CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

• 2011 SRC Executive: Carol Hoang President; Sarah Ahmad Vice President; Susan McLeod Secretary; Yanisa Saengwatcharakul Treasurer.

• Successful Number Crunchers competitors – (see report page 3).

• Our 12 School Spectacular dancers - watch out for them on ABC TV.

• All Summer Sport Grade students (see report page 2).

• The 16 girls from the Hip Hop Group and the Band who braved a very hot day and performed on McHappy Day at the Hurlstone Park McDonalds.

• Students who successfully auditioned for the 2011 School play NARRATORS-Kasey Clarke; Lauren Cazar; Scout Eastment; Sarah Jeffrey; Maddie Kelly; Rebecca Merrick; Ruby Paredes; Rosie Schofield; Molly Ulm; SKELLIG-Katherine Pech; MUM-Tonni Natale; MINA-Rosie Baxter.

• Kasey Clarke, Year 9, who is currently performing in a Sydney Theatre Company youth production: Desiree Din and the Red Forest.

• Year 9 students who have successfully graduated from the 2010 LEAPS program.

• All Year 10 students have excelled themselves at work experience and learnt some new life skills.

• All families who have donated Coles vouchers for redeeming of sports equipment. 2,800 vouchers were collected and we will have confirmation of what sporting equipment we receive very soon.

• All families who have donated tinned food for Exodus Christmas Drive.

• P and C members for the ongoing support of the school.

• Rotary Campsie for the recent donation towards assisting students.

• Lowes Campsie for their recent donation towards student assistance.

• All students who have donated Uniform items.

• 19 Lawyers from the Department of Education and Training, Moray and Agnew, Makinson d’Apece and Hicksons for giving up time to participate in this year’s LEAPS mentoring program with Year 9 students.

• The following organisations and individuals for recent donations of goods and time for the Cooks River Clean Up:
  • Canterbury/Hurlstone Park RSL Club.
  • Charlie’s Pizzeria & Bakery Canterbury.
  • Goldland Jewellery Shop Bankstown.
  • Eszter Hidas from Canterbury Council for assistance.
  • Peter Munro from the Mud Crabs.

BEST OF LUCK:-

• Year 12 students with decisions about the future.

• Lulu Lucas, Year 9 who is off to France for 5 months on student exchange.
Staff Farewells

We wish the following staff all the best in whatever new challenge they take up:

Mrs Cheryl Beatty, Head Teacher Mathematics retires this month after 29 years in the teaching service. Mrs Beatty has taught at Wilkins HS, Leichhardt HS and CGHS, as well as being a consultant for DET. Thank you Mrs Beatty for your wonderful work leading the Mathematics faculty.

Mrs Manal Makary, HSIE teacher is transferring to Sylvania HS after 12 years at CGHS. Mrs Beverley Hargreaves, school counsellor also departs after 12 months to the south coast. Mr Qeefa An, Korean teacher, who returns to his Community Liaison position in North Sydney.

Summer Grade Competition

The 2010 St George Zone Summer Grade Competition was another sporting success for Canterbury Girls High School with about 190 girls competing in 21 teams. Canterbury Girls High entered teams in Volleyball, Oz Tag, Softball, Mini Soccer and Table Tennis in all age groups.

From the 21 teams who competed in the competition, 16 made it through to the semi-finals. This year the competition was particularly fierce at this level but our 1st, 2nd and 15A Volleyball teams made it through to the Grand Final with our 2nd grade team being victorious on the day.

Congratulations to all girls who took part in St George Zone Winter and Summer Grade competitions this year and we look forward to an even more competitive 2011.

Ms Delmas

Year 11 Camp

Stanwell Tops Conference Centre provided great memories and a great camp for our Year 11, 2010. Leaving on the 3 November, we enjoyed three days of testing activities and sleepless nights! On arrival, we enjoyed an inspirational seminar from Ms Matos and Ms Tyral, encouraging us to change negative attitudes into positive and inspiring us to propel forward with positive attitudes towards our HSC.

Over the three days, we participated in a range of testing activities, the giant swing, the leap of faith, survivor, mission impossible, high ropes and go-cart.

These activities pushed us out of our comfort zones and were a ‘representation of life’s journeys, struggles and risks we need to take in order to achieve our goals’. All of which we tackled and succeeded! At Canterbury Girls, we really do take the challenge!

Each night brought about fun and interesting team building activities. Wednesday night was newspaper dress-ups; we saw some, shall we say, interesting assortments of dress ups. These included newspaper costumes such as cowboys, brides, nurses, aliens and underwater creatures.

Thursday night saw a very competitive trivia competition. Little did I know how animated and loud a group of mature, senior girls could become from answering a few questions! Then after each activity, the night ended with a Canterbury Girls styled dance party! The perfect way to calm down (or hype up) before going to bed.

