CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Athanasia Costa of Year 11, who has been selected to be part of the 8th Students’ Drama Festival in Crete in July. We wish her all the best for the big adventure.
- The 60 students selected in the school Athletics team going to Zone Carnival next week.
- The Dance Ensemble who performed beautifully at the Regional Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre last week. The girls in the Ensemble are: Caroline Badart-Prentice, Olivia Boyd, Tara Smith, Suzanne Sulaiman, Eloise Jennings, Stella Healy, Helen Eade, Rachael Bollard, Jessica Cox, Christina Mitrevski and Barbora Pekarova. Great performance Girls!
- Lily Chau, Year 12 for an Outstanding result in Studies of Religion.
- All students who participated in the UNSW Science competition. In particular a big well done to:
  Year 7 Kia FERRELL – Credit
  Year 9 Pearl DADD-DAIGLE – Distinction
  Year 9 Gabi CRAVEN – Credit
  Year 10 Irina DIMA – Distinction
  Year 10 Zoe WITHERS – High Distinction
- Kate Lennox, Year 12, who has moved through to final nomination stages for NSW Training Awards.
- The dozens of students who participated in our Public Education Day. 250 Year 3 – 5 students from eight of our feeder primary schools had a fantastic day doing workshops with our students.
- 12 students who have been successful in completing a community Coaching Training Program run through the Dept of Sport and Recreation.

- Our Debating teams ’07 who are maintaining the great success of 2006.
- Exstudent Eileen Pugh (nee Easterling) who received an Order of Australia medal in the 2007 Queen’s Birthday honours for her commitment to community work. Eileen graduated from CGHS in 1943.
- Helen Eade and Caroline Badart-Prentice selected into the Sydney Regional Orchestra.
- CGHS has been successful in having both dancers and singers positions for this year’s School Spectacular. Auditions will be held for this highly sought after experience.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
The 2006 Annual School Report is available in the download section of the School Web Site. For any families who would like an already printed copy, they are available from the Administration Office.

YEAR 12, TERM 3 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Included is a calendar of events for Term 3 – know what your student commitments are this term. As well is included some information about University applications processes

ELLA Results
Congratulations to year 8 on fantastic improvement in State Literacy results from year 7. Year 7 results showed that we have the full range of performance levels. Well done girls! Additional Literacy support has been organised to begin Term 3 for those experiencing difficulties.
CANTERBURY GIRLS IN THEATRESPORTS GRAND FINAL

On Monday 4th June Grace Bicknell, Anna Maybury, Fane Poitaha and Alexis Withers of Year 12 battled eight other regional state and private schools to earn a place in the Schools Theatresports Grand Final (Senior Division) to be held at the Enmore Theatre on June 24th. The competition involves three rounds of improvisational games and the Canterbury team performed an original opera entitled “The Goldfish from Woolworths That Died”, a scene involving camping with tofu, an open scene entitled “On the Ledge” and in the playoff for third place against Kambala Girls a word-at-a-time-story called “Down the Rabbit Hole”.

It is an outstanding achievement to reach the Grand final and is a demonstration of the girls’ commitment and skill. Approximately 150 schools from across metropolitan Sydney enter the Senior Division of the competition and we are proud and excited to have reached the top 10.

Our Intermediate Theatresports team; Andriea Passos, Ashanti Abeyewardene, Emma Kennedy, Helen Pang and Zoe Withers earned fourth place in their regional semi final held on June 5th. This would put the team in the top 12 teams across Sydney Region a stunning achievement for their first year in the competition.

Both teams are to be congratulated for their commitment to lunch rehearsal in their own time and their willingness to attempt the most terrifying of all acting challenges - improvisation. They are powerful role models for all the drama students at Canterbury.

Ms Slattery

DEBATING

2006 was a very successful debating year for Canterbury Girls. Success continues in 2007. Our Year 8 regional finalists from last year have now moved into the Year 9/10 competition and this far, they remain undefeated. Our Year 10 team is debating in the Year 11 competition.

