Congratulations to:-
• Year 7 Writing Competition winners:  
  Keyarn Clifford 7C, Imogen Smith 7N  
  Morgan Poumako 7C
• All students who had their 2009  
  Academic Achievements recognised on  
  the 19th February.
• Bulou Waqaliva from Yr 9 who was  
  selected to play in the Sydney East  
  Regional Volleyball team.
• Age Champions for Swimming:  
  12yrs: Alison Cooper & Rayane Hasna  
  13yrs: Katelyn Power  
  14yrs: Tara Brett  
  15yrs: Martina Bolding-Ciccarelli  
  16yrs: Linda Tran  
  17yrs: Caitlin Jurd
• Volleyball Knockout team who made it  
  through to semi final stage.
• Open Basketball knockout team who  
  made it through to the regional semi finals.
• Tennis knockout team who have  
  progressed through to the next round after  
  beating Penshurst Girls 6-0.
• Aoi Hallam, Yr 9 selected in the NSW  
  Wind Ensemble for the third year, Helen  
  Eade, Yr 11 selected in the NSW Senior  
  Singers for the seventh year and Xannie  
  Gal, Yr 8 selected in the Sydney Regional  
  Choir.
• The 17 Year 9 students who have taken  
  up the challenge of completing the LEAPS  
  program in 2010.

Thank you to:-
• Mary Vlachos and Lia Spiliotopoulo for  
  representing CGHS at the Zonta Women’s  
  Club International Women’s Day breakfast
• Craig Forbes who has spent many hours  
  repairing and maintaining our percussion  
  instruments.
• Parents Doug, Skye and Kevin for  
  speaking at Open Night.
• Community members acting as literacy  
  tutors - Dan Meehan, Zofie Paine,  
  Lauren Walker.
• Mr Kazzi for organising a very successful  
  School Photo day.
• The Flowers family for donations of  
  equipment for the Hospitality kitchen.
• Parents - Lival, Michael, Shani, Anne,  
  Paul, June, Karin, Susie, Dimity, Ian,  
  Sandra and Tim who volunteered time for  
  the gardening working bee last weekend.
• Ms Pokorn, Mrs Jenkins and Ms Love  
  for giving up time to attend the Year 7  
  Camp.
• Ashanti Abeyewardene, Year 12 2009 for  
  her great speech on Academic  
  Recognition Day. This has been reprinted  
  on our website in the downloads section.
• Irene Baghoomions, Lecturer Sydney  
  University in Human Rights Law for her  
  great speech on Academic Recognition  
  Day. Irene’s speech is on our web site in  
  the downloads section. (Picture below)

Best of luck to:-
• Caitlin Jurd who is competing at the  
  National Surf Lifesaving titles in  
  Queensland.

Irene Baghoomions
We travelled to Milson Island by bus and ferry for our Year 7 camp. First there was lunch, and then we headed off to our first activity. Over the next 3 days we experienced the high and low ropes course, damper making over an open fire, boomerang throwing, helping out in the camp kitchen, raft building, giant swing, canoeing and night activities with instructors.

It was hard deciding which activity was our favourite, because they were all great. We even got to go to the pool in our free time. Milson Island was a great place for camp because we didn't have to travel too far but we felt we were miles away from the city. We made new friends and got to know each other a lot better. We were really tired when we came back, but it was worth it. Ms Pokorny, Ms Love and Mrs Jenkins were really supportive and we want to thank them for taking us....we hope Ms Pokorny will take us on camp again next year!

By Caitlyn Wright, Grace Drummond, Ingrid Aujard & Eva Baxter, Yr 7

ATTENTION: Year 10 and 12 parents
Any student who feels she is eligible for special provisions for the School Certificate or the Higher School Certificate, please see Mrs O’Sullivan as soon as possible. Special provisions allow students to, access extra time or a reader or a writer for their examinations. Special provisions are granted by the Board of Studies. If a medical, learning or emotional difficulty has been instrumental in harming the student’s learning programme then an application should be made, once the student has seen Mrs O’Sullivan to confirm eligibility. Mrs O’Sullivan ~ Learning Support
Matthew Parker
Originally from Queensland, Matthew started his professional music studies in Classical music studying solo and orchestral trumpet performance with John Foster (Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Australian Baroque Brass) whilst completing a Bachelor of Music majoring in Classical Performance. He then went on to study jazz improvisation with Warwick Alder (Sydney Conservatorium). Coming from his roles as Band Coordinator at Ashfield Boys High, musical director of the Gold Coast City Brass Band and Drum Corp and experience leading and playing with various professional ensembles, Matthew is looking forward to establishing a well respected and enjoyable band program at Canterbury Girls High School.

