Welcome to Tracy Jones, new Science teacher and Michelle Osman who has joined our Administration staff.

Congratulations to Athanasia Costa, Year 11, who has returned triumphantly from a student drama festival at the University of Crete. The play Athanasia was the lead in Reflections, not only, won the drama festival, but Athanasia individually won Best Performance, leading female role Athanasia, who played multiple roles in the performance, including the lead part from the classical Greek play Lysistrati, said she and her fellows ensemble members thought they had done well, but winning was still a “a big shock”. “It was a once in a lifetime experience,” Athanasia said. “We wouldn’t have been disappointed if we hadn’t won, but what an achievement.”

Athanasia had this opportunity as part of her study of Greek through the DET Saturday School of Community Languages. This was a fantastic achievement for NSW public education, as all the schools from other countries were either private Greek colleges or Greek Church/Community Schools. Well done Athanasia and her classmates.

All the best to Sabrina Khan who will represent our student body at the students’ APEC Conference later this month.

Well done to all students who participated in Zone Athletics team:-
Rumbidzai CHIRO, Maryanne DIMECH, Jade DOYLE, Josephine FALESITA, Michelle FLOWERS, Tupou HUI, Aloisia KAMA, Julie Ann LOPINTO, Lydia MAIVA, Shayla MATENG, Men NGUYEN, Sisilia POLITONI, Rachael SUIQA, Jessica COX, Stella HEALY, Eloise JENNINGS, Caitlin JURD, Courtney MAHONEY, Brittany MASON, Barbora PEKAROVA, Christina SCHWARTZ, Jessica TAUMALO, Edin AKAI, Maria BRICENO, Tiarne CARDEN, Donna DO, Lilian FUAU, Sarah FUALALO, Chloe GAFFEY, Sisilia HUI, Mirama ISAIA, Melania LENIWASA, Sina MAHE, Michelle MUNA, Ilafehi NAUFAHU, Anna NGUYEN, Ariierna PONINE, Alona PORIO, Priscilla TAUMALO, Repeka TUA, Bernadette AKAI, Dominique ATOA, Tessa GEORGE, Linda LAM, Helen LOCKINGTON, Roana MAIVA, Victoria MARSTERS, Maria ONESI, Maria SAILIESE, Monique SAMI, Linda DANG, Tahlia HAMILTON, Jennifer KIM, Tokoa KOPU, Irma PEZEROVIC, Leah SMITH, Barbara TSIARAS, Jasmine ZHAO, Samantha CHAPMAN, Natalie KAHLA, Jayne KAZZI, Victoria SETEPHANO, Christine SZYSSKO, Mereoni TOKALAULEVU.

Congratulations to those students successful in making the Sydney Regional Athletics Team. Ms Playfair has reported on this success on page 2.

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Visual Art Show Invite,
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The girls were warned to wear warm gear but all were shocked as we alighted from the bus for the first Day of the previously washed out Carnival. Cries of “where are we?” and “can we stay on the bus” greeted me as I surveyed the harsh terrain and secured an area beside largish boulders which I had hoped may act as a windbreak. At least it wasn’t raining but the brisk westerly winds out there on The Ridge at Menai became our lifeline with civilization throughout the 2 days. And the games commenced!!!

I waved good-bye to Ms S. Delmas who as the Announcer spent the 2 days of competition in the Control shed. Her voice over the microphone became our lifeline with civilization throughout the 2 days. And the games commenced!!!

Lydia Maiva threw herself into any 13 yrs field event on offer, exclaiming “But Miss I wasn’t down to do all these events!” She won the Shot and came 2nd in the Javelin & Discus. Brittany Mason was on hand to support individuals in the field events and ran brilliantly down the straight in the 13 yrs Relay.

Well done to the Interact Girls Club who recently donated $400 to Mahboba’s Promise. This money was raised through Gelato stall sales and went directly to the Bibi Hava School in Kabul to restore their wells.

Congratulations to Mariama Kargbo who represented her community through dance in a performance at McDonald College last week.

All the best to Year 12 students currently sitting for Trial examinations and in the last stages of preparation for the HSC.

State Numeracy Test Results

Congratulations to Year 8 students whose Numeracy Test results have shown that a majority of students have significantly improved since arriving at high school in Year 7. Year 7 numeracy results have given staff accurate information on students’ strengths and areas for improvement. All Year 7 and 8 students results have been mailed to home addresses.

Student Costs - Invoices

Great thanks to all those families who continue to pay off the variety of costs associated with their student’s education. Paying a small amount each week, fortnight or month is working for many families. Thank you!