Soon the time came and our last camp ever, was over. As I end this article I would just like to say on behalf of the girls, a huge thank you to Ms Mawassi, Ms Kadri and Ms Salakas for taking us on the camp, putting up with us through heated trivia games and for providing us with hilarious photos of them falling off various apparatus, that will make it on facebook! (kidding). Also a big thank you to the wonderful Ms Liu for organising a great camp! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Caitlin Jurd, Year 11
Mel Capuano, Year 9, speaking at the LEAPS Graduation

Number Crunchers

On 26 October, our school and 4 of our local primary schools came together for the final of the Number Crunchers competition. Previously, each school had to select the top 5 from Year 6 or Year 7 students from elimination rounds. Then in the final to a packed Cantabrian Hall, these students were then individually given mental arithmetic questions – (that’s right, all working out done in their head!) to find the top 2.

Congratulations to Christina Pan and Mandy Chen from Canterbury Public, Vituja Chandralingram and Lydia Schulz from Canterbury South, Veronica and Zhang from Ashbury, Khang Lam and Oksana Ahmadzai from Croydon Park and Shuqing Huang and Tiana Pelaia from CGHS.

Also, open to any student, was a competition to complete a Rubik’s cube in the fastest time and memorising $\pi$ to as many places as possible. Only 2 were chosen from all the schools, with the winners for Rubik’s being Maks Zak from Croydon Park and our own Sue Qi. We were all mesmerised with the contestants for $\pi$ as Ly Lien from Year 8 went to 140 places and Christina Pan from Canterbury went to an astonishing 200 places. Rumour has it that Ly can memorise to 240 places, so we wish her well on the day.

Sue Qi, Third in the region at Rubiks Cube

Shuqing Huang and Ly Lien

All contestants received cinema tickets, kindly donated by Greater Union at Burwood. They will also compete in the grand final on 22 November at the Powerhouse Museum against about 15 other schools. The event will be hosted by Adam Spencer and televised. We wish them all the best.

Marion Gifford
Number Crunchers Co-ordinator
Cooks River Clean Up

It was Friday 22 October and the day had turned out bright and sunny. An enthusiastic group of students from Canterbury Girls High School and Canterbury Boys High School turned up at Tasker Park armed with rubber gloves and gum boots, bags and tongs. The students sloshed through the mud and picked a myriad of unusual and disgusting pieces of rubbish including plastic, metal, cloth, tyres and even an extinguisher along the banks of the river. The work was hot and tiring but the final outcome was most satisfying. In the end they had collected over 50 large bags of rubbish, 8 tyres, an assortment of pipes and the fire extinguisher. It was a great day the students gained a real feeling of achievement and enjoyed contributing to the benefit of their environment and the community.

I would like to thank you on behalf of our schools for supporting us in our efforts.

Tracy Jones
Science Teacher, Canterbury Girls High

“Cleaning Up the Cooks River”-
Canterbury Girls Green Dear

On the 22 October, Canterbury Girls Green Dear went to Tasker Park with Canterbury Boys environmental club. When we arrived we were all shy to meet students from another school and we were regretting coming. We listened to a talk from Peter Munro of the Mud Crabs and Esther from Canterbury Council who told us about what we were going to do and also how important the Mangroves are to the health of our rivers.

Next we put on our gumboots and gloves. We took some tongs to pick up the rubbish and armed with a large white bag we set off for the river’s edge. As soon as we got to the river we started cleaning and stopped being so shy which was good. The adventure began it was dirty, soggy and smelly. Some of us got stuck in the oozy mud and had to be rescued it was very stressful but great fun. All the students got along well and helped each other.

We had never experienced anything like this in our lives. After we cleaned up we had lunch and at the same time we got to rest. We were going to go back and clean up some more but we had run out of bags, so we got to go home early which was cool. In the end we collected over 50 bags of rubbish, about 8 tyres, old bits of plastic pipe and other things that we couldn’t identify. The part of the river we worked on looked great and we felt happy with our achievement.

I would like to thank every student who participated and all the teachers who came to supervise and help us clean.

By Jessica Khan
Year 7

The combined work team from CBHS and CGHS at the Cooks River
Year 10 ESL Bridging Course

During weeks 7 and 8 this term, 32 enthusiastic ESL students experienced the pleasures of two weeks’ work placement and took part in an intensive literacy course! Working with Miss Bae, Mrs Mavris, Ms Magoffin and Mrs O’Sullivan the students covered topics as diverse as concept mapping, note taking skills, listening, reflective writing and assessment task analysis.

The students enthusiastically embraced all aspects of the course and made significant improvements in their speaking, listening, reading and writing. It wasn’t all hard work though. Lots of positive reinforcement in the form of lollies, an Aussie style barbecue and an excursion to the city and the Justice and Police Museum helped keep everyone interested and well informed! Thank you Year 10 ESL students for being so conscientious and engaged. It has been a pleasure to teach this group and we are looking forward to holding the bridging course again next year.