Performing Arts Extra Curricular Groups rehearsal times:

Band - Thursday 7.30 am - 8.30 am – Mr Parker

Percussion - Thursday Lunch – Ms Flannery

String Ensemble - rotating roster on Thursdays during p1-4 - Ms Flannery

Year 7 dance technique class on Wednesday mornings from 7.45 to 8.45 am. – Ms Dennis

Both Dance ensembles – during Sport - Ms Hunter and Ms Dennis

Hip-Hop group Thursday after school - Ms Hunter

Musical theatre/tap group Friday Lunch - Ms Hunter

Choir - Tuesday lunchtime - Mrs Cateris

A Debating team for each year and a Senior and Junior Theatresports teams are also both now underway.

RESERVE the NIGHT
CGHS P and C

TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY 26TH JUNE, 2010
7.00 pm start
Lots of great prizes
So what exactly have the Prefects done since the beginning of the year?

On their first day of high school, Year 7 were allocated their own personal GPS system aka the prefects. For the first few days of term, the prefect body picked up, dropped off and manoeuvred the Year 7’s from room to room, making sure they wouldn’t get lost.

Open night presented another challenge for the prefect body where we were allocated potential new Year 7 enrolments and their parents for 2011. Acting as tour guides, the prefects were questioned, queried and happily answered the various questions of the parents.

Following Open Night, the prefects once again took on roles as ‘leaders’, allocating seats to previous high achievers from Year 12, parents and prize-winning students into the MPC. Our school captains successfully chaired the assembly and helped to celebrate the great work done by all high achievers in 2009. The Prefects then escorted guests and students to a sumptuous morning tea. Shortly after, the four co-captains set off to a ceremony at Angel Place for a celebration of Public Education and the beginning of the school year at a meeting with Dr Phil Lambert, the Sydney Regional Director of public schools.

The swimming carnival day came along and the prefect body was filled with excitement that this was our last. With our own personal beauty salon, undercover fruit selling business and fantastic sales skills the prefect body managed to fundraise $300. We would like to especially thank Ms Kovanis for using her fantastic sales skills which managed to convince various students that adorning themselves with flower leis kept with the day’s theme – ‘Tropicana’.

After a hard day at work, Gabrielle, Hannah, Lia, Divya, Marsha and Antonia set out to Trinity Grammar for some social networking which involved playing Guitar Hero, bocce and paper toss. Friendships were made, exchanging notes on how to be a student leader, food was eaten and overall we made a very good impression on our neighbouring schools.

Overall, despite the busy schedule of our prefect body, our events were highly successful and we shall get back to you soon about the other adventures we will encounter in the next few weeks.

Remember to bring your money for all our upcoming fundraisers!

Marsha Vasales and Antonia Pilios, Yr 12

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT – A STUDENT ACTION TEAM APPROACH

Funding has been made available through the Commonwealth Government for Professional Learning Activities in Values Education. To support this Sydney Region is undertaking a project to develop a Student Action Team Professional Learning Activity around student engagement and learning focusing on Year 9.

By developing Student Action Teams students are provided with the opportunity to investigate a range of concepts to empower them to make changes around an issue of concern through curriculum involvement, collaborating in learning and action and in significant decision making.

Six secondary schools across Sydney Region have been invited to participate in the Project. They are: Canterbury Boys High School, Canterbury Girls High School, Conservatorium High School of Visual Arts and Design, Dulwich Hill High School of Visual Arts and Design, James Cook Boys High School and Kogarah High School.

Each school will form a Student Action Team (SAT). A Student Action Team is a group of students who form and tackle a school or community issue to improve the quality of school or community life. The team identifies relevant issues and then
takes action on an issue of importance to the school or wider community.

The SAT approach mandates that although the general focus of the project is prescribed (to enhance engagement), the precise focus of each school project must be determined by the participating student leaders (in conjunction with supporting staff).

**Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Ashfield area**

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Ashfield Council on Wednesday May 5th at the Cadigal Room (next door to the Ashfield Aquatic Centre in Elizabeth Street) from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning Ashfield Council on 9716 1843 now to reserve your place, or email camillec@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

**City of Canterbury Library**

The City of Canterbury Library offers a number of services to high school students at all of its four branches. These services support students with their core studies and offer an opportunity to meet other students and participate in after school and holiday activities.