Zone Athletics

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Congratulations to all our athletes who were very determined in the Relays. We participated in every relay. Thank you Yr 12’s for being there in the 17 yrs. I was very proud of every one who tried so hard in very difficult conditions. Thank you also to Ms Mawassi who assisted as a timekeeper on the second day despite warnings of Arctic conditions.

On reflection we do need to work on our fitness levels and train together in the lead up for 2008. What about a running group? We are situated in a perfect area for some pleasant flat running along the river. Anyone out there interested in coordinating such a club, please contact me at school. Yours in sport

Judy Playfair

This Relay team won their heat but sadly just missed qualifying for Region. Maybe more time on baton changes would have been beneficial.

Our girls were particularly courageous that first day running the 200msts & 800msts. Stella Healy was magnificent finishing 4th in her 800msts. Melanie Gates was disappointed with her 3rd in the Hurdles & 200msts but she came back the 2nd day determined and won the 100msts.

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

With the release of the final installment in the Harry Potter series, demand was high for the Library copies. Ms. Manton (Mistress of Muggle Information) provided a magic cauldron and all interested were asked to place their names inside. A grand total of 94 students entered the competition and at Assembly on Tuesday 31/07/07 the names of the first two borrowers - Renee Muna (Yr 10) & Wilsa Wardana (Yr 11) were drawn from the cauldron. Since then Ms. Manton has drawn the remaining names in order and bought two more copies of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows". Borrowing is for two weeks only - no renewals - so eager fans will have to read the book in that time!

Computer Use in the Library: From Monday 6 August students wishing to use the downstairs computers in the Library at recess or lunch will be required to register. This means they will have to see Library staff to book a computer, explaining what work will be done at the time. Students will not be allowed to access email (other than schoolwork related email via the DET portal), games, chatrooms, messaging or personal websites. We can actually check what a student has been doing on a computer even after she has logged out so any breaking of the rules will result in the individual being banned from using the Library computers. We have 22 networked computers available for junior use downstairs, with a further 18 upstairs in the Senior Learning Centre.

Also from Monday 6 August students will be banned from using handheld game consoles, mobile phones, iPods or other music devices in the Library. Chess and card games are still okay provided they are quiet. If students need to play music or a video/DVD for schoolwork, they can arrange with Library staff to use the equipment available in the Seminar Rooms.

Do you have goods to sell? Do you want to buy a bargain?

CAR BOOT SALE - SATURDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

P & C is holding a car boot sale in the school grounds on 1 September from 10 am to 2 pm. You are invited to sell new or used items from your car boot or on a stall.

A fee of $30 will be charged to hire a single car space in the school grounds. This includes a refundable deposit of $10 which will be returned when your area is totally cleared at the end of the day.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Visual Arts Exhibition in the Old Hall. Come along and enjoy some wonderful art, a sausage sizzle, a cup of real coffee and pick up a bargain or two! Help us raise funds for our school.

To hire a car space, please contact Trish Anderson on 0408 491 950

Recently Ms. Manton has been enthusiastically "developing the collection" by purchasing new books and DVDs. The advantage of CGHS Library is that the resources are bought specifically to support what is being taught in our classrooms, so students are more likely to find relevant material in our catalogue and on our shelves than at other libraries. In particular we have an extensive and increasing collection of resources to support HSC study and the specific topics taught across the curriculum.

Ms. Liz Manton, Teacher-Librarian 😊
China Tour Information
All students travelling to China during the October holidays have now paid for their tour. All participants including the teachers are eagerly looking forward to embarking on this journey of discovery. The final information night for all students and their parents will be held on Thursday Sept. 13th at 6:00pm in the Old Hall. It is most important that all students attend this meeting to ensure that they are well-informed of all expectations and requirements in regards to behaviour and conduct. As well the travel agent will distribute all tickets and vouchers.

Canterbury Girls High Students Head for China
With a land mass the size of Europe, China is the third largest country in the world. It is a country like no other - the scale, the grandeur, the history, the mystery, the people and their ever-increasing importance in world affairs - all promise a spectacular experience for fourteen students from Canterbury Girls High who will be travelling there at the end of term 3. Ms Liu has organised the ultimate excursion for language students to the capital of China, Beijing, for eight exciting days. Accompanied by Ms Liu and Mr Bailey students will see the Forbidden City, home of past emperors, walk along the Great Wall of China, sample exotic entertainment and get to know more about Chinese culture and customs that have been developed over thousands of years. This trip is going to be awesome and will offer an unparalleled educational tour. Stay tuned during term 4 for postcards, photos and excerpts from our travel diaries. “Zai jian!” (Dzai gee-en) - or Goodbye!

