PERFORMANCE PROGRAM
2007

There are big plans in place to expand our performance program in 2007. This includes having a Concert Band as well as a Junior Band, Jazz Band, Junior Dance Group and Dance Ensemble, Senior Rock Band and Choir. This is on top of opportunities in Music, Drama and Dance classes.

Making music and performing has many benefits for young people. It provides students with wonderful skills they can use throughout their lives and as well as enabling our young people to build new peer groups and develop sound social skills. Public performances build confidence. Many studies have also found that music and performance generally enhances brain development and of course it can be a lot of fun.

A three day camp for students undertaking the instrumental program has been booked for 27/4/2007.

All performance groups will have a program of performances across the 2007 school year. This will be published in the first newsletter for the 2007 year.

Both Concert and Junior Band includes the following instruments: flute, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, bass, guitar, keyboard, percussion (drums).

COMMITMENT

Students joining one of the performance groups are expected to make a commitment for the year. Involvement in any of these groups requires lunch or after school time commitment. For 2007:-

Concert Band will be after school Mondays
Junior Band will be lunch time Mondays
Jazz Band will be after school Thursdays
Rock Band will be lunchtimes
Choir will be Thursday lunchtime
Junior Dance will be lunch time Tuesdays
Dance Ensemble will be during Sport

Costs for the 2007 programs include:-
Concert Band $65 per term (individual tutoring is additional and separate cost schedule will be available from the Band Director, the Front Office and Music staff); Junior Band $60 per term; Jazz Band $80 per year; Dance Group $40.00 per year; School Choir $5.00 per year.

Important Dates coming up
28.11.06 - New Band Director Jason Isaac will perform with other musicians at a special assembly for all students.
4.12.2006 - Parent Information Night for students wanting to join the Instrumental program in 2007

THANK YOU TO:-
* Year 12 2006 for the $500 donation. This will go to the upgrade of facilities in the MPC.
* Wests Ashfield Leagues Club for the donation of $500 to the Student Representative Council. The council will decide how to spend this donation.
* Outgoing Year 12 students who departed gracefully paying record amounts in subject and voluntary contributions. A great legacy for others.
* Campsie Rotary Club who have donated $1000 to the P and C to put towards a planned outdoor shade area for students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-
* Ajrina Rahmahbhi and Ellie Stavrakis of Year 9 who are being recognized for their contribution to a Regional Environmental Video at a Regional Directors Morning Tea this week.
* Year 10 students for successfully completing School Certificate examinations.
* Year 7 and 8 students who have been outstanding spokespersons for the school as they visit and present to Year 4 and 5 students at surrounding schools - Christina Schwartz, Chloe Smith, Debbie Liman, Gemi Nguyen, Lucy Abdallah, Danielle Karatzis.
* Lynanne Sousa – School Service Award for Term 3.
* Year 10 students Maria Cabauatan, Laura Scott, Michelle Pham who have gained a spot in the Nursing Traineeship for Year 11 and 12.
* 2007 SRC Office Bearers: President - Ivy Tran, Vice President - Akesiu Poitaha, Secretary - Gabi Craven, Treasurers - Aninta Fincenia and Sabrina Khan.
* Tessa George and Ruby Brooks who excelled themselves at the recent Water Forum.
* Well done to Chloe Gaffey, Year 8, who heads to India for 3 weeks on a youth mission trip assisting young people in Hyderabad, Buntu and Vishakhapatnam. What a great experience for Chloe!
* Lucy Edwards, Year 9 - SEE PAGE 5. Well done!!
STUDENT DIARIES
It is essential that all students have a school diary for the following purposes. Canterbury Girls High diaries have been ordered for all students for 2007. Students are expected to have the Canterbury Girls High School Diary with them at all times. The diary has the following purposes:
- Homework record for students
- Assessment task planning for students
- Record of any late arrivals to school
- Record of early departures from the school
- Messages from staff to parents
Used effectively, the school diary will improve time management and achievement at school. Students and families have the responsibility to ensure that the diaries’ communication purpose enables a greater knowledge of what students are doing each day at school.
The cost of these is $6.00 with a new cover and $5.00 if you only require the insert. This money for the 2007 school year can be paid at Office C. Diaries will be issued by Year Advisors in week 1 2007.

Attendance during Term 4
Students are expected to attend normal school programs and participate in learning up to and including the 15.12.06. Year 10 finish on this day. Years 7, 8, 9, 10 all have Year picnics on 18.12.06. On the 19 – 21.12.06 students attending school will be supervised as per normal school hours and could be involved in assisting staff with the set up for 2007.

