Congratulations to the following students

Helen Eade - selected in the NSW Singers for the fifth year in a row.

Year 9 students - state wide test results for the Science test conducted in November 2007 were very good - well done!

Zone swimmers - Lynette Brown; Kristie Vranjkovic; Rosanna Sanchez; Vanessa Perin; Martina Bolding-Ciccarelli; Emily Osman; Josephine Falesita; Jessica Taumololo; Linda Tran; Justine Burgess; Vivian Yeung; Courtney Mahoney; Caitlin Jurd; Anna Pan; Eden Akai.

Thank you to the following people:-

Gardening working bee on the 15.3.08- Dave, Bernie, Trish, Don, Marguerite, Sandra, Tim, Dimity and Ian - a wonderful new garden was built near the MPC - BIG THANK YOU

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Fun at our own Swimming Carnival

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This is a reprint of a speech Ivy gave at the recent launch of Sydney Region- well done Ivy. “My school is not exclusive- it does not exclude anyone (except boys). So what does a non-exclusive girl's high school have to offer? Well I can tell you what it has offered me. A comprehensive high school environment has provided me with experiences far beyond my own private adolescence.

As I stand here, you can see that I am from an ethnic background, one that places a strong emphasis on academic achievement. My parents have emigrated from Asia, and I am encouraged to achieve in order to make their journey a success. But I am not ashamed of this because achieving and doing well in all aspects of school life is part of who I am. I have been provided with so many opportunities and experiences that have helped to shape the person I am. In a comprehensive high school environment, it is understood that not everyone can come first and therefore achievement is respected and appreciated in a range of ways. For e.g. my public speaking has allowed me to stand here and speak to you today with confidence, to address what ‘reaching higher, reaching out’ means to me.

Now, if I can say so without blushing, I am proud of my achievements so far. I have only just turned 15 (3 days ago) and yet I have accomplished quite a bit. The key reason why this is so, is because I have refused to be complacent with the status quo: I have challenged it and was not fearful of doing so. This is also a major aspect of the dynamic school environment that I belong to. Until the end of 2006, no junior student was ever considered for the position as student body president. However, I only a mere year 8 student decided to challenge this and went forward with my application and was successfully voted in. The 2007 body was one of the most successful SRC groups the school has seen. Because of what I dared to do, the SRC constitution now states that there is to be no age limitation in the selection for the executive.

Emotional intelligence is also an integral aspect of my school environment. At the end of the day, when you close your high school books it comes down to: how you treated your peers, your respect for diversity and your willingness to overcome xenophobic tendencies. School life is more than the sum of its subjects, sport, entertainment and leadership opportunities. My experiences as a leader in my school, particularly my position in the state SRC have helped me grasp and understand the meaning of ‘reaching out’.

I have gained an appreciative awareness of the “big picture” issues- I am engaged with issues that young people honestly, sometimes just brush aside.

Reaching Higher in my opinion simply cannot exist without Reaching Out. No matter how high or far you’ve reached, no matter the status that you’ve attained, if you never made that effort to reach out, then in all honesty you haven’t reached all that high. There is obviously a reason why the two are connected.

A good friend once told me “Ivy, I truly believe that you have been strategically placed in every aspect of your life, from friendship to leadership- make the most out of it”. Not only do I believe this for myself, but also I do so for each and everyone here. Don’t let anyone underestimate you because you are young, but set an example- make your mark. Don’t let your circumstances, socio-economic background or peer status be a set back. I haven’t allowed it to be and that’s why I’m here before you- urging you to reach higher and to reach out, simply because you can.”
In November, 2007 all of year 8 completed the first state wide test of Science. Our results were in line with state averages and compared most favourably to other schools in our area.

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-CSG-all State schools within a 10Km radius

YEAR 8, 2007 ESSA RESULTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ENVELOPE

2007 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE NEXT WEEK. A HARD COPY IS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE A

Rock Eisteddfod

High School Students needed to participate in Burwood PCYC's first ever Rock Eisteddfod Challenge.

We need up to 100 Performers, a Co-host, Backstage & Lighting crew.

Rehearsals are every Sunday from 11am - 4pm at Burwood PCYC, 17 Deane Street, Burwood.

The Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is at the end of July, and if we win the finals are in September.

Cost $60

For more information please call Tom (Director) on 0410985627 or toms381@hotmail.com

Poets-Rosie and Lulu- 7C

The following poem was written by 7C students Rosie and Lulu and presented at school assembly on Academic Recognition Day in February.

