Congratulations:-
• Oriel Parfenow, Yr 7, who has been selected in the NSW Emerging Breakers Cricket Squad.
• The 90 students who had 100% attendance in Term 1 2010.
• All students who maintained the great MADD quest tradition and performed before peers.
• Green Dear students who planned and organised a wonderful Tread Lightly Day at the end of Term 1.

Oriel Parfenow, Yr 7 Cricket player

• Year 7 newly elected SRC members Jasmine Economidis, Ellishia Maher, Adelaide Phan, Annisa Suprianto. The girls are pictured below.

Staffing Changes
Mrs Jayne Townsend, who has been an Administrative assistant at CGHS for 23 years has recently transferred to Kingsgrove HS. Mrs Townsend has a long association with the school as her sister and daughter both attended CGHS. Mrs Townsend was a wonderful supporter of our girls and she will be missed. We wish her well.

Mrs Townsend on her last day at CGHS

Miss Lynetter Fisher, Music teacher, has been transferred to Kingsgrove HS. Miss Fisher had taught at CGHS for 20 years and has taught thousands of young women Music over the years. Her dedicated service to Music education is highly regarded and we wish her well in her new school.
On Wednesday the 17th of March 2010, twenty year 11 Economics students and Ms Michos set out on a business trip to the city where an imperative conference was held with the senior economist of the Reserve Bank. Ms Michos appointed all of us to meet at Canterbury station at quarter past eight where twenty brave economists would board on the peak hour train. Luckily it was a millennium train and we chose the right carriage where we were compressed together in one section, so as not to get lost.

It was around nine in the morning, when we arrived at St James Station, however the conference wouldn’t start until nine-forty five. With our bright minds we convinced our lovely Ms Michos to give us our much needed freedom (only because she knew many of us usually don’t have breakfast, and our stomachs growled throughout the train ride) where we split up and got ourselves breakfast. Around nine-thirty, we all met back in front of the Reserve Bank, where we fatefully met up with David Koch the anchor man of Seven Sunrise. He spared a few minutes to entertain our class and took a few flashes from our cameras. Then came the serious part.

We walked into the Reserve Bank where we were met with a firm atmosphere of silence. Security was unsurprisingly high as guards monitored the ground floor ensuring all was safe. An old yet friendly man greeted us and gave us an overview of the morning’s plan. He then guided our class past the Currency Hall and into a medium sized room. A projection slide with the words “Economics 2010” was up and running ready to attack our “innocent” minds. We sat comfortably in the chairs provided, and braced for the lecture that was before us. Senior economist, Anna Park introduced herself to our class and immediately began to imbue our minds with new and familiar terms.

Some of us were highly intrigued by the presentation while others forcefully willed themselves to listen and understand perplexing graphs that consecutively were presented before us. The highlight of the day however, was when our most intellectual class mate, Lucy Chen, asked the senior economist a witty question in relation to the environment, in which Anna did not (or perhaps could not) answer her question. It was rather amusing to see her squirm before our young bright eyes.

The class then was permitted a tour of the Currency Hall, where the tour guide explained the various factors of how currency notes were produced, polymer technology and the history of the Australian dollar. It was so exciting that we didn’t realise time flying by. We left the Reserve Bank with a few photos of the class in front of the building, and then headed to a food court where we had a fifteen minute lunch break. With our heads filled with knowledge, and our bellies with food, we jostled our way through the busy streets of the CBD and back home to Canterbury Girls just before sport.

We would like to thank Ms Michos for organising such a highly enthralling excursion and, which will no doubt help us for future economic reference.
Term 1 concluded with yet another highly successful MADD Quest. More than 200 students auditioned for the chance to perform in the Quest, with nearly 100 students being selected in the areas of music, dance and drama. The technical and stage crew did a magnificent job in coordinating the 25 performance items, more than in past years. So smoothly went the show that there was time for encore performances from the Year 12 Michael Jackson celebration dancers and from Maryanne Dimech in Year 10 with “The Climb”. Year 12 are to be congratulated for supporting MADD quest with many highly energetic and entertaining items in dance and song. Special mention must go to the new percussion group who performed for the first time, supporting Eloise Dimech in her acapella version of “Lean On Me”. The Quest showed the depth and range of performance talent at CGHS with items as diverse as piano and flute solos, white-faced clowns, Bollywood dancers, superhero parody, jazz, and R&B singers. Many thanks to the staff who agreed to judge this year’s Quest, and compliments to the students who were an outstandingly supportive and respectful audience.