Korean language News

2010 Korean Language Performance Contest
Jina (Yin-yu) Chang Y7 has been awarded Fourth Place among more than 100 participants in this contest.
Congratulations Jina!
This contest was organised by the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and the University of New South Wales.
CGHS is the best school in the contest in terms of participants. These are the girls who have received a Certificate of Special Participation with a $20 book voucher.

Eliva Andriamora Y7, Ashley Chang Y8, Hyunh Uyen Vy (Vicky) Nguyen Y7, Wence Buenacosa Y9, Angela Mo Y9, Morgan Poomako Y7, Annisa Suprianto Y7, Joy Lumanauw Y7, Tania Durham Y7

Korean Education Director’s Award
The following girls have received a Certificate of Congratulations with $20 book voucher for their outstanding achievement in Korean Language Study.

Eunyoung Choi Y9, Angela Mo Y9, Jong-Mi Park Y9, Adelaide Phan Y7, Jennifer Kusuma Y7, Bo Mi Kim Y7, Katie Chung Y7, Tania Durham Y7, Annisa Suprianto Y7, Eliva Andriamora Y7

Choonpa Korean Language Scholarship
Sun Min Lee Y7 and Mari Kawata Y7 have received a Certificate of Achievement with a $50 book voucher for their outstanding work in Korean Language Study.

ATTENTION all Year 10 and Year 12 Students
Recycle that no longer needed uniform
Return all uniform items in good, clean condition so that someone else can use them - drop them off to Office A.
Aboriginal Education Student Day

On Monday 15 November, members of the region’s Aboriginal Education team met with our Aboriginal students at the school to undertake activities relating to health, culture and identity, in order to support students’ engagement with learning.

In an attempt to enhance school and community partnerships, each girl was asked to invite one female relative to participate with them in the day’s activities.

The day proved to be most enjoyable for all concerned. All participants welcomed the opportunity to undertake activities which enhanced their understanding of Aboriginal issues, as well as the opportunity to learn about the support available to them at a regional level. Students were also able to raise issues that were important to them.

On Tuesday 7 December, a follow up day will be held in which students, family members and teachers participate in the development of a Personal Learning Plan for each student in 2011.

I would like to thank the regional Aboriginal Education Team and student family members who participated in this day. Most importantly, I would like to thank the following students for their valued participation:

Jeanine Breckenridge
Keyarn Clifford
Jessica Cox
Tahnee Duff Wright
Dana Duke
Madeleine Gill
Keseva Ketchell

Andrew Anderson
Deputy Principal

Melissa Kamara and her Lawyer and local John Murn
Year 9 Food Technology Contest –
Friday 29th October
Chaos erupted on the Friday morning as two food classes battled for the position of first place. We had recipes being cooked from all over the world, from India to Switzerland to Korea.
The clock slyly skipped countless minutes and we began to hurry our previously relaxed selves as we were halfway through. It felt like being on Masterchef! Our Food Tech teacher, Mrs Ormanci felt victorious already, thus boosting our self-esteem.

Little did we know our mishaps were just beginning, luck seemed to turn against us. Our cake was half baked, the cream was runny and even our strawberries were sour. And there we stood, feeling hopeless and lost. And that’s when we really started to panic. To make matters worse, one of our team members disappeared. Even though we had our problems, everyone else seemed to have them as well, as everyone was scattered around the Food Labs – C2 and C5.
Our saviour, Mrs Ormanci released us from our misery and with her guidance; we were able to finish our sponge cake. Afterwards, our two-layer Swiss Strawberry Sponge Cake filled with deluxe lightly fluffed whipped cream, topped with juicy succulent strawberries was finally finished.
In the end, the two Year 9 Food Technology classes came together and placed around 10 proud dishes, filled with pride and diversity, in front of the 40 hungry students who were eager to gobble it up and of course, to vote. We left the Food Tech room filled with relief, excitement and the taste of the food still lingering on our tongues. Thank you to Mrs Ormanci and Mrs Kastanias for their support on the day.

By: Dear, Lillian and Leeanne 9FTY

Number crunchers winners from CGHS, CBHS, Canterbury South PS, Ashbury PS

Dates for 2010

Formal lessons finish on 9.12.10
Picnic day for 7,8,9,11, 10.12.10
Recognition Day Years 7-11 13.12.10
Last day of school for students Years 7,8,9,11, 15.12.10

Important dates for 2011

Year 7,11,12, Day 1 Monday 31.1.2011
Year 8,9,10, Day 1 Tuesday 1.2.2011

Please also refer to the calendar on the school website for important dates for 2011
School Fees 2011

Thank you to all families who have continued to pay off subject fees across the year. The payment of Voluntary Contributions has been down this year and we would encourage any family who can afford to pay any part of voluntary contributions to do so. Without Voluntary Contributions many resources and services offered to students would have to be cut.

If your student has any outstanding payments due for excursions and/or ensembles, these are due now. Included in this newsletter are next year’s fee schedules. Again we encourage families to pay off costs across the year.

In 2011 the only excursion that can be paid across the year is for camps. One day excursions must be paid before the excursion, or the student cannot attend.