Roses are red violets are blue.
All boys stink. Girls do to.
Actually no, girls are smart beautiful witty smell the part.
Here at CGHS, 700 girls do they’re best.
There isn’t a grumble, fight or huff . Just pretty ones singing to Hilary Duff.
Well maybe not but you know what i mean. All us girls lovely and clean.
At primary school, they protect you lots but now we’re here and we aint tots!
A different teacher for every class, and when lunch comes we sit on the grass.
At Dulwich Hill, it wasn’t our fault the P+C made our grass asphalt.
At my old school with girls and boys we would read books on food and toys.
And here activities everyday. With songs to sing and sports to play.
And at a new school comes new friends. Friendships for life that never end.
I’ll tell you something not so fun? Feel under the desks…..eww chewing gum!
Anyway the canteen sells some very nice food. Unlike my old one oh how crude.
Naa I’m kidding it was great but it didn’t sell MNN’s or kit-kat breaks.
Here at a school from 7 to 12 with 3 pierced ears and coloured hair girls.
So goodbye ladies, Mr and Miss.
And remember guys…..we are the BEST!
FREE SERVICE - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

- At Marrickville Library
  Monday 4-8 - General Homework
  Tuesday 4-8 - High School English, ESL, History and Primary Subjects
  Wednesday 4-8 - Chemistry, Maths, Physics & Science
  Thursday 4-8 - General Homework Help
  Saturday 1-4 - Maths, Science & Primary Subjects

- At Dulwich Hill Library
  Thursday 4.30-7.30 - High School English, Modern History & Primary Subjects

They also offer help through the "Your Tutor" online tutoring program. Contact Youth Services Librarian Alexander Mills on 9716 1827 for further information.


You don't need to book - just let the tutor know that you are waiting for help. Listed below is the timetable and the subjects the tutors teach. For more information, come along and talk to the tutors or phone Campsie Library on 9789 9423.

Campsie Library - 4 to 7pm

- Monday - 4 to 7pm, Primary
- Tuesday - 4 to 7pm, Primary & Secondary up to year 10
- Wednesday - 4 to 7pm, Primary
- Thursday - 4 to 7pm, Primary & Secondary up to year 10
- Saturday - 1 to 4pm, Primary & Secondary up to year 10

Earlwood Library - 4 to 7pm

- Monday - 4 to 7pm, Primary

Lakemba Library - 4 to 7pm

- Monday - 4 to 7pm, Primary & Secondary up to year 12
- Thursday - 4 to 7pm, Primary & Secondary up to year 12

Riverwood Library - 4 to 7pm

- Monday - 4 to 7pm, Primary
- Thursday - 4 to 7pm, Primary
This year’s Canterbury Girls High School Study Tour will be to Vietnam. Leaving on Sunday 28th September, 20 students will experience the spectacular sights, sounds, history and delicious foods of Vietnam. Students of history, geography, language, society & culture and hospitality will have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of this wonderful country and its people.

Day 1 Australia - Ho Chi Minh City
Fly from Australia to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to meet our guide and learn some basic Vietnamese: how to say hello, goodbye, thank you, etc... Settle into our hotel.

Day 2 - Ho Chi Minh City
Start the day with a walking tour of Ho Chi Minh City's wide boulevards with visits to the former Presidential Palace (now Reunification Hall) and many other significant cultural and historical sights.

Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels
Morning tour to Cu Chi to visit the amazing tunnel system built by Viet Cong soldiers during the Vietnam War.

Day 4 - Ho Chi Minh City Mekong Delta
Investigate one of the world's great river deltas. Begin in Vinh Long where we will board a boat to explore the floating market and call at Binh Hao Phuoc Island to visit orchards of tropical fruits and have lunch at a restaurant in the famous Bonsai garden. After lunch continue by boat to Vinh Long Town and back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Danang - Hoi An
We take an afternoon flight to Danang. Transfer via beautiful Non Nuoc Beach and the Cham Museum containing the finest collection of Cham sculpture in the world to the charming beachside town of Hoi An. En-route visit five sacred hills known as the Marble Mountains containing dozens of Buddhist shrines.

Day 6: Hoi An - My Son - Hoi An
Begin the day with a tour deep into the jungle 40km southwest of Hoi An to visit the ruins of My Son dating from the 7th - 13th centuries. The dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries were the centre of the Champa Kingdom. Return via Tra Kieu, formerly known as Simhapura or the Lion Citadel, the capital of Champa between the 4th and 8th centuries. During the afternoon visit a family-run lantern-making business, where we will have a chance to design our own lantern with the assistance of Vietnamese hosts and bring it home as a souvenir. Continue with a walking tour of Hoi An's narrow streets. Highlights include the Temples of Phuoc Kien and Quang Dong and the 16th-century Japanese Covered Bridge.

Day 7 Hoi An
Join a cooking lesson at the Red Bridge (Cau Do) restaurant by the river. Students will buy ingredients at the local market before taking a quick boat trip on the Hoi An River to the school, where they are treated to demonstrations of local specialties such as squid and pineapple salad, grilled eggplant and banh xeo (pancakes) before being let loose in the kitchen. Students will eat their creations for lunch.

Day 8 Hoi An - Danang - Saigon - Australia
Transfer to the airport in Danang for the flight back to Ho Chi Minh City to connect with the overnight flight home to Australia.