STOP WORK MEETING 30.11.2006
Canterbury Girls High will be closed on 30.11.2006 until 12:00 noon for the ACTU National Day of Union and Community Action. Normal lessons will begin at 12:00 noon. A separate note will be sent home to remind families of the details closer to the event.

THAT CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ARE CHAMPION DEBATORS
This is not a valid debating topic because there is no opposition case. In 2006, Canterbury produced a champion debating team. Our Year 8 team entered the Premiere’s Debating Challenge and proceeded to win six consecutive debates. Natasha Burrows, Danielle Barnett, Gabi Craven, Ivy Tran and Pearl Dadd-Daigle met each opposing team with confidence and flair. They are particularly impressive in their wins against Sydney Girls’ High and Sydney Technical High. Those victories took them through to the Regional Final against Sydney Boys’ High School.
In an exciting and nerve-wracking atmosphere, where a panel of three adjudicate, we debated that Terrorists are Winning the War on Terror. Sydney Boys’ won the final but nonetheless, we debated with strength and clarity, the decision was genuinely close. As their coach, I was proud of their finalist credentials. They received certificates and trophies, representing the effort it takes to become one of two final schools in a region of fifty. The team looks forward to entering a new competition next year and the challenge of debating teams from Year 10.
Our Year 11 team has also made the brave decision to continue debating in Year 12. They had impressive wins this year and were valuable mentors for Year 8. Thank you Emmy Yiannopoulos, Alice Craven, Bronwyn Miller and Zeinab Choucair!
Canterbury Girls High School hosted most of this years debates. Visiting schools were impressed by our hospitality and impeccable behaviour during competition. Special thanks to the Canteen for providing catering that went well beyond the usual fare.
I look forward to another strong debating year for Canterbury Girls in 2007.
Debra Barford

Year 8 Debating team with Coach Ms Barford
Congratulations to:–
All Year 11 students on completing the Preliminary HSC. A special congratulations to the following students who received exemplary Year 11 results and highly commended.

EXEMPLARY Reports
Muzna AL ABED, Olympia AVRAMIDIS, Seemab AWAN, Alice CRAVEN, Eleni DANIS, Alix EDWARDS, Mona ELHASSAN, Sara FREITAS, Jennan HAIDAR, Ishani JAYAWEERA, Bronwyn MILLER, Sophie TZIOLAS, Alexis WITHERS, Emmy YIANNOPOULOS, Hui ZHANG

HIGHLY COMMENDABLE Reports
Nazia AHSAN, Chantel ANTONIOU, Raghad AL HAKIM, Lily CHAU, Zeinab CHOUCAIR, Ninette DAHAN, Lesley DELA FUENTE, Jenny DINH, Ngan (Kim) DUONG, Victoria GIAMPIETRO, Ann JUNG, Jayne KAZZI, Beth LAM, Trang LE, Renee LEE, Kate LENNOX, Xiao Qing (Martha) MA, Vicki MATSOUKAS, Yianna MATSOUKAS, Jessie McGILL, Katherine PEERS, Jacinda SINGH, Christine SZYSSKO, Madelyn THOMPSON, April TRICASE, Jia Ni ZHU

PREFECTS REPORT
This term has been very busy for the newly elected Prefect body and we are slowly but surely adjusting to our new role within the school. We have already begun attending special events with distinguished guests. Of recent, Mr Phil Lambert, Director of Sydney Region, came to our school to congratulate the new SRC body and present them with their badges. The Prefect body was also invited to attend and Mr Lambert was keen to chat with us all. Besides the great morning tea we received, the event was a great success and Canterbury Girls received a lot of praise from Mr Lambert. The Prefect body is now meeting everyday in DEAR to discuss relevant issues. Here, with the help of Ms Delmas and Ms Yassmin, we have begun to form committees to assist our year in organising some very important Year 12 matters such as jerseys, fundraising, the yearbook and of course our formal at the end of next year.

The co-captains also meet with Ms Holden every fortnight to discuss whole school issues and raise concerns or ideas we have. We always look forward to the outcomes of these meetings.

We have not only been busy with these committees. But are also hosting formal and outdoor assemblies, attending and organising leadership conferences and preparing meetings and afternoon teas with Prefect bodies from other schools. Recently, Fane Poitaha and Bronwyn Miller attended the Young Women’s Leadership Seminar at Parliament House and were very inspired by what they learned. Later this month our co-captains, Emmy Yiannopoulous, Alice Craven, Ishani Jayaweera and Zeinab Choucair will be attending the Young Leaders’ Forum and we look forward to hearing all about the event.

