Welcome to:-
New Deputy Principal, Mr Andrew Anderson and new ESL teacher Ms Alice Magoffin.

Congratulations to:-

- Gabrielle Craven, Yr 11, who gave a wonderful speech at the NSW DET Anzac Day celebrations. Gabby joins elite company- our own Ms Jane Slattery was the Anzac Day speaker in 1980; Minister Verity Firth was the speaker in 1991!!!!
- Gabby Craven, Pearl Dadd-Daigle, Danielle Barnett and Hannah Wales for display of sportsmanship that was unsurpassed at the Combined High School’s Triples Bowls Championship recently played at Taren Point.
- Komal Prasad, Year 11, who was runner up at the Rostrum Voice of Youth recently held at MLC (see report page 6)
- Our 2 Dance Ensembles who have been selected for the Regional Dance Festival.
- All students who competed with great spirit at the School Athletics Carnival.
- Eloise Jennings and Christina Schwartz, Year 10 selected for the State Dance Camp.

Best of luck to:

- 47 students competing in the Zone Cross Country this week.
- Haleema Shaikh and Gabby Craven, Yr 11, competing in the regional final for the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Award being held at CGHS on 15/5/09.
- All our dancers, choir and band members performing at Ashfield Mall on 26.5.09 as part of Education Week.

Thanks to:

- Mr and Mrs Tran from Hurlstone Park Newsagency for the recent Stationery donations.
- Ms Anderson and Mr Smith for recent donations of novels for the Library.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL
If you are happy to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of mailed please complete the form enclosed and return it to OFFICE A. All students will from now on have the newsletter emailed to their DET email address as well.
On April 9th Canterbury Girls finished Term 1 with an outstanding showcase of talent in the Performing Arts. Over 100 students performed in MADD Quest in group and solo performances in music, dance and drama. The quest was immensely entertaining and professionally presented thanks to the outstanding work of the stage and sound and lighting crew most ably guided by Ms Marquet, Ms Fisher and Ms Cateris.

All performances were judged by eight members of staff who evaluated the audience appeal, presentation quality and overall impact of each item. Our winners for 2009 are:

**Audience Choice Award** - "The Desi Girls"
Saheer Younas, Sabrina Rahman and Sadia Rahman (Dance).

**Exciting New Talent Award** - Year 7 Drama "Caught Red Handed" Molly Ulm, Maddie Kelly, Esra Hersli, Jazlyn Reynolds, Jessica Pereira, Tara Brett, Lauren Brett, Sabina Kamarados.

**Third Place Overall and Winner of the Music Category** - Valentina Priante and Chloe Gaffey with "Breakaway".

**Second Place Overall and Winner of the Dance Category** - "Fuse" Year 9 Dancers led by Priscilla Taimalolo Yr 11.

First Place Overall and Winner of the Drama Category - Yr 12 Drama Akesiu Poitaha, Emma Kennedy, Lauren Turner, Laura Faleo Siaki, Helen Pang, Andreia Passos, Zoe Withers, Candice Hodik, and Scarlett Papera.

Congratulations to all the winners and to all participants who were a joy to work with. We all look forward to our upcoming MADD Nights later this term and in Term 3.

Ms Jane Slattery Madd Quest Co-Ordinator
The most recent performance of the school band was a residency at the Combined Schools ANZAC Ceremony at the CHPRSL Club. The girls were proud to be given an opportunity to give something back to the community and to the club, one of the band’s principal sponsors. They performed three items culminating in a stirring rendition of the Australian National Anthem. Be sure to look out for the band performing at Ashfield Mall to celebrate Education Week on Tuesday 26 May.

This term we will be forging a promising new musical relationship with Ashfield Boys High School, including some joint rehearsals and a band camp in June.

At CGHS, students in the band program, elective music classes and interested year 7 students are eligible to receive instrumental tuition during school time. Students are currently learning clarinet, saxophone, piano, guitar, flute, trumpet, singing, percussion and drums.

**STRINGS PROGRAM**

Our Instrumental Music Program is expanding in term 2 to include strings. Instrumental lessons cost $30 per half hour and occur once a week. ANY students interested in learning the Violin (or any other instrument) need to see Mr. Wilkins for more information.

