



NEWSLETTER

Now that the sun has a little more warmth in it, and the gardens beckon us from our winter occupations, it is time once more to think of all those Year 12 students bracing themselves for the rigours of the dreaded HSC. It really does not seem all that time ago when we bid farewell to our successful Grantees, as they packed their bags for distant universities.

It is my good fortune to keep in touch with many of them and hear the news of their progress through university. The last contingent, the 2015 candidates, maintained the long, proud tradition of doing very well in their first semester. I look at their results as they email them to me and think, with some gratification, that with young people like these, we don't have much to worry about.

Of the results sent me, we have 4 High Distinctions, 9 Distinctions, 14 Credits, and 6 Passes. The Palme d'Or this year goes to Rebecca Richards of Catalina. She is studying B.Law/B.International Studies and scored 1 High Distinction, 2 Distinctions, and 1 Credit, which is good going for a first semester and not particularly easy subjects.

The usual press release sent off today to the Bay Post highlighted, inter alia, the annoying fact that so often one hears that the students were not aware of the Foundation and its generous Grants. I have written a letter to all the Principals, urging them to get their teachers and careers advisers to preach the good news about the Foundation. When you think we have been doing this work, with some fanfare, since 1994, there must be some sheltered folk out there with little local knowledge. Our record is that 158 students have received Grants from us since 1994, with a total value of \$428,000. That makes us the most successful, the largest educational charity in the southern part of NSW.

Perhaps I can coax all of you who read this, - if you know a family with Year 12 children, sow the seed, spread the word! And thank you all for your support.

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Chairman