmain (2,837), Hawkesbury (1,924) and Parramatta (234).

Greg also shares the record of most First Grade centuries (36) with Victor Trumper and Warren Bardsley. He played 72 First Class matches for the NSW SpeedBlitz Blues making 4,085 runs at 32.16 with nine centuries. Of the 12 occasions that a NSW player has carried their bat through a completed First Class innings and the 16 occasions that a player has scored a century in each innings of a First Class match, Mail is the only NSW player to have achieved both of these feats during his career.