CONGRATULATIONS TO:-  
• The newly inducted Student Representative Council, Prefects and School Captains.

2010 School Captains Marsha, Ivy, Christina and Priscilla.

• The 24 members of our school choir who sang at the Regional ‘Expanding Horizons’ concert held last week in the concert hall of the Opera House.

• 245 students who competed in Winter Grade Sport competition, showing outstanding sportsmanship.

• All students who participated in Drama, Music and Dance day and the MADD night. Excellent work- everyone involved should be proud of themselves, this was a wonderful celebration of student talent and lots of hard work in classes over the last few months.

• Madeleine Gill, Year 8 who will receive a Regional Deadly Award next week for dedication to learning and literature.

• Jessica Cox, Year 10, who was the Chairperson at the Regional Aboriginal students debate held at NSW Parliament House last week.

• Bring it On Dance group who stole the show at the recent competition at the Homebush stadium.

• Year 10 Debating team of Orani Abeyewardene, Lucy Chen, Nina Hill-Potter and Chloe Smith who are now Regional finalists in the Regional Debating competition, after easily dealing with the Sydney Boys team. We wish them well for the next round.

• Tournament of Minds team Casey Clarke, Ruby Paredes, Susan Su, Katty Qiu and Kate Zhuang who saved their best performance for the competition last weekend at Sydney Girls.

The whole school community wishes Year 12 the best of luck for the upcoming HSC exams. Year 12 completed their Trial HSC Exams in the weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3. They will receive their results over the next week or so and this will be an opportunity to reflect, discuss strengths and weaknesses with staff and plan to have an uninterrupted five weeks of focussed learning. It is expected that they complete Year 12 knowing that they have tried their best - no excuses. All Year 12 students have received a letter for parents outlining requirements for the next few weeks. Congratulations to all Year 12 students who have completed practical components of their courses and best of luck to all.

FAREWELL TO:  
Mrs Natalie Villa, leave us after 4 years as a Administrative Assistant. Natalie has spent the last 2 1/2 years supporting Ria Andriani, in year 12. She has been a fantastic asset and will be sadly missed. We wish her all the best and hope that she returns to CGHS when she recovers.
WELCOME TO:-
- Mr Ken Smith, newly appointed Technical Support Officer. This position is funded through the Federal government’s Digital Education Revolution funding and is a full time position for the life of the funding.

THANK YOU TO:-
- Parents Dimity, Ian, Tim, Jo, Trish, Don, Bernie, Sela and Muni for working hard at the recent gardening working bee. A new garden was built at the Minter street gates and the garden at the Princess street gates was given some new life.
- Susan Le, Mai Trieu, Helen Pang, Millie Phelan, Kia Ferrell, Ashanti Abeyewardene, Victoria Marsters and Tessa George who sold badges for Legacy at Campsie and Summer Hill stations to raise money for the families of fallen Australian soldiers. Tessa George blitzed the field in terms of marketing skills raising a wonderful $263.00 single handed. Overall the girls raised $700 for Legacy.
- All staff who supported Winter Grade sport teams with additional training and assistance.
- Ms Hunter who gave up many out of school hours for the Bring it On dance competition.
- Ms Cateris for the many after school hours preparing our singers for the Opera House.
- Ms Pokorny who has been devoting out of hours time to preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh program.
- All Performing Arts staff- Ms Slattery, Ms Strachan, Ms Dennis, Ms Mikhail, Ms Carmichael, Ms Boshell, Ms Hunter, Ms Fisher and Mrs Cateris for all the time and effort put in to the Dance, Drama and Music days as well as the MADD evening. Thanks to all other staff who assisted with additional supervision.
- Ms Marquet giving up her own time to take the TOM team.
- Ms Texier and Ms Caprin for putting together a great ART Show.
- Dave Ralph and Bob Pitt who have worked tirelessly over the last few months building various new facilities around the school including the Playfair Gym, new deck for the studio and a new deck surrounding the courtyard fountain.
- Year 11 Prefects 2010 who did a great job running a canteen at the MADD night. Thanks to P and C members who supported them.

NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
SRC 1.9.09-24.8.2010

Year 7  Year 8
Torika Cakaunitabua  Sarah Ahmad
Grace Forbes       Susan MacLeod
Marieta Katuke     Rebecca Merrick
Molly Ulm          Ruby Paredes

Year 7 and 8 SRC members

Year 9  Year 10
Carol Huang       Sera Gulbag
Gabby Noun        Anne Huang
Lisa Tran         Debby Liman
Helen Wang        Amy Yoon

Year 11 Prefects
Christina Sanchez Marsha Vasales
Ivy Tran          Gabrielle Craven
Lucy Abdallah     Chloe Gaffey
Linda Do          Sisilia Hui
Helen Hoang       Amy Lin
Su Ling Lee       Divya Narayan
Ana Ly            Valentina Priane
Antonia Pilios    Nancy Tran
Lia Spiliotopoulos
Mary Vlachos

September, 2009  LEAD THE CHALLENGE
LEADERSHIP>EXCELLENCE>ACHIEVEMENT>DIVERSITY
ENHANCING STUDENT SAFETY

The school has implemented changes to further enhance student safety. During recess and lunch periods, all school gates will now be locked. This will preclude outsiders entering the school grounds, and deter girls from leaving the school grounds during breaks.

The main gate outside Office A will remain open at all times. All entry into and out of the school should be through this gate only. This will enable the front office staff to monitor people entering and leaving the school.

Students are not able to leave the school grounds at any time to purchase food from local shops. Students should bring their lunch with them each day or be provided with money to purchase food from the school's canteen. The school has a duty of care to supervise students between the hours of 8.40am and 3.10pm each day - if students remove themselves from the school's supervision they place their safety at risk.

MOBILE PHONES

The school’s Mobile Phone Policy promotes responsible student use. Students are able to use their mobile phones before and after school and during recess and lunch. No phone is to be taken out in the classroom under any circumstance - if a teacher sees a phone during class time, the phone is to be confiscated and handed to the Deputy Principal for collection after school.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact their daughter urgently, they should contact the front office on 9718 1805, who will pass on the message.

The school seeks the support of all students, parents and caregivers in promoting the responsible use of mobile phones.

ASHFIELD BOYS VISIT CANTERBURY GIRLS

It was a typical winter’s afternoon in August when 28 International Students from Ashfield Boys High School arrived at the Cantabrian Hall. 20 International Students from our school were already seated, anxiously waiting for someone to break the ice between the two distinct groups at opposite ends of the hall.

Then in came some members from the SRC. They got everyone squealing and running with a game of ‘Fruit Salad’. We were divided into groups named after fruits. We had to find another seat when our ‘fruit’ was called out or we just shuffled ourselves around when someone shouted the magic term - Fruit Salad. Things started to get interesting when Ms Tranter, unsatisfied that guys and girls were still in groups, added another rule: “You have to sit with at least one person of the opposite sex next to you.” By the end of this activity, everyone was laughing and panting at the same time.

Next activity on the list was ‘Getting to Know You’. The boys formed an outside circle with us girls forming an inner circle. Facing each other, we were handed out sheets for us to fill in by the SRC. We had to question our partner boldly to fill in the spaces on the paper. There were a lot of awkward silences but as the activity continued and we rotated, everybody was buzzing questions back and forth and busy jotting information down, in fear of being the next victim for ‘Random Questioning’ by the SRC members.

International students from CGHS and ABHS
After two interesting ice-breaking activities, two members from Ashfield Boys SRC delivered their speech about their role as International Students in the SRC. They then presented our lovely International Students’ Coordinator, Ms Tranter, with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Their speeches were followed by a Korean dance from some of our Korean background girls, a vocal and guitar performance from one of the guys and a rap song by another Ashfield Boys student. These performances received a hearty applause from everyone present.

As the saying goes “all’s well that ends well”. We mingled around with everyone whilst having our tea and filling in our email addresses. At 5:00 p.m. we cleaned up the hall as it was time to go. It was a pleasant experience for all and we hope that there will be more similar socialising activities in the future.

**MEETING MUMMIES**

Year 7 went on an excursion to the Nicholson Museum at Sydney University. It was a great experience because we were able to get in contact with materials from Ancient Egypt, which we had studied in class.