This year’s MADD Quest winners are:

**Drama Category**: Sophie Brotherton and Kasey Clarke “Clowns”

**Dance Category**: Year 12 Dance Group “This Is It” (Homage to Michael Jackson)

**Music Category**: Grace Kim, Ashlee Chang “Rainbow Seeker” (Jazz Funk Instrumental)

**Best New Talent**: Eloise Dimech and the Percussion Group “Lean On Me”

**OVERALL WINNER**: Amy Yoon, Hannah Chung.............. “Muzik” (Contemporary Dance)

Canterbury Girls will begin the 2010 Theatresports season with Round 1 of the Senior and Junior Competitions on 6th and 13th May respectively, to be held in our MPC from 7pm. Our senior team this year is Gabrielle Craven, Orani Abeyewardene, Chloe Smith, and Kim de Visser. Our intermediate team is Lulu Lucas, Rosie Schofield, Kasey Clarke, Rosie Baxter and Ruby Paredes. Both teams have been training since Week 4 of Term 1 and are keen to do battle over four rounds of intense improvisation against both public and private schools in our region. Come along and join the fun and support our teams in 2010.
Late last year a group of Year 9 students were selected to form a Student Action Team (SAT). We have been given the opportunity to make a positive change to the school environment. Since then, we have had regular meetings to begin the process of research.

We have agreed to embark on a project which aims to encourage understanding and challenge negative stereotypes within the school community. As part of the research process we went on an excursion to the Conservatorium High School. There we met other Student Action Teams and were given the opportunity to receive and provide constructive feedback to and from other schools.

The day was helpful and interesting. The students were friendly and we had a great time. The Student Action Team is excited about the challenge.

Our next scheduled group meeting involves a trip to Canterbury City Library, where we will hear from people representing a group that has experienced prejudice or negative stereotyping or is at risk of social exclusion. We will keep you updated as we advance through our journey.

Student Action Team

8 March was International Women’s Day. Two Prefects were invited on behalf of Canterbury Girls High School by the Zonta Club in Yagoona to participate in a candle-light ceremony to acknowledge achievements and hardships experienced by women who have made many things possible for us today. We enjoyed a breakfast with many other students from schools around the Canterbury Bankstown area. It was a touching and heartfelt experience.

Lia Spiliotopoulos and Mary Vlachos
Year 12 Prefects

P and C Sponsored Parent Seminar
Years 10, 11, 12
“How to Support your child through the HSC without becoming the enemy..”
Suitable for 10, 11, 12 families
Wednesday 26.5.2010 in Cantabrian Hall 6.00-7.00 p.m
On 18 and 19 March all Year 9 got the chance to visit Canberra as part of an overnight history excursion. We had to arrive at school at the shocking time of 6:45 a.m. Most of us didn’t have time to put our faces on! The bus ride was full of excitement and loud girls. We were all relieved when we arrived at Parliament House.

First we split into two groups and had a tour of the House. We played a re-enactment of a Bill being passed. We were on our way to lunch when we heard screaming girls and saw camera flashes. It was Kevin Rudd! We were able to sit in on Question Time with Kevin Rudd and Tony Abbott throwing questions at each other. It proved to be very interesting observing the session.

We then paid a visit to the old Parliament House and got a chance to use their new interactive facility. The touch screen was so cool!

After the day’s activities we were all tired and hot and just wanted to go to the resort and swim.

When we arrived at the resort we then had a quick (by quick we mean 2 minutes) swim and then got dressed for dinner. After dinner we hopped back on the bus and still had enough energy to go to Questacon. None of us wanted to leave, we all wanted to stay in the four story playground.

After Questacon we headed to the War Memorial. In the Memorial we were told of the stories of our fellow Australians who went to war to fight for our country. All of us were crying, imagining the pain and suffering they went through.

