From the Principal
We welcome some additional staff for the second semester of the year:

- Mrs Marion Gifford who will be working 2 days a week to assist Yr 7 and Yr 8 students with Numeracy.
- Mrs Olivia Serougi and Mrs Stamatina Ioannou who will be taking several Yr 7 - 10 classes.
- Ms Kellie Dennis, who will be working 2 days a week on the Dance program.

Congratulations to the following students:
* Those who collected in the Red Shield Appeal. We received a letter from the Salvation Army:
  ‘On behalf of the organisation team for the Canterbury/Cooks River Zone of the Red Shield Appeal, thank you very much for the assistance of your school during the recent Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.
  The Salvation Army is extremely appreciative of school like yourselves who are willing to support us by encouraging their students to participate in community service activities and we do not take this for granted.’
* Sara Freitas of Year 11 who has been accepted into the National Art School’s Intensive Studio Practice this year. A great achievement!
* Well done to Gabrielle Craven, Yr 8 and Zoe Withers, Yr 9, who were selected to attend the state Senior Music Camp.
* Young Kim, Sabrina Rahman and Maria Chrisis, Yr 7 all who won prizes in the Canterbury Council’s Environmental Poster competition.
* Zone Athletics Carnival participants:

* Year 7 students who were fantastic ambassadors for the school when they were part of a new video produced for the Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre, thanks also should go to Ms Lee for organising and supervising the girls participation in this exciting project.
* Ex staff member and committed local resident Malcolm Little was recently awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Award for his diligent service in the community.
* The ever energetic SRC who worked hard on the very cold and wet last day of term to build a new garden outside the canteen using the plants won at the World Environment day.

SRC Gardeners with staff members
Ms Miller and Mr Carritt

Thank you to:
* Parent, Wendy Thistlethwaite, who organised a donation of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and furniture to Canterbury Girls High School from Babcock and Brown, a Merchant Bank in the city.
* Ece ER, Olivia BOYD, Jessica TAUMALOLO, Ivy TRAN, Tessa GEORGE, Amanda SIMPSON, Jennifer KIM, Sabrina KHAN, Tammy CARGILL, Bronwyn MILLER, Jayne KAZZI, Ishani JAYAWEERA, Ann JUNG, Eve KERAM, Maria Kozanitis, Julie TOULTAI, Christina FARANI, Jane KOPU, Bianca DRUMMOND, Xuan PHAM, Jenny DANG and Elizabeth MARAMA for great school service for operating the creche and Tea and Coffee for parents on Parent/Teacher night.

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ELLA and SNAP RESULTS
All families of Year 7 and 8 students should receive a copy of these results in the mail.
Students received the following results:

**Year 7 ELLA (Literacy)**
- 38% of students in High band
- 53% of student in Proficient band
- 9% of students in Low/Elementary band

**Year 7 SNAP (Numeracy)**
- 22% of students in High band
- 41% of students in Proficient band
- 37% of students in Low/Elementary band

**Year 8 ELLA (Literacy)**
- 35% of students in High band
- 53% of student in Proficient band
- 12% of students in Low/Elementary band

**Year 8 SNAP (Numeracy)**
- 25% of students in High band
- 43% of students in Proficient band
- 31% of students in Low/Elementary band

In Terms 3 and 4 all students in Year 7 who were in the Low/Elementary band in both Literacy and Numeracy will receive additional learning support. Our aim is to improve these results by 10% for the next time students do this testing in 2007. Year 8 students who did not improve from Year 7 to Year 8 will also receive additional learning support.

All staff have spent time on planning teaching in those areas where all students need improvement and planning to increase the effectiveness of the learning of writing, language, reading and numeracy skills in class.

Payment of School Fees, Excursions etc.
The school finance office is open during all normal school hours for all family members. For students payments can be made during the following times:-

1. 8.30 - 8.40
2. Morning break
3. Recess
4. All lunch

Families with any outstanding contributions will receive invoices over the next few weeks.