Unfazed by this elevation, they have met the challenge and won all their debates. They are poised to become the zone winners - we wish them luck!

Our youngest team, from Year 7 are currently using their lunch time for coaching and practice debates and they are well and truly ready to take on their first external debate against Canterbury Boys. Once again, Canterbury Girls is debating with style and substance.

Debra Barford

WELL DONE to All students who have been successful in moving on to Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

Year 7 Gold Merit Certificate recipients
Karen Huang  Eiman Abdalla
Justine Burgess  Narcissus Dhungana
Jelena Jankovic  Joanne Mattar
Gabrielle Noun  Kathy Oo
Naleesha Prakash

Year 8 GOLD
Debby Liman

Year 8 Merit Level 1
Tracey Troung  Amy Yoon
Orani Abeyewardene  Caroline Badart Prentice
Kim Young  Stella Healy
Helen Eade  Barbora Pekarova
Chloe Smith  Sheridan Wen
Vivien Yeung  Nicole Salouras

Year 9 GOLD
Nancy Tran
SILVER
Lilian Faaui
BRONZE
Melania Leniwasa
Meleona Koloto  Komal Prasad
Year 10 SILVER
Jina Zhang
BRONZE
Mona Hamza
Merit Level 1
Lina Bowman
Cherie Chau  Renee Gielis
Thuy Htay  Amina Ibrahim
Zenabu Ibrahim  Timi Karlik
So Yeon Kim  Nhu Nguyen
Samantha Samrani

Year 11 Merit Level 1
Fatima Choucair
Oula El Halawani  Dalia Dafalla
Artika Kumar  Ai Nguyen
Michelle Ling  Aye Ma Sein
The 'UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy', a five day residential program held at Sydney University, commenced on the second week of the school holidays. This program was sponsored by the multinational, global investment bank UBS. It was aimed at Year 11 students from all over Australia, with an interest for a career in business. With over three hundred applicants, I was lucky to be one of the fifty students to be selected. I remember being extremely frightened the night before the academy started, because I was going to be staying for five days in a place with no one I knew. Nevertheless when I got there I realise I had over reacted, because I found myself with forty-nine other girls who felt exactly the same. The week’s activities consisted of meeting with many distinguished guests, many impromptu speeches, a few drama acts and practice presentations using multimedia. Among the distinguished guests was the founder of the Women's Electoral Lobby, the CEO of UBS, the Chief Editor of Cosmopolitan, the editor of Girlfriend, the hostess of the Art Gallery of NSW and Catharine Lumby. Our week also comprised of travelling to UBS, the Sydney Opera House and the Art Gallery of NSW. We learnt about proper business attire, presenting ourselves confidently and what to do in formal interview situations. It was an intense week of activities and learning.

The week ended with the graduation night. It was very emotional with last minute photos and exchanging of numbers/emails. As a surprise, we dedicated a song ‘A Thousand Miles’ by Vanessa Amorrosi, which was sung by all fifty of us and accompanied by the piano. This song signified the end of a wonderful five days and the distance between all fifty of us, where we live.

One of the things I have taken from the Young Women’s Academy, is an increased confidence in my public speaking and innumerable number of new friends. I can now say I have friends from all over Australia!

It was one of the best experiences of my life, and if the opportunity arises again, I would do it all over.

Sabrina Khan

LAWYERS ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING PROMISING STUDENTS WORKPLACE MENTOR PROGRAM

This year LEAPS is in its fourth very successful year at Canterbury Girls High School. It involves lawyers from a variety of city legal firms volunteering their time to train and act in the role of mentors to students in Year 9 who are identified as showing academic promise and who would benefit from the mentoring experience. Once per fortnight students visit their mentors at their workplace for a working lunch meeting - topics include study and learning skills, and values development. Each year the program caters for about 15 students, starting in Term 2 and continuing until graduation evening in mid Term 4.

