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MADD Night: 2023

Music Art Dance Drama Night, presented by the CAPA Faculty

Throughout the year, our CAPA students and faculty have dedicated themselves to refining and perfecting their performances, which were proudly showcased to the community on Tuesday, November 21st.



As tradition dictates, the evening featured our school's renowned choir, dynamic dance troupes spanning from year 7 to 10, and the talented senior music students. However, this particular event marked noteworthy debuts, including the premiere of our school's Chamber Choir, comprising eight members who successfully auditioned for their spots.

Another exciting first was the performance by the TPHS Poms Cheer Team, showcasing the routine that earned them a remarkable 2nd place in the New South Wales State Championship!



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The venue also served as an art gallery, adorned with a diverse array of exhibits ranging from year 7 Lino prints and Stage 5 elective works to HSC pieces, some of which garnered nominations in various competitions.



To all the performers and artists whose work graced this memorable night, take pride in your accomplishments. We extend our heartfelt commendations for the exceptional dedication and hard work that brought these performances and artworks to life. **A special thank you goes out to everyone involved, and our sincere appreciation to the CAPA faculty, whose unwavering commitment ensures the success of this event year after year!**



Model UN

Year 10 & 11 Model United Nations

On Sunday, November 5th, a group of committed TPHS students with the oversight of Mrs de Jesus, applied and were accepted into the very first Blacktown Girls Model UN Conference 2023 (BGMUN).

As the conference progressed, the delegates passionately engaged in debates and negotiations. With well researched arguments and eloquent speeches, they articulated their countries' positions while collaborating with others to draft resolutions. Each TPHS delegate grew in confidence as they addressed the assembly and defended their countries' stances.

Depending on the students' level of MUN experience, they each were allocated into one of the corresponding UN committees, SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee), and ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). Delegates worked in pairs, with each committee sophisticatedly debating an assigned topic in the form of one seen, and two unseen resolution papers, with the goal to create a holistic, agreed upon final resolution. Students were encouraged to briefly research their country's stance on various policy issues such as climate refugees, and military coups d'État in sub-saharan Africa. Furthermore, students actively engaged in the final general assembly, a combined debate with both committees on communism vs capitalism.



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During the conference, each delegates performance and contributions were evaluated based on specific judging criteria. This criteria was used to assess each individual's understanding of the issues presented, diplomatic skills, public speaking, respect and professionalism, and overall engagement. An animated moderated caucus broke out between the delegates of North Korea, and Tunisia, whose conflicting ideologies created a tense atmosphere, but gave each participant experience in continuing diplomacy even under duress.

Each TPHS student should be commended for displaying invaluable skills that will continue to aid them in their future endeavors, and professional success. The awards ceremony saw this success inevitably granted. Specifically, through the consistently mild - mannered, and well spoken efforts of Vivian (Year 11), as she was granted the awards for the best spoken delegate in her ECOSOC committee. A special congratulations to Anoushay (Year 10), who persevered as an individual delegate, and gained recognition by also being awarded best speaker in the SOCHUM committee. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, and look forward to their continued success.

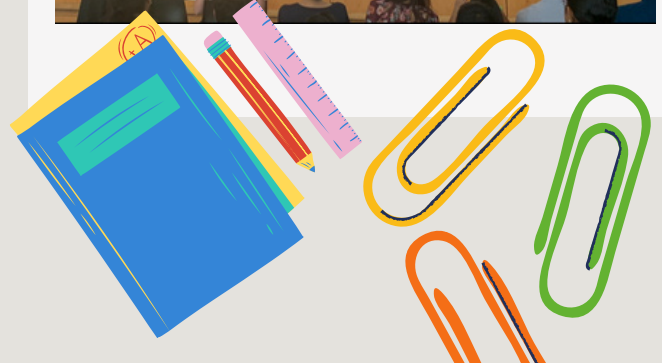
We are excited about witnessing our students seize this experience and evolve into empathetic, knowledgeable, and proficient global citizens.