Debating
Congratulations to our Years 9 and 10 debating teams. Both achieved zone finalist positions. This was particularly commendable as our Year 9 team competed with Year 10 teams and our Year 10 team competed with Year 11 teams. Clearly they were not daunted. Year 9 will next debate Sydney Boys High in an inter-zone final. We look forward to a high level of competition. Well done girls!

Writing school notes for Absences
If your student is absent, you need to write a note within seven days:
1. It must explain why your student missed school
2. Include how many days your student was away
3. Remember to include the date or dates.
4. Remind your student to give the note to the teacher
5. If your student is going to be away for more than three days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your student returns to school.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS Australia offers an opportunity for secondary and tertiary students to learn how to establish and run successful businesses in a hands on business skills program. Six year 11 students have stepped up to the challenge and have taken on roles in marketing, finance and human resources in Departments ‘Ebony & Ivory’ and ‘In Ya Face.’ Well done to Lina Liang, Aninta Finconia, Linh Nguyen, Jennifer Phan, Jennifer Quach and Toni Araneta. Well done Girls!

PARENT/STUDENT GARDENING WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 25 AUGUST, 2007
2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Tree planting and mulching.
Please bring your own gloves and spade.
All welcome!
Meet at Church Street entrance.
MUSIC EVENING—ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

Wednesday, 29th August, 2007 at 7.30 pm.

The students of Canterbury Girls' High have an excellent reputation for their work in many fields, in particular music and dance. Over the years, our girls have been involved in State and Regional Music and Dance Festivals, Opera House Choral Concerts, as well as performances at local schools and community events. To give you the opportunity to see the results of their hard work and commitment, we are organising our annual Music Evening, to be held on Wednesday, 29th August, beginning at 7.30 pm.

This will feature dance groups and musical items from all Elective music classes and extra-curricular groups such as the choir and bands. The entire event is being organised and run by music students.

This evening performance is being held exclusively for parents, carers and relatives of our students.

Ticket prices: Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children): $25
Adults: $12
Seniors/children aged 5 to 17: $6
(children under 5 are free as long as they sit with a parent).

Tickets can only be purchased using the yellow ticket order form which accompanies the newsletter.

Please note that all order forms must be signed by a parent or guardian, and there must be at least one adult to accompany any under 18-year-olds.

If your family requires more than 6 tickets, please contact Mrs Cateris at the school (9718 1805).

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, August 13th August and will be available up until 2 pm Monday, 27th August.

Please understand that we cannot process ticket requests after this date as our production team will be involved in dress rehearsals.

Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis according to the following procedure:

1. Bring in the signed order form, with the correct money (either cash or cheque made payable to the school) to Office C.
2. The receipt and order form will be passed on to Mrs Cateris, who will issue tickets and return them, together with the receipt, to the performers.

The ticket-holder's name will be written on the ticket and can only be presented at the door by this person.

We advise you to book early, as there is only one performance, and there will be no tickets available at the door.

In order to ensure that all parents are able to enjoy their daughter's performance without distraction or interruption, we strongly advise that tickets be ordered by parents/guardians only. Please do not purchase tickets for your daughter's siblings if you (or another adult relative) cannot be there to ensure they behave in a quiet and considerate manner.
National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy in 2008
FAQs for Parents

From 2008 the standard tests undertaken by NSW students in primary and high school (BST, ELLA and SNAP) will be replaced with a national testing program. This means students from NSW will take the national tests at the same time as students from all other states and territories.

What will stay the same?
The national tests will assess similar literacy and numeracy skills in much the same way as the current NSW tests.
The format of the national tests will be similar to the questions currently used in the NSW literacy and numeracy tests.
There will continue to be supporting materials made available to schools including test practice materials, test booklets and any test aids such as rulers that may be required.
The national tests are expected to align with the NSW curriculum. NSW has consistently stressed the need for high quality testing based on our rigorous curriculum.

What will change?
The tests will all be undertaken in a single week of testing in mid May 2008. Now the NSW tests are run in different months of the year.
All students in Australia will sit the same test. It is being developed in consultation with the NSW Department of Education and Training, education departments from all other states and territories, the Commonwealth government and non-government schools.
Students will no longer sit the follow-up tests in Year 8 in NSW. Instead high school students in NSW and across Australia will sit national tests in Year 9.