Enclosed in this edition is an updated 2006 parent calendar. A copy of 2005 Annual School Report is available on School Website.

NEW Dance Program
Great work to the 25 students who came to the first class for the newly established Dance Ensemble on 18/7/2006 - classes are held every Monday lunch and every Week A Tuesday in the Old Hall.

Upgrade to School Facilities
Thank you to all those families who have paid Voluntary Contributions. Payment of these contributions has allowed us to upgrade a number of resources for your students recently. Digital light projectors have been purchased to allow us to do all our own printing and to improve the standard of school documents. 10 additional computers are being installed in the library for student research and café blinds are being installed in the canteen area to improve the ‘warmth’ of that area.

As well the State government has announced a $200,000 upgrade to our Science laboratories in the next 12 month period. Of course planning is also under way for expenditure of the $144,000 from the Commonwealth government for a new multi media room as well as the $38,000 Commonwealth government water grant that has been received. We are also hoping to receive a $50,000 upgrade to some of the girls toilets in the next 12 months. The Roads and Traffic Authority in co-operation with the Department of Education will also be re-coating all asphalt surfaces throughout the school in next few weeks.

Two applications are now being prepared for funding from government for a Shade Shelter and an Industry Standard Hospitality Bay in the Food Technology Area.

Student Attendance - the overall attendance rates for the school were excellent in term 1- 93%. Term 2 saw a sharp decline to 88% overall. While attending school if unwell is absolutely discouraged, all students need to make school first priority and make appointments out of school hours where possible. The loss of learning time for a number of students needs to be turned around. Students are also reminded that sport attendance is a compulsory component of school education and that attendance is required.

Sue Holden

DEBATING, DEBATING, DEBATING
Congratulations to the year 8, 9, 11 Debating teams on very strong performances so far this year. Year 11 Debaters have been successful in debates against Kingsgrove North and Burwood Girls. Year 8 girls have successfully debated against Concord High, an excellent achievement in their first debate. The Year 9 Debating teams, while unfortunately not winning, debated extremely well against more experienced Year 10 students form Newtown and Marrickville High. Good luck for the debates coming up this term.

Our Debaters are:

**Year 11**
- Alice Craven
- Zeinab Choucair
- Emmy Yiannopoulos
- Bronwyn Miller
- Gabrielle Craven
- Ivy Tran
- Pearl Dadd-Daigle
- Natasha Burrows

**Year 9**
- Emma Kennedy
- Helen Tran
- Ashanti Abeyewardene
- Amanda Simpson
- Tessa George
- Shelly Smith
- Cherie Chau
- Puteri Asgar

Ms Slattery and Ms Barford
MEDIEVAL DAY - Year 7
On Monday 26th June, Year 7 participated in Medieval Day. Most students dressed up in medieval costume and everyone had fun. First we went inside the Old Hall and saw all these weapons and armour on the floor. After this a medieval actor called Mark talked to us about religion and the way it affected medieval life. He then asked for three volunteers, who were Orani, Olivia and Ece. They got dressed up as different members of the church. Orani dressed as a priest, Olivia was a bishop and Ece was a cardinal. He talked about the importance of these positions in medieval life.
Next another performer spoke to us about peasants and how important their role was in providing the food in medieval society. He got a volunteer, Jasmine, to get dressed up as a peasant. Jade told us about medieval women in the different levels of society. She got four volunteers and they became different types of medieval women. She told us about the peasant women, nobles and merchants. We then got to see the armour, weapons and utensils used in the home.
After recess we voted on who was the best dressed, which went to Andrea, who was a queen. We then watched Mark and Adam fight each other. They both wore armour and used very big swords and shields to protect themselves. We then played tug of war, archery and a game with a wooden king and four blocks on each side. It was a very enjoyable day and a great fun learning experience!
Compiled by students from 7A