InnovativeX

Year 7 InnovativeX program showcase night

On the 7th of November, around 30 year 7 students had their InnovativeX showcase night after school, to their parents and the InnovativeX program judges. Students had been working in groups and used a design thinking process to produce a solution to a problem in their local school or broader community. With the help of their 2023 InnovativeX mentors and next year's 2024 mentors, they were able to follow a structured design thinking process and produce a detailed presentation on their propositions. There were numerous creative solutions to problems that our community faces everyday and while it was an extremely hard decision, the InnovativeX judges awarded the win to **FeralWatch**. Congratulations to the winning team and thank you to the students, the 2023 and 2024 mentors and the teachers, for making this night another creativity-filled event at the Ponds High School. See you next year at the 2024 InnovativeX showcase!



G 31 DAYS: 31 ACTIVITIES

Different way you can spend your holidays, so you never get bored!

If you are in the mood for a movie marathon, here are some we suggest:

If you're in the Christmas mood -

- The Polar Express
- Home Alone
- The Grinch
- Elf
- The Night Before Christmas

If you're in the General mood -

- Maze Runner series
- All the Marvel movies in order
- The 5th Wave
- Red Notice



If you're not a movie type of person maybe you want to start a new hobby, that could include things like:

- Crocheting
- Cooking
- Painting drawing
- Hiking
- Pottery
- Sewing
- Knitting



Games you **HAVE** to play with your family or friends

- Monopoly - Just a classic
- Mafia - Make your own story, who's the murder? And who's going to be the one to save everyone?
- Organ attack - Keep your organs, because others want them gone. (card game)
- Spoons - Once someone collects 4 of a kind of card, they begin running. If you see someone run you run for the spoons as well (Spoons are placed far away from the game table). 5 players 4 spoons, when someone doesn't get a spoon they are out. The spoons decrease as the players decrease



Or of course you could just spend this time to catch up on your sleep!



tphs gazette team present...



TPHS Gazette

2023 Wrapped

Unwrap our Gazette highlights with us!



In 2023, you read **12** issues over four terms. The Gazette team was hard at work to produce the highest quality issues they can for the Ponds!



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ISSUES

Unfortunately, we were **not able to release** some issues we were eager to push out, so we included them here for you to see!



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Biggest Morning Tea

New Gazette Members



NAIDOC Week



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CLUBS EXPO

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On Friday 26th May, TPHS held one of its largest club expos. Various clubs from within the school and external clubs from places like Blacktown flocked outside the school hall to showcase what they offered.



This expo allowed everyone to explore different clubs and volunteering opportunities they can join throughout the school year!

Amongst the clubs was a pleasant scavenger hunt that many competed for. Despite the tedious questions, tons of lollies and prizes were won.



NOTE FROM EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Thank you to all the applicants that signed up to join the TPHS Gazette team! We are overwhelmed by the amount of interest from all years at our school. During Term 3, we will announce the new members of the team - Good luck!



Clubs Expo



On Week 4 Wednesday, May 24, students from The Ponds High School attended the TEDxSydney Youth event, where a variety of young leaders discussed their various experiences in today's society. These students from various grades, as well as those from other attending schools, all learned about the various problems individuals encountered when attempting to fight for their ideas as Australia's future youth leaders. It was a really fascinating lesson that helped students grasp the issues that future leaders would face and how to overcome them using real-life examples. Overall, the expedition was fascinating and eye-opening for the students who went, thanks to the compelling talks from various guests.



TEDx Sydney youth



Games & Activities

Play these Games and Activities in your Spare Time!