P & C will hold a car boot stall sale on Saturday 1 September in the school grounds from 9.00 to 1.00. We are seeking interest from members of the school and wider community who wish to sell new or used items from their car boot or on a stall.

A fee will be charged by P&C for each car or stall space. This fee includes hire of a space in the school grounds and a refundable deposit which will be returned when your area is totally cleared at the end of the day. If you are interested in hiring a spot on 1 September, please contact Trish Anderson on 0408 491 950.

This event will be held in conjunction with the Visual Arts Exhibition in the Old Hall. You will be able to view some wonderful students' art, have a cup of tea or coffee, sausage sizzle and pick up a bargain or two! You will also help to raise funds for our school.

TURN YOUR TRASH INTO TREASURE!

LEAPS action
DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME 2007

The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme was introduced to the school in 1997 and there are around 20 new participants who have already registered this year, at the Bronze level.

Students work towards the Bronze Award first, which takes at least six months. There are three parts to complete, as well as an expedition. These are: Helping others, learning a new Skill and participating in Sport. We will be having two camps for the students that are joining this year. So if you are over the age of 13 years and 9 months then you may be interested to hear some more about it.

The expeditions organised for this term are:

The Bronze Beginners Camp at Myuna Bay during week 10 from the 27th to 29th of June. Both camps are to introduce students to bushcraft and camping skills.

Students will be undertaking the following activities:

- Bushwalking
- Kayaking
- Rock climbing
- Rogaining
- Ropes
- Archery

The staff from the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre will be with us to supervise kayaking and other activities. The students are to be supervised by Ms Coleman.

The Costs: You need to pay $66 insurance (once only), which covers you for all activities that you do involved in Dukes, until the age of 25. As you progress through the levels the tasks become more difficult therefore furthering the participants abilities, developing self-confidence and expertise.

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Bronze and Silver Awards:

- Bronze - Loan Pham and Janessa Pe
- Silver - Nicola Bolton, Vanessa Giampietro, Barbara Freitas, Sara Freitas and Deborah Tran

Ms Coleman – Dukes coordinator

Kate Lennox, Year 12, studying hard for her HSC and also a wonderful Vocational student undertaking an Automotive Traineeship with Toyota
SPORT NEWS
Our Athletics Carnival held on Thursday 24th May at Campbell Field was a dry and enthusiastic day. Thank you to all staff for their support of our rescheduled day and all their hard work during our day outside. Congratulations to our Age champions:-

12 years - Shayla Matenga
13 years - Jessica Taumalolo
14 years - Courtney Mahoney
15 years - Victoria Marsters
16 years - Tessa George
17 years - Christine Szyssko

Well done Ms Cavanna for a well organised day.

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held at Barden Ridge on Monday 25th June & Wednesday 27th. Good luck to our team and thank you Mr Lucas for assisting as Manager.

Winter sport progresses well and thank you to all our terrific Coaches. Our grade teams are participating keenly in their individual draws. Students and teachers need to be commended by the speed with which they move to the sport buses on Wednesday, when travelling to “away” games.

Our Junior Netballers are seeking the assistance of a Coach, if any parent is interested and has the time please contact me at school.

Our Hockey team is in a mixed competition and the first time we faced the boys from Kingsgrove North, it was daunting. But thanks to Ms Kaur’s dedication, several Yr 12 former hockey players returned to Tasker last week to assist our junior Hockey team. The game was so exciting that Ms Kaur injured herself from the sidelines, barracking Canterbury Girls on.

Year 7 Non grade or Rotational sport is part way through their Netball month. I have been able to book an AFL skills program starting next Term for 4 weeks. Students will gain skills in Auskick a non contact sport and receive merchandise including water bottle and towel. Notes have been distributed to students.

If parents have other contacts through sporting Associations please let me know. I am keen to organise a month of Soccer, in particular.