The library provides a free homework tutor at each of its branches, and an online tutoring service to all levels of high school. This can be accessed through the Council’s website. The library also provides monthly after school activities for teens, including, at Campsie branch, the Chillzone, an opportunity for teens to escape from the stress of study, at Campsie and Lakemba branches, Teen Book clubs. They also hold school holiday programs for teens at all branches. The library staff members are also available to visit your school and demonstrate the online tutoring program and other useful online databases that the library subscribes to.

Please contact Paula Pfoeffer, Team Leader Librarian – Children and Youth Services for more information or to arrange a demonstration of the databases.

**DATES**

**Parent Teacher Night**

Tuesday 30.3.2010, Years 7,11,12

3.30 - 6.30 in the MPC Students were given booking sheets on 17.3.2010 Year 12 reports can be picked up on the night

Interim Reports for Years 7 and 11 will be mailed on 25.3.2010

**Other Important Dates Coming Up**

20.4.10 Day 1 Term 2 for all Students

22.4.10 Yr 9 Parent meeting re Laptops

6.5.10 Athletics Carnival

11-13.3.10 NAPLAN tests Year 7 and 9

17.5.10 Day of Well Being for all Students

21.5.10 Official Opening of the new Science labs

24-25.5.10 Year 8 Camp

26-28.5.10 Year 10 Camp

23.6.10 Year 10 HSC Subject selection night 6-7.30 pm

26.6.10 Trivia Night

29.6.10 Parent Teacher Night-Years 8,9,10
The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is a national charitable organisation with a mission to keep children safe. The Foundation is implementing a Cybersafety and Wellbeing Initiative – including an eSmart Schools Framework – in order to achieve this mission because, for all its benefits, technology does present some risks to the safety and wellbeing of our children and young people. Part of the initiative’s aim is to educate schools and parents about what those risks are, and how they can be avoided or managed. It’s also about finding positive ways to use technology in school environments.

Canterbury Girls High School is a ‘lighthouse’ school in the development of this initiative. Funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the national pilot and the input the school provides will be vital in determining the final eSmart Schools model, its content and the processes that support it. The School will also have a valuable role to play in providing feedback about the Foundation’s website, www.esmartschools.org.au.

Over the duration of two days, seven year 11 students participated in a cyber safety workshop. The aim of this workshop was to highlight the dangers that many teens face through the use of technology.

As a team, we decided the need to raise awareness of cyber safety and cyber bullying through posters. We divided into groups to work on the two posters. One poster addresses the risks and prevention of cyber-bullying. The other is directed at the consequences of cyber-bullying via text messages, instant chat, emails and harassing people from behind a computer screen.

One interesting fact that the team discovered was even though you can block your number or privatise your online profile pages, everything you do and participate over the internet can be traced. This is known as a ‘Digital Footprint’. Digital footprints are very hard and almost impossible to erase.

Our school condemns any form of bullying and promotes cyber safety. Hence it is essential that the students of Canterbury Girls High School are aware of the dangers that surround them while using technology and how to remain safe.

Tara Smith, Yr 11 Information Technology

DONATIONS NEEDED
CAKES, SLICES and Second Hand Books needed on 7.5.10 for P and C Fundraiser on the 8.5.10, delivery to Main Office, Church Street

Year 11 Information Technology Students on a Cyber mission
The AGM was held on Wednesday evening and the office bearers re-elected. The following people were voted in:

President: Dimity Flowers
Vice President: Ian Flowers, Kinsi Roberts
Secretary: Jo Schofield
Assistant Secretary: Shani Keane
Treasurer: Karen Goes
Assistant Treasurer: Karin Bardart

Congratulations to all office bearers.

Two parents kindly volunteered for the school finance committee Shani Keane and Michael Clarke; Sue Freeman has kindly offered to be on the band committee assisted by Bernie Hallam.

The first of our twice yearly gardening bees was held last Saturday. Thank you to all those who came and assisted, it was well attended by an incredibly efficient team directed and lead by our hard working green thumbed Principal Sue Holden. The targeted areas were the front of the school as you enter the gates on Church Street and a row of trees were planted along the basketball courts at Minter Street.

The next item on our calendar this year is to help with a community “Cook’s River Valley Forum on Saturday the 8th May from 1-4pm. The P&C has offered to sell afternoon tea to an expected turn out of 400 community and forum participants convened by Peter Munro of the Mud Crabs (a very active local group). So we are calling for muffins, cup cakes and slices to be donated on the day.

The Annual Trivia night is to be held on Saturday 26th June tickets will go on sale next term ($20/head). If there is anyone with a skill we could offer as a silent auction prize or something they could donate could you please contact Ian Flowers at munchflo@bigpond.com

Finally wishing you all a safe and chocolate filled Easter break.

Dimity Flowers
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