Shakespeare Comes To Canterbury
On Thursday 18th May all of Year 9 enjoyed a performance of Shakespeare On Trial. They performed snatches of “Romeo and Juliet”, Shakespeare’s most famous play. The three actors didn’t perform the play traditionally but presented a celebrity talkshow interviewing TRAGEDY and COMEDY who were working together on the new Romeo and Juliet movie. They argued a lot over the way “Romeo and Juliet” should be performed. Tragedy wanted a tragic approach, while Comedy wanted people to laugh at the play. During the talk show the actors performed director’s cut footage of the famous balcony scene and the death of Mercutio.
Next the actors presented scenes from “A Midsummer Nights Dream” and included two Year 9 students. Puteri Asgar played a not so ferocious LION and Jennifer Ly played a very funny WALL. All in all it was a great show of love, tragedy, comedy and of course sword fights!
Ashley Ryan and Lauren Turner – Year 9

NATIONAL ARTS SCHOOL
The Art staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sara Freitas of Year 11 who has been accepted into the National Art School’s Intensive Studio Practice this year. The National Art School is Australia’s oldest continuing art school. It is an independent, prestigious and specialist arts institute funded by the NSW Department of Education and Training with origins that can be traced back to 1843.
The NAS selection process was extensive and only the best students who submitted portfolio work were selected. The practising artists that teach there have established studios and experience in the Arts industry. The NAS has offered the HSC Intensive Studio Practice to students in all NSW government schools since 2000. The course aims to extend the students technically, conceptually and intellectually within their Visual Arts practice in a post-school setting.
This will take place within a studio based program. The Intensive Studio Practice will be treated for HSC credential purposes in the same way as other Board of Study endorsed courses. That is, it will appear on the NAS and DET fund the NAS Intensive Studio Practice.
Sara’s art materials will be supplied by Chroma Australia. She will only have to supply her own Visual Arts Diary and cover the costs of commuting to and from the NAS. It will involve attendance during Term 2 and Term 3 holidays culminating in assessment critique and an Exhibition on Saturday 14th October 2006. We look forward to seeing the fruits of her labour then.
Well done Sara!
Ms D. Caprin & Ms C. Texier

DONATIONS NEEDED
Pre-loved school uniforms that are no longer needed – please donate to us for other students. It would be appreciated if you could drop them off at the main office (Office A). All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Updated SCHOOL Website
The new updated web site is now available, while the uploading of information is ongoing we hope that students, parents and community members will find the site useful. Any suggestions gratefully received - please email us. Site address appears below and school newsletters will be available online days before the printed copy comes home.
SRC Report

On the last day of Term 2, eight junior SRC members, Olivia BOYD, Ece ER, Ivy TRAN, Jasmine ALFAS, Shavera GUNASEKERA, Amanda SIMPSON, Belinda CARVALHO, Tammy CARGILL, and Sabrina KHAN slaved away in the garden near the canteen.

The SRC won 100 big ones at the Youth Environmental Awareness Day from Gardens ‘R’ Us. With this money, more plants were also purchased. We brought back thirty [30] native plants that included wattles, grasses and other unidentified plants.

The day started early for us ‘mulchers’ (as Ms Miller would put it) and we knew that there was a lot of work to be done, so we got into it straight away. We literally became pigs. Our deep desires and dreams of rolling merrily in the mud and being incredibly filthy whilst having the time of our lives came true. After mulching, watering and packing, we headed off to the food labs and cooked the mouth watering, not to mention scrumptious tacos.

It was a great learning experience and we learned quite a bit. Half of our girls have never planted or even touched soil before. It was an outcome that we did not expect. In all honesty, the icing on the cake was when our hilarious Tammy and Amanda screamed and fretted like there was no tomorrow over small, harmless grubs.

Jasmine Alfas and Ivy Tran ~ Year 8

We would like to acknowledge Ms Helen Lee for all the wonderful photographs that she has taken for us. Many thanks.