**Steve Wilkins, HT Administration & CAPA**

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE-REMINDER**

Please remember that all student absences need to be explained. If you receive an SMS that your daughter is absent from school please reply and let us know the reason. Alternatively please send a note with your student explaining the absence. Remember that in the case where students miss an official Assessment Task a Doctor’s Certificate needs to be supplied to the school.

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**“Day of Well Being”**

May 18, 2009

Dear Families and Caregivers,

On May 18 all students will take part in a day of student well being activities. Each Year group will follow a program of speakers, workshops and performances run throughout the day. Areas of the student well being curriculum to be covered will include: self esteem, body image, anti-bullying, anti-racism, anti-discrimination, resilience, coping and stress, positive relationships, making safe choices and reducing risk of harm.

**Included on the day’s program are:**

- **Motivational Speaker** – Armondo Hurley – with many years experience in schools and with Student Representative Councils and student leadership programs. Armondo will address the whole school and run workshops with each Year on the topics of anti-racism, anti-bullying and anti-discrimination. He will motivate and inspire you! ($5 per student)

- **Motivational Media Assembly** - this organisation selects an annual theme related to the general concept of resilience and produces a multimedia presentation using contemporary music, visuals and audio to portray positive messages to young people about life experiences and relationships. ($4 per student)

- **Class Act Theatre** – will perform 2 plays – *Bully Busters* (Yrs 7 & 8) and *Image Busters* (Yrs 9 & 10). ($5 per student) OR Years 11 & 12 **Special Guest Speaker** - Thea O’Connor – Keeping Happy & Healthy -this will cover topics of body image, self esteem, stress management and nutrition ($5 per student)

- **Elevate Education** – will run study skills seminars and presentations for each Year ($6 per student)

- **Ted Noffs Foundation** speaker Sarah Cox will present to all Years about keeping safe, reducing risk of harm and making safe choices ($5 per student)

- **Youth Liaison Officer** Janet Winn will present to all Years on the issue of cybercrime, cyberbullying and keeping safe online and with your mobile phone.

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Both the Gold and Blue Dance Ensembles have been successful in their audition for the Sydney Region Dance Festival. The Blue ensemble will be performing their piece “Negative Space” on opening night, Monday 15th June and the Gold ensemble will be performing “Night at the Museum” on Tuesday evening 16th June. Tickets for the performances are available through the Seymour Centre Box Office. 

Congratulations to all of the ensemble members who have all been working extremely hard to prepare for this event.

Ms Dennis & Ms Hunter

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

19.5.09 Zone Cross Country
26.5.09 Education Week Performance at Ashfield Mall
27.5.09 P & C Meeting (Cantabrian Hall)
27.5.09 Duke of Edinburgh Parent briefing in Cantabrian Hall at 6.30 p.m.
4 - 5.6.09 Year 10 Camp
15-16.6.09 Regional Dance Festival
24.6.09 Year 10 → Year 11 Subject Selection Parent Meeting 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.
24.6.09 P and C meeting
30.6.09 Parent Teacher Night - Years 8, 9 and 10
10.7.09 Last day of Term 2
28.7.09 Students return for Term 3
4.8.09 Parent Teacher Night-Years 7 and 11

Year 7 enthusiastically participated in a day of learning and fun that was run by the Science faculty on 3 April. There was also an egg decorating competition that resulted in some creative entries. Ms Yassmin’s planning of the day was outstanding. Albert Eggstein won the egg decorating competition.

Paul Copas ~ Head Teacher Science

Friday 3 April was Egg Day. Each class could participate in three activities. Our class had egg blowing first with Ms Yassmin and our second activity was the disappearing egg with Ms Di Chiara. Then we had the dare devil egg which was the most fun. We had to protect the egg with some materials we were given. Our group won by landing the egg on the target (well, next to the target). After lunch we had the egg and spoon race and then the egg catching. I got splattered with egg. It was fun!

Emily Zhang 7C
On 26 and 27 March, our History teachers organised a camp for Year 9 to Canberra. We had to be at school by 7:00 a.m. and everyone was excited. It was a four hour bus trip but it felt shorter because we were having so much fun on the bus. When we got to Canberra we went to the War Memorial. It was huge and the first place everyone went to was the toilet. I found the War Memorial very good and interesting with all the planes hanging from the roof and the stuffed animals. After that we went to new Parliament House. It was also very big. It was kind of interesting. We got a free drink and muesli bar. When we left we then got to the hotel we got our room keys and ran straight to our rooms and unpacked our stuff and our fridge was filled with junk.