Yours in sport
Judy Playfair
INAUGURAL TRIVIA NIGHT AT CGHS!
About 100 parents, teachers and friends tested their combined knowledge and memories at a Trivia Night in the Old Hall on 26 May. Teachers, John Bailey and Michael Lucas, were great quizmasters who kept up a fast pace of questions, games, points and prizes. It was a fun night that included a Silent Auction, games, lots of raffle and lucky door prizes, and rewards for the winning and last tables. The school’s P & C Association hosted the event as part of its fund-raising activities to further improve facilities at our school. The Trivia Night raised $2564. Given the event's success, P & C intends to make the Trivia Night an annual event.
A huge thankyou is extended to the dedicated group of parents who worked behind the scenes and on the night obtaining prize donations, decorating the hall, collecting monies, checking answers and serving drinks. Thanks also to Sue Holden and her team for providing the hall and supporting the event.
P&c would like to thank the many organisations that generously donated gifts and vouchers to use as prizes and as items for the Silent Auction. The donor organisations are included in this newsletter.
The next fund-raising activity is a car boot sale to be held in conjunction with the school's Visual Arts Exhibition at the end of August. Details are included in this newsletter.
Parents are very welcome to join the P & C. The next meeting is on Wednesday 27 June at 7.30 in the Principal’s office.

MATHS LINKS WITH CAMPSIE PUBLIC SCHOOL
Canterbury Girls High and Campsie Public Schools are working together to support girls in numeracy in their transition from primary to high school. The idea was put into practice with the help of Ms Sue Holden Principal at Canterbury, Mr Phil Irvine Principal at Campsie, Ms Lisa Lupton a teacher from Campsie who has organised the groups and the logistics within the school and Mrs Marion Gifford, a Mathematics teacher who for the past three years has been running a numeracy program at Canterbury.

The program runs for five weeks, twice a week for half a day. Mrs Gifford goes to Campsie and works with three groups, including a gifted and talented program to extend the girls in Mathematics and another to support those girls who would benefit from smaller group tuition.

The staff at Campsie has been very supportive of the program and the girls are so enthusiastic. Some of them even asked if they could stay in at recess and do some more maths. Many of the girls have already decided that they would like to attend Canterbury next year and feel less anxious about high school because they already know someone who is helping them. The Department of Education and Training has the target of reducing by 10% the number of lowest performing students in numeracy in Years 3, 5 and 7. This joint project, being funded by both schools, is certainly leading the way in making that a reality. It demonstrates teachers working together in Public Education for the best outcomes for their students. Canterbury Girls High is looking to extend this program to other schools in their catchment area.

Marion Gifford
Maths Faculty

Action at the Trivia Night
‘COME (DANCING) INTO MY CANTRENN’T The Chef and the Canteen team at CGHS

Trying to find the canteen at Canterbury Girls High School? Then follow the funky music and cooking aromas...

Before taking on the canteen lease at Canterbury Girls High School two and a half years ago, Lyndan was a chef. Each day, Lyndan and his food-loving staff prepare a hot lunch dish and "brain maintenance" for the students and staff. Another staff member takes orders and handles the money for food safety and efficient workflow.

Fresh ingredients are rarely left over. A stir-fry, curry, pasta, pie, casserole, paella or risotto is made from a 7-week seasonal menu cycle and advertised as a daily special on a blackboard outside the canteen. Anything made with Lyndan’s versatile bolognaisne sauce and the Chicken Caesar salad with ‘real parmesan, poached chicken, crunchy cos lettuce and homemade croutons’ are especially popular. Biodegradable packaging and local ingredients are preferred, including halal meat for most dishes.

The Canteen team swears by the power of music to influence the 630 students’ tastebuds and behaviour. Canterbury Girls is culturally diverse, with students coming from a culturally rich and diverse backgrounds. Music advertises the special of the day and creates fun. For instance, a Bollywood soundtrack on the day of a tandoori chicken rice dish kept the canteen dancing and the girls amused.