The cost for this fantastic tour is approximately $2,000 plus taxes and includes all airfares, accommodation, all transfers, guides, museum entries, cooking class, river transport and most meals. Students will be accompanied and supervised by Canterbury Girls High School staff. Departure is Sunday 28th September (the first Sunday of the Sept./Oct. school holidays) and we arrive back in Sydney on the following Monday 6th October.

Students interested in participating in the Study Tour should pick up an expression of interest form from Mr Bailey in the LOTE staffroom. A minimum number of 20 students are required for the trip to go ahead as outlined.
CAR BOOT SALE, BARBEQUE, COFFEE & CAKES, RAFFLE, MUSIC

Saturday 29 March, 10 am - 2 pm
School grounds - Minter St entrance

TURN YOUR TRASH INTO TREASURE! BAG A BARGAIN! RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL!

To hire a car space, call Trish 0408 491 950

LEAPS (Lawyers Encouraging and Assisting Promising Students) is a workplace learning program which matches students with potential to a lawyer who has volunteered to be a mentor. It is successful in assisting students to realise their abilities and talents at school and in the wider community. At CGHS the program has run since 2004. This year 17 students are taking part, all from Year 9. The legal firms their lawyers come from are DET Legal Services, Makinson d’Apice, Moray & Agnew and Hicksons, all city law firms dealing in a wide range of legal matters.

Below you see pictured the selected students just before their first of 15 fortnightly excursions to the city to visit their lawyer mentors in the workplace for a working lunch. The first meeting was based on the idea of discovering and developing your strengths. In the next meeting they are looking forward to a tour of the Department of Education and Training (DET) offices at Bridge St and meeting with people who work in the offices of the Director-General of Education. One of the DET Legal Services lawyers this year is ex-CGHS student and school captain Bessie Fainuu.

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

Invitation to Parents who play a Band instrument- come along and play with the School Band at the Car Boot Sale on Saturday 29.3.08 for an hour

Ring Clive Land Band Director 0404878847 to discuss Music
The following students were recognized as Academic High Achievers at Assembly on the 21st February:-

**YEAR 12, Outstanding Achievers in HSC**
- Ishani JAYAWEERA  DUX
- Muzna AL ABED  Jennan HAIDAR
- Olympia AVRAMIDIS  Ann JUNG
- Seemab AWAN  Martha MA
- Lily CHAU  Jessie McGill
- Zeinab CHOUCAIR  Bronwyn MILLER
- Alice CRAVEN  Madelyn THOMPSON
- Ninette DAHAN  April TRICASE
- Eleni DANIS  Sophie TZIOLAS
- Kim DUONG  Emmy YIANNOPOULOS
- Alix EDWARDS  Hui ZHANG
- Sarah FREITAS

**YEAR 12, Subject High Achievers**
- Elsa CHEUNG  Kate LENNOX
- Angelica CORRALES  Kim NGUYEN
- Joanne de VISSER  Alexandra
- Rachel DRAKE  PAPADOPOULOS
- Vanessa GIAMPIETRO  Katherine PEERS
- Victoria GIAMPIETRO  My Lin SAN
- Eun I (Annie) KO  Nancy SHOU
- Caitlin LALOR  Jacinda SINGH
- Beth LAM  Christine SZYSSKO
- Trang LE  Alexis WITHERS

**YEAR 11**
- Lauren SCOTT  DUX
- Laura SCHNERRING  2nd
- Svetlana COLBERT  3rd
- Lina LIANG  4th

**YEAR 10**
- Susan LE  DUX
- Ashanthi ABYEWARDENE  2nd
- Sarah CHOUCAIR  3rd
- Irina DIMA  4th

**YEAR 9**
- Pearl DADD-DAIGLE  DUX
- Theodora FOKAS  2nd
- Gabrielle CRAVEN  3rd
- Antonia PILIOS  4th

**YEAR 8**
- Amy YOON  DUX
- Humayra RABAB  2nd
- Debby LIMAN  3rd
- Chloe SMITH  4th

**YEAR 7**
- Karen HUANG  DUX
- Kia FERRELL  2nd
- Yanisa SAENGWATCHARAKUL  3rd
- Gabrielle NOUN  4th
Special Provisions for the HSC and SC

The Learning Support faculty is currently assessing students for eligibility to receive Special Provisions when they sit the Board of Studies School Certificate and Higher School Certificate exams in November. Students who experience learning difficulties, or who have an ongoing medical condition, may apply for extra time to complete exams and a reader and/or writer to assist them. The details of support received are noted on their Certificate. If you have any enquiries about your daughter’s eligibility for this support for external examinations please contact the Support Teacher Learning Mrs O’Sullivan at the school, without delay.

CAR BOOT SALE SPONSOR

We at Contours Dulwich Hill are excited to be able to support your school Car Boot Sale on the 29th March. Please visit us at our stand where we will offer you a 75% saving! Not only will you get a great deal and get fit, but for every person that joins on the 29th March we’ll donate $20 to Canterbury Girls High School.