Then we went to have dinner. Everyone didn’t like the food including our teacher. When we finished dinner we went to our rooms for about twenty minutes, then we went on a night tour. Me and Rachael lost our voices because we were singing for the whole two hours. We ended up at a very nice view probably the nicest I’ve ever seen. We took pictures then went to the hotel. We had to be in our rooms by 10:30 p.m. and we had to be out by 11:00 p.m., but we were up all night. I felt so sorry for Ms Houvardas because she was right next door and we kept her up. On behalf of Year 9 we would like to thank Ms Holden for letting us go and Ms Houvardas and Ms Tranter who had to put up with us for two days. It was a very memorable camp and I don’t think anyone will forget it.

Thank you
Maryanne Dimech, Yr 9

The things I most enjoyed about camp were going to Questacon and also going on the night tour to the lookout. It was really pretty. I also liked going to Old Parliament House because we got to sit in the real Senate and House of Representatives seats that real politicians actually sat in. At the hotel it was really fun also because from 9:00 p.m. until about 10:00 p.m. we were allowed to visit everyone’s rooms and play games and everything.

All up, camp was heaps of fun and our bus driver, Dennis, was heaps funny. It was a great trip and I’m thankful to all the teachers that we went.

Annie Edwards, Yr 9
On 2 April Caroline, Year 9 and I attended a Public Speaking Competition called Rostrum Voce of Youth which has been held for many years. This time the event was held at MLC Burwood. As I arrived to the venue my heart was thumping and I kept thinking in my head, 'I'm going to embarrass myself, what was I thinking of doing this again?' As I entered the school I was lost for words at how big the school was and thought to myself, 'WOW!!' Soon I registered my name and headed to the assigned room. Whilst on my way I bumped into a familiar face, Caroline and wished her luck as I headed off. When I entered the class room some of the competitors that were already there greeted me and asked me the basic question, 'Hi, how are you? What topic are you doing?' And the most often asked question, 'what school do you got to?' With that question I proudly answered 'Canterbury Girls High School, of course!!' It seemed when I did answer that question I had a blank response - none of them had heard of Canterbury Girls High School.

The hours had progressed to 4:30 p.m. and the chairperson greeted all the competitors, introduced himself and the two Rostrum Voice of Youth elected judicators and lastly explained the warning bells and went through the rules of the competition and so forth.

The first speaker progressed smoothly and absolutely without any faults within her speech. As I waiting for her to finish her speech I started to get nervous and shaky, by then I had convinced myself the more passion I present my speech with, the better and quicker I will get it over and done with. Soon my name was called out, my legs started to feel wobbly and I had this sudden urge to run out of the room, BUT, luckily I didn't. By the time my speech was nearing an end, the more passion I spoke with, the more I wanted to continue, but I couldn't or else I would have been penalised for going overtime, I soon ended with a positive and strong based ending, just under eight minutes - exact timing, 7 minutes and 49 seconds. ‘At last I thought, it’s over’

When the chairperson announced my name as runner up, at first I didn’t hear it and the girl next to me whispered "I think you got runner up". At that moment I still couldn’t believe it and I was speechless, even though I didn’t get first place I was happy and proud I came second.

This competition is great for all. It’s a way of boosting your self confidence and expressing your feelings and ideas about a topic that you’re most passionate about and interested in.

I would recommend public speaking to anyone. It’s a great experience to meet new people and to see what others the same age as you are thinking. Hopefully next year, more people will get involved and I’m eager to participate again.

Komal Prasad ~ Year 11

A Caring Cantabrian Girl Saved the Life of a Stranger. On Wednesday 18th March 2009 it was a normal day in the life of Joelle El-Areiji of Year 10. She went to ice skating, keen to expel her energy. At approximately 2 pm, Joelle noticed a girl from another school, sitting alone in the grand stand. She approached her and enquired “how are you?” The girl indicated that she had hurt her arm; somebody was about to fall and they grabbed her arm, breaking their fall. But in the process they hurt this girl’s arm that was already sore from a previous soccer injury.