Like many high schools, snack foods and drinks are still a challenge for the canteen to meet the Fresh Taste healthy school canteen policy. The Canteen team tries to set limits on the sale of high fat/salt/sugar snack foods. Drinks are priced up to offset the cost of fresh produce, especially as the drought impacts on profits. Dishes remain $3.50 or less to keep the canteen affordable for all. Lynden adds “I don’t sell anything I wouldn’t like to eat myself… Food at school should be sustaining like food at home”.

YR 9 ELECTIVE VISUAL ARTS

Maria Chrisis, Young Kim, Ilana Simpson and myself, Nicole Salouros in the elective visual arts class all entered an exciting art competition. It involved drawing or painting a clean version of your local river (Cooks River). Many other students from many different schools also entered. Our main aim is to get first prize as it includes your painting to be put up all around Canterbury! WOW!! We must not, however, forget our art teacher, Ms. Caprin who helped us construct these fabulous art works. Also those who help keep our school environmentally friendly!!!

KEEP COOKS RIVER CLEAN!
BY NICOLE SALOUROS YEAR 9

NEWS UPDATE!

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED NEWS THAT THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN DRAWN AND ILANA & NICOLE WERE THE LUCKY RECIPIENTS OF THE 2nd AND 3rd PRIZES WHICH CONSISTED OF A VOUCHER AND A BOOK.
CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE AND ILANA!
MS. CAPRIN

Young Kim, Ilana Simpson, Nicole Salouros and Maria Chrisis
WHAT’S HAPPENING AROUND THE SCHOOL?-Workmen everwhere!!

The Girls’ toilets refurbishment has been completed and is a great improvement to facilities. Major work begins within the month to replace a main sewerage line across the school. This will ensure no more problems with closed services.

Work has begun on our security fence, with completion due early Term 3.

An additional five water tanks have now been installed to supply water for student toilets.

A new solar water heater has been installed on the MPC to run student showers. This is the prize won in the Sustainable School Challenge in 2005.

An additional 6000 litre water tank is being installed by Sydney Water to run the MPC toilets.

This tank and installation is our prize for being the Streamwatch School of the Year in 2006.

Six new digital projectors have been installed in classrooms.

The new Multi Media Room is one step closer to completion. We expect that this will open in Term 3.

YEAR 9 CAMP

On Thursday 31st May to Friday 1st June, girls from Year 9 went to camp at Collaroy Centre.

The day started off with excitement. We departed Canterbury Girls High and headed off to Collaroy centre. The bus ride was very hectic, and the scenery was just magnificent.

When we arrived, we headed for the Chapel where we put our luggage and went to have morning tea.

Soon after, we explored our cabins and settled in. Later on, we had lunch and went back into the Chapel and did a workshop, which was about our brains.

Our second activity was either the giant swing or the flying fox. Our group went to the giant swing first, which was about fifteen metres high! It was nerve-racking yet fun.

After that we had afternoon tea and headed back to our cabins where we got cleaned and ready for dinner, which was scrumptious after which we had a trivia night. It was challenging but a lot of fun and full of laughter.

We then had supper and went to a room which is set up just like a cinema where we watched a movie until about 11.00 o’clock. We then went back to the cabins to get ready for bed, but, nobody slept much because we stayed up all night talking and annoying the teachers.

The next morning, everyone woke up late, even the teachers who were supposed to wake us up! We all headed for breakfast and went to the activity which we didn’t do yesterday which was flying fox.

It was alright, but not as much fun as the giant swing. After morning tea, we all headed for the sunny Collaroy beach! Both days were totally awesome and were nice sunny days.

We went back to the centre and had lunch. After lunch, we chit-chatted and boarded the bus.

On behalf of Year 9 students we would like to thank our Year Adviser Ms Kaur, our Assistant Year Adviser Ms Michos and our Head Teacher Welfare Ms Ronayne for all the hard work and effort in preparing this camp for us.

We are prepared and can’t wait for our camp next year!

Minae Jung and Helen Hoang

Acknowledgement to to Rachel Coleman, Alan Free, Jane Cateris, Jane Slattery and Julie