The 2008 testing schedule
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the following tests:
- Tuesday 13 May: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation; Writing
- Wednesday 14 May: Reading
- Thursday 15 May: Numeracy
There will be a ‘make up’ day on Friday 16 May for any student who was unable to do their tests on the nominated day.

What will happen to the results?
The NSW Department of Education and Training will collect all of the results from the tests undertaken by students in NSW government schools.
Parents will continue to receive feedback about their child’s performance, including individual reports for each child.
Schools will continue to report the performance of the school in the school’s annual report.

What if my child has special needs?
The national tests will offer the same levels of support for students with special needs as currently exist under the state based testing systems.
All students will be encouraged to take part in the new national tests. Special provisions will continue to be made available to meet the needs of individual students, such as alternative versions of the tests in large print or Braille.

What about the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate?
The introduction of national testing does not affect the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate (HSC).
These assessments will continue to be undertaken in exactly the same way and at the same times as they currently are.

As more information about the national tests becomes available we will be placing it on the DET website, and distributing it to parents through schools.
COMMUNITY WEED OUT
No 3 Jackson Place Undercliffe
Sunday 19 August and Tuesday 21 August, 2007 All day from 9.00 a.m.
Hands wanted to help remove the weeds from the plantations at No. 3 Jackson Place. You don’t need to have bush regeneration skills but just be a willing weeder. Come for as much time as you have available. An hour or two or longer.
We will provide weeding tools. If possible bring your own gloves, a small fork and secateurs. Also bring family and friends. The more the merrier and kids are welcome. We’ll have tea and coffee brewing and a pot of soup for people who can join us for lunch and a social chat. Bring your sandwiches and snacks to share.
About the land at No 3 Jackson Place
People walking past the stone cottages in Jackson Place possibly don’t realise that the 2.8 hectares of land opposite the cottages, and extending to the creek, belongs to the RTA. Originally this land sloped down in a series of stone terraces to a market garden but, in the 1960s, about half the land was illegally filled by the owner. It subsequently became a wasteland. After the road reservation was lifted in 1998, Jackson Place residents planted almost 500 tube-stock native plants, transforming the area into an attractive park and a safe habitat for the many small birds that visit the area.
We look forward to seeing as many people as possible.
If you’re able to come contact:
Judy Finlason on 9559 2821 or judy@imageoz.net.au

DROWNING UNDER A WAVE OF HOMEWORK?
We are excited to inform you that yourtutor, an online tutoring service, is now available through the City of Canterbury Library and free to our students. Students are connected to real, live professional tutors who provide instant help and tutoring in subject areas such as: Maths, English, Science, Research and Study Skills.
The service is available to students from Years 4 to 12 and is available Monday to Friday from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Free access to computers with the internet is available at our libraries or students can access yourtutor from home via the internet. All you need is your City of Canterbury library card.
SOCCER SUCCESS - HURLSTONE PARK WARRIORS

CGHS students - Stella Healy & Michelle Flowers will be in a soccer team playing SBS’ Nerds FC in September. These girls play for the Hurlstone Park Wanderers soccer club. One of the parents saw that SBS was running a silly photo competition for soccer teams. They took a couple of shots, “doctored” one and sent it off. Lo & behold we won and on September 22 at Naremburn Sports Centre the HPW U13 girls team including the above two will be playing Nerds FC. Please note - as many supporters (as rowdy & raucous as possible) will be welcome to come along too. A fun day for all concerned.

Gastro ALERT

There’s a bit of viral gastroenteritis in the community at the moment. Typically we experience a seasonal increase in winter. Please find below some tips from NSW Health to help stop the spread of gastro in schools and at home:

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and is most often spread through direct contact with an infected person.

Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, abdominal pain, headache, and muscle aches.

The most effective way to avoid gastro is to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 seconds before handling and eating food, and always wash your hands after using the toilet.

If you or your family contract gastroenteritis it is very important for you to stay home from school or work.

If your work involves handling food or looking after children, do not return to work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped NSW Health urges infected people not to prepare food for others until at least 48 hours after they have completely recovered.

Dehydration often follows bouts of vomiting and diarrhoea, therefore people with gastro should rest and drink plenty of fluids.

For more information visit the NSW Health website for a factsheet:


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The next meeting will be on Saturday 15 September at 2.00 p.m. in the Old Hall. Afternoon tea will be served after the meeting. The Annual Dinner will be held in the Segenhoe Room at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL, Crinan Street Hurlstone Park at 7.00 p.m. on 19 October. Tickets are $45 per person and contact person is Marion Malins on 9648 6694.