Joelle called first aid and the girl’s teacher. Thinking on her feet, Joelle grabbed her own phone and dialled the girl’s father (the girl didn’t have credit), to inform him about the accident. Joelle then escorted her outside to the bus. But half way out the girl started to fall, and a friend of the girls called out, “she’s epileptic”. Joelle’s first aid skills jumped in and she supported the girl’s head, so that it wouldn’t hit the concrete. After a few minutes Joelle had the situation in hand and the girl recovered and went home happy.

Great work Joelle!

L. Moodie
Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal
Doorknock - Volunteers Needed

Each year The Salvation Army conducts its annual Red Shield Appeal. In 2009 this is scheduled to take place on Sunday May 24th. The Campsie Salvation Army needs collectors and the more they have, the quicker and better the job gets done. Where children are involved, they will be accompanied by a responsible adult. All volunteers must complete a pre-registration form and where adults are new to the Doorknock, they are also required to sign a declaration before taking part. The Campsie Corps need people to be available for approximately 3 hours on the Sunday morning. Please call the Campsie Salvation Army on 9718 7933 if you can help. Forms are available from Office A.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
SCHOOL COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June in more than 100 countries. The theme for 2009 is 'climate change and the broader consequences of environmental change, and what societies can do in response?' Do something this year to make a positive contribution to the environment - plant a tree in your backyard, refuse a plastic bag next time you go shopping or leave your car behind and join us on Sunday 7th for a family bike ride and picnic to Brighton Le-Sands along the Cook's River bike path. The ride is graded as easy and is approximately 40-50 minutes one way. We will stop at Brighton for a picnic lunch or you can visit one of the many cafes and restaurants, returning to school by 2pm.

Meet Mr Bailey in the school's Minter St. carpark at 11am. Make sure you have your helmet and that your bike is in good condition.

RSVP by calling the school ph: 9718 1805.

LOCAL TRAFFIC

Canterbury Council have advised us that the both the Church Street Crossing (outside the Public school) and the Princess Street Crossing will both be upgraded this year to a raised crossing to reduce the speed of motorists. Students are encouraged to use these crossings.

Parents are also reminded that Canterbury Council has been issuing fines for those motorists not obeying the Bus Zone signs before and after school.
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Senior Theatresports through to the State Semi Finals.

The Senior Theatresports Team has now reached the state semi finals after achieving a third place in Heat 1 of the Competition held on May 7th at North Sydney Girls High School. Scoring a near perfect 14 out of 15 in game 4 as the team hilariously committed a bank robbery in Paris, and retold Jack and the Beanstalk in the style of science fiction to also earn high points the team defeated talented state and private schools. The date of their semi final will be available shortly.

Don't forget May 21st at Canterbury Girls. Our Junior Theatresports Team will compete against six other schools to see if they can also earn a semi final position. A large home crowd audience really makes the night so put it in your diary and be there. 7 pm start!!

AWARENESS AND FUNDRAISING WALK FOR CROHN'S DISEASE.

Ben 13 (who attends Canterbury Boys High in Yr 8), is Katelyn's (Year 7) older brother. He was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease last year and in a way of thanking the team at Sydney Children's Hospital he walked from Newcastle to Sydney via the Great North Walk during Easter break. This adventure took 15 days. Below are links to Ben's website and to further information.

www.everydayhero.com.au/ben_power
www.ben-pooainttaboo.blogspot.com

TED NOFFS COUNSELLOR

Sarah Cox, Alcohol and other Drugs Counsellor, comes to the school each Friday from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, and is available to talk to students who:

* Have questions about alcohol, cigarettes or other types of drugs.
* Are concerned about the alcohol or other drug use of someone they know.
* Want accurate information.

Students can make an appointment by dropping in to the counsellor’s office in the library any time Friday morning. Sarah can talk to students one on one, with a friend, or in small groups, and the service is confidential.

The sky is the limit for Ria

By PIPER McDougall

At a High School competition the preparation is key. You must get a broad view of the entire city and move on to the next one, and on to the next one. The process is to be repeated.

Ria McDougall, a student at Canterbury Girls High School, is an aspiring mathematician and she is working on her project, “Mathematical Modelling of the Great Barrier Reef.”

Ria’s project is based on her research into the impact of climate change on the Great Barrier Reef. She has developed mathematical models to predict the future state of the reef under different climate scenarios.

Ria’s project has been selected for presentation at the prestigious International Conference on Mathematical Modelling and Applications, which will take place in London later this year.

High hopes... Canterbury Girls High school student Ria Anderson is hoping to progress to the next level.