We saw Egyptian mummies and were ‘grossed out’ by the mummified hands, heads and cats. Those with weak stomachs had to turn away. We were also allowed to be archaeologists for a day as museum guides allowed us to carefully handle and sketch precious artefacts.

The highlight of the day was the campus tour because we got to see how stressed out Uni students were able to express themselves in the very colourful "Graffiti Tunnel".

Yr 7 would like to thank all of the HSIE teachers for allowing us to be transported into different worlds without having to catch a plane.

**Digital Education Revolution (DER)**

The first phase of the new wireless installation has been completed in the Library and A Block. We now await the second phase for the remaining parts of the school. When this is complete, Year 9 students will receive their new laptops. A great deal of planning has already taken place, particularly by staff in the English, Maths, Science and HSIE Faculties who have been experimenting with lessons for online learning for term 4.

A Year 9 Information Evening for parents and students will be held on Wednesday 23.9.09 at 6.00 pm to explain the qualities of the laptops, their possible uses and the DET and school policy on cyber bullying. No student will be issued with a laptop if the User Charter agreement is not signed by students and parents.

**FLYER ENCLOSED FOR YEAR 9**
This has been reprinted for parents concerned about Years 7 and 8 students using Wikipedia only for research

HOW TO ACCESS “My Library” WEB ENQUIRY: (for students)
You should use “My Library” to check the C.G.H.S. catalogue before searching anywhere else.

1. Logon to the computer with your username e.g. jbloggs and password.
2. Click on the Firefox or Safari icon to access the DET Portal using your Internet username e.g. jane.bloggs and password.
3. Click on the “My Library” link listed under Wikipedia in the Search Box on the left of your DET Portal homepage.
4. Search the catalogue to find books, articles, videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs and websites on your topic.
5. Click on the Title of an item for more details; click on the hotlinked URL for access to catalogued websites.
6. Ask Library staff for help with search strategy if you need it.
7. Note that you can consult “My Library” from home as well - just find the DET Portal by searching www.google.com.au for “DET portal” and following the instructions above.

Advantages of using “My Library” rather than the WWW:

- Resources chosen for the CGHS Library Collection are directly related to topics and curriculum studied in our classrooms; recreational resources and fiction material are chosen to suit our school community and support the user needs of adolescent girls.
- Websites are specifically chosen to support the needs and interests of our students.
- All catalogued websites are directly accessible through a hotlinked URL (website address) at the end of each item record.
- Less time is wasted scrolling through the millions of results provided by a Google search to find what is relevant and useful.
- It is easier for students to find information when they often have little idea of search strategy or the critical literacy skills to evaluate the results they get from a general WWW search.
- Students are referred to resources in a range of formats including texts, videos, DVDs, electronic resources and websites. They can choose the format they wish to use, or use a variety of sources.

OUTSTANDING NETBALL VICTORY!!!
On Wednesday, 26th August, 2009 the Netball A open team endeavoured to play their grand final against Blakehurst High School. We were going to the game as the underdogs having lost our first five games of the season and then not playing another 4 games in the season because of bad wet weather. We were all very excited but quite nervous at the same time because we all knew it would be a tough game. The girls had trained really well and were well prepared for the game. From the first minute that Lilian took the centre pass I could tell that Canterbury Girls were going to give Blakehurst a run for their money! They were running all over Blakehurst and the heat was not going to make them give up. At half time were winning 12 to 6 and one of the Blakehurst dads came up to me and said "your girls are definitely better than ours and you will probably win it!" How right he was! Canterbury ended up defeating Blakehurst 29 points to 16.

Netball Victors
It was a fantastic game and could not have been achieved without excellent teamwork, determination, perseverance and of course our volleyball cheer squad. The girls have been an absolute pleasure to coach this season and have
displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the whole season. I am really proud of them. I also want to add that this is the fourth consecutive year that we have won the grand finals in netball and the girls deserve their outstanding efforts! I will sadly miss my year 11 girls Edin Akai, Lilian Faau, Rosa Framhein and Mareta Reva who have stuck with the team for the four years and will possibly not be playing next year because they will be in year 12.