Boggle:

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A	L	E	P
H	N	B	O
Q	T	T	Y

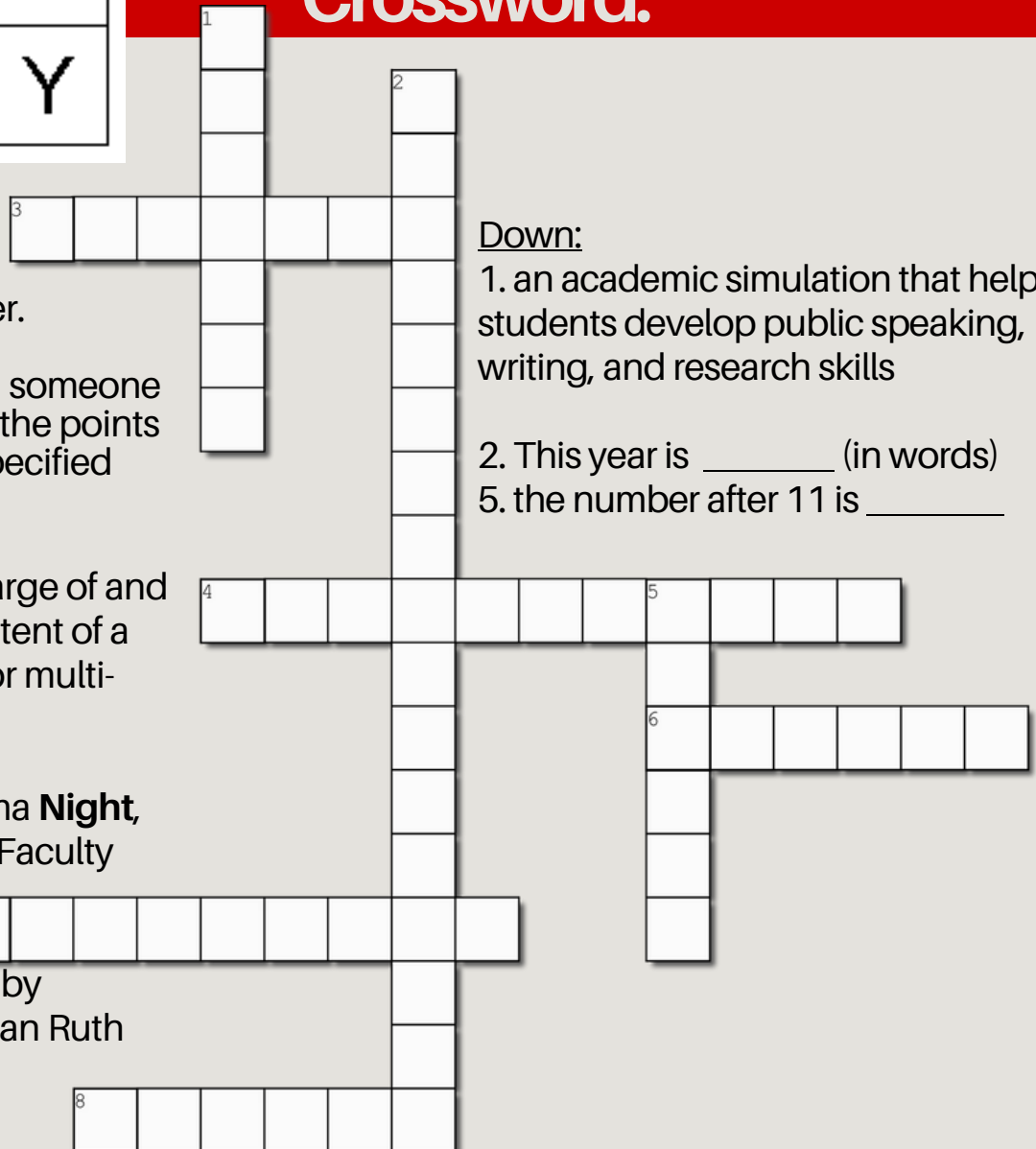
Rules:

- Try to find as many words as you can with these letters in 5 minutes
- words must be 3 or more letters
- words cannot be repeated

Crossword:

Across:

3. a journal or newspaper.
4. the action of orienting someone or something relative to the points of a compass or other specified positions
6. a person who is in charge of and determines the final content of a newspaper, magazine, or multi-author book
7. **Music Art Dance Drama Night**, presented by the CAPA Faculty
8. a fashion doll created by American businesswoman Ruth Handler



Down:

1. an academic simulation that helps students develop public speaking, writing, and research skills
2. This year is _____ (in words)
5. the number after 11 is _____

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