In other news, our fundraising has begun so look for the Year 12 Prefects who will be selling a variety of tasty yet healthy treats.

Vanessa Giampietro

Student Recognition Day
15.12.06
at 10.45 a.m.
in the MPC
All Family Members Welcome

Please RSVP by 13/12/06 to Jayne Townsend in Office A by Phone: 9718.1805 or Email canterburg-h.School@det.nsw.edu.au
YEAR 7 LITERACY AT THE ZOO

A ZOO TALE
All the Year 7’s went to the zoo,
It rained and hailed but the sun shone too!
We all went into groups and then were lost,
Were freezing cold and sat in frost.
Nina in her giraffe mask wanted to say “G’day”
But instead she scared the Kindies away.
To get warm we all went to the café,
Where we had a hot latte,
Then saw the snow leopards at play.
Wrapped in our scarves, we saw the tall giraffes,
And then Thea all of a sudden said,
“That hippo is Rufus, he is my cousin!’
For a moment the sun was shimmering
On water which the elephants were swimming in.
With screams and squeals
We watched the performing seals.
Wet, sometimes lost, sometimes confused,
Finally we made it through.
Kimberly in her funky leopard spotted hat,
Looked like a kitty cat.
All of us
Listened to Camilla’s “Oo slick”
On the bus
We were singing loud and cool
All the way back to school.
By 7G

Thursday November 16th looked cold, and stormy
but Year 7 and their English teachers (thanks also to
Ms Lee and Ms Ioannou) ventured undeterred by
adverse weather for an English excursion to Taronga Zoo.
Our mission: to be inspired by the exotic sights,
sounds and smells and write. Write what? Plenty,
including original haiku poetry, descriptions, ideas
for a mystery film set at the zoo, a new brochure
advertising the zoo and lots more.

Students observed, recorded and discussed all the
zoo had on display, particularly the new elephants.
Year 7 were a delight and did their best to complete
the activities even in the rain . . . and hail.

Some excellent brochures, poetry and film ideas
have been submitted already by students. The best
five entries will be judged by their teachers and
receive their DVD prizes soon.

Thanks Year 7 for your hard work, cooperation and
good spirit. You certainly proved that you have the
“write stuff”.

Ms Slattery ~ on behalf of all the Year 7
teachers
..... You can Win a Prize!!
If you’re in years 7 or 8 you can win a $50 voucher from ‘Sanity’ by designing a new logo for the CGHS school band.
Design your logo on a piece of A4 paper and place it in the box outside the LOTE staffroom with your name, year and roll class on the back.
Entries close Friday 15th December

Lucy Edwards entered into a national photography & poem competition, through Belmore Youth Resource Centre, earlier in the year.
On the 1st of November, the Powerhouse Museum launched the top 24 photographs of the competition. 700 young people had entered this competition. These photographs will be seen throughout Australia in the next 3 months.
After my poem and photo [titled the jellyfish] won the People Choice Award, I was interviewed by telephone, then again in person at the Powerhouse Museum launch.
Random questions were thrown at me like ‘Why did you take a picture of a jellyfish, What does your poem actually mean, How did you make your jellyfish red, Why did you choose to write about a jellyfish, What inspired you’ and the list goes on.
This is my poem and photograph that I entered, and won.

The Jellyfish.
Softly glowing in the darkness of the abysmal sea the jellyfish floats carefree yet ready to defend itself from any threat that lurks in the darkness of the depths.
Poised and majestic in form she glides around the aquatic kingdom while others marvel how she keeps her Peace even in stormy seas.
Because she has found herself and the beauty she represents exalted and admired is she to all that gaze upon her in this mysterious world of the deep.

On the 22nd of November, it is the 10-year anniversary of the Inspire Foundation [the company that ran this competition] and there will be a celebration at the Opera House. My photograph and poem will be displayed there.

Lucy Edwards [Year 9]
THE CANTERBURY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL BREAKFAST

On Friday 17th November Year 7, 8 and 9 SRC representatives attended a breakfast at Canterbury Public School. Our school had previously hosted a breakfast with their SRC.

We arrived at the school at 8:30 a.m. and were greeted by the Deputy Principal and SRC coordinator Ms Belinda Cook. We met and socialised with students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The SRC members had cooked or bought in lots of delicious food from home, prepared by wonderful parents. Breakfasting together we continued to form close ties with our neighbouring school’s SRC. We met some girls coming to the school next year and strengthened our links with the school. A great time was had by all and we look forward to future engagements with Canterbury Public’s SRC.

Gabi Craven  SRC Secretary
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