I have no doubts that the rest of the team will step up and continue to be just as outstanding. (Looking forward to the netball knockouts next year!) Open A netball team consisted of: Edin Akai, Lilian Faau, Rosa Framhein, Aumea Framhein, Melenaite Kupu, Akaiti Pakari, Tuakana Pakari and Mareta Reva.

Mrs Michos

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

The Winter Competition for Volleyball was an arduous struggle for victory in 2009. The Open teams, both A and B, came up against some tough competition. With determination and teamwork both teams remained dominant throughout the season, the B’s remaining undefeated.

Both teams fought valiant battles in the Semi Finals: the B’s faced Penshurst Girls High School and the A’s faced Moorefield Girls. The Grand Finals saw the B’s victorious over Kingsgrove High School and the A’s victorious over Kogarah High School.

Congratulations girls. You are all champions! Your victories were well deserved.

Ms Strachan

GRADE VOLLEYBALL ~ UNDER 15’S A AND B TEAMS

Congratulations to both teams who played a terrific round of volleyball this season. A special mention goes to the A team who made it to the finals on Wednesday 26/8/09. All the girls played brilliantly and only just missed out on the championship which was won by Kingsgrove North.

Both the A and B players have developed many new skills and have played well as a team. Good luck for the upcoming season.

Mrs Makary

Leaving school – what then?

You may be feeling a bit ‘out of the loop’ if you have a child in their last year of school. Or perhaps you feel anxious because they don’t have a clear idea of what they want to do when they leave school or unsure about how to initiate this discussion with them. The latest issue of School Parents magazine has lots of ways you can support your child at this crucial time in their life. Read the article at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Surviving cyberbullies – what parents need to know

With all the media surrounding cyberbullying, you might be wondering how to protect your student. Many young people rely on technology for their social life and won’t risk telling you about cyberbullying if they think you’ll restrict their access to the computer or phone.

Make it clear you won’t. Also reinforce the Stop, Block, Tell message:

• Stop: Tell your young person NEVER respond to the bully. Instead, they should take some time out from the conversation to calm down and talk to you.

• Block: Block the bully and limit communication to close friends. Keep the evidence but contact the site administrator and ask for the abusive comments to be removed - this will stop your young person re-reading and re-living the abuse.

• Tell: One of the most effective things you can do is report bullying to the site administrator. Also tell the school principal. And report it to the police. Be aware that older people are preying on the vulnerability of the young online.

Keep computers and mobiles in an open area of the house and not in bedrooms. Late night messages – good or bad – don’t allow young people to get enough sleep to function well at school or socially. Read the full article at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click
ART SHOW PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS

People’s Choice
Year 11 Jocelyn Yoo

Other Visual Art News

1. Best of luck to Sui Fong Fung, Year 9, with her entry in the Google Art Competition entitled “Bright Australia.”

2. Congratulations to Jocelyn Yoo, Year 11, who was accepted into the National Art School for a 1 unit course in drawing. She will be completing this in the October holidays.

People’s Choice
Year 12 Jia Gu

Best in Show
Susan Le, Yr 12
Recently, the Cybersmart Schools’ Gateway was launched by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) as part of the new Cybersmart website (www.cybersmart.gov.au).

The Cybersmart website represents a single access point for cybersafety advice across a range of target audiences including children, parents, libraries and schools. The website is about keeping safe and smart online and provides cybersafety education and awareness for children, young people and parents.

Cybersmart features news, resources and information about current cybersafety issues and provides practical advice about how to deal with them. The site includes:

- comprehensive and practical advice for parents
- interactive learning activities for children
- information about safe social networking for teens.
- a link to the Cybersmart Online Helpline for young people who have had negative experiences online, such as cyberbullying.

The Helpline service is operated by Kids Helpline.

The Cybersmart Schools Gateway offers a wide range of resources for teachers, including guides to assist schools address cybersafety issues, information about how children and young people of different ages engage with online technologies (including videos of children explaining their use), extensive teaching resources and links to education department guidelines. The site also hosts cybersafety materials for library staff.

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