It was then time to leave and head back to Sydney. All of us talked about how much fun camp was and we were sad that we were leaving.

On behalf of Year 9 we would like to thank Ms Tranter and Ms Mawassi for organising this awesome camp which we will not forget.

Catherine Davey, Rosana Sanchez and Amy Murray
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL
EXCURSION

Dear Parents
Students from our school will soon be undertaking, or have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contribution funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

Yours sincerely

V. Tranter
Head Teacher – HSIE

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS
UNDERSTANDING YOUR ADOLESCENT
Barnardos Reconnect Program and CatholicCare are holding a free two part forum to help you communicate, understand and engage with your adolescent.

The forums will be held at Canterbury Leagues Club, The Bridge Conference Room (upstairs) at 26 Bridge Road, Belmore.

Part 1 will be held on Wednesday 16 June, 2010 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Part 2 will be held on Wednesday 23 June, 2010 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Must RSVP by Wednesday 9 June to ensure your place. Contact person is Jodie: Reconnect Program on 9784 6400.

There is free parking at venue, it is close to Belmore train station and there will be light refreshments provided on both nights.

All enquiries 9784 6400.
NAPLAN- How to Find out More

There has been considerable media attention to the Federal Government website *My School* and NAPLAN. Better information in depth is obtainable from a number of sites and articles.

1. Follow the various links on the *My School* website


4. The website for the NSW Department of Education and Training is [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/)


7. Other recent articles which challenge claims made by *My School* can be found at:

8. Many of these links will take you to news and articles about similar developments overseas.

Student Safety and Security

Enhancing the safety and security of students is a priority of staff at Canterbury Girls’ High School. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to support staff by:

- Ensuring students arrive at school on time and remain within the school grounds following their arrival
- Encouraging students to leave valuables at home wherever possible, making payments by cheque or credit card rather than by cash, and reminding their daughters to keep money, mobile phones and iPods on their person at all times
- Alerting the school of any issues relating to student welfare, including information about medical conditions, concerns about bullying, and any other information which may impact upon a student’s progress
- Making sure that correct uniform is worn, especially the correct black leather footwear, which is a safety requirement in all Science and TAS classrooms.

Student Support

The school has extremely committed Student Welfare and Learning Support teams which meet fortnightly to implement a range of programs to address the social and learning needs of individual students.

The Student Welfare team includes the Head Teacher Welfare and Year Advisers who work collaboratively to provide individual student support and to implement programs such as LEAPS, MTC Work Connections and Ted Noffs Foundation Counselling Services and the Day of Wellbeing.
The Learning Support team includes the Head Teacher Welfare, STL, Careers Adviser, ESL staff and Counsellor, and provides targeted support to those students requiring additional assistance with their learning. This team also coordinates whole school programs such as Mentoring Support for Refugee Students, Senior School Bridging Course and HSC / SC special provisions.

If your daughter requires additional support in relation to either their social or academic needs, please contact Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal, on (02) 9718 1805.

Practicum Teachers

The School is fortunate to currently have ten practicum students from the University of Sydney visiting us for a period of five weeks. Students are Third and Fourth Year Education students, and are visiting the school to gain valuable teaching practice. As the school is an extremely popular place for students to develop their teaching skills, the school is only able to accommodate students from the University of Sydney. Judy Playfair, the school’s recently retired Deputy Principal, is serving as a mentor to the practicum students and supporting their successful integration into the Canterbury Girls’ High School staff. The school extends a warm welcome to all its practicum teachers.

Subject Selection for 2011

The Deputy Principal will shortly be meeting with Years 7, 8 and 10 to discuss the issue of subject selection for 2011. Year 7 will select one elective for study, Year 8 will select two electives for study, and Year 10 will select six electives for study. Parents and caregivers are a critical part of the subject selection process, and information will shortly be provided to them about processes for ensuring informed and consultative subject selection by students is undertaken for 2011. Any enquiries relating to subject selection should be directed to Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal, on (02) 718 1805.

Uniform Reminders

As the weather cools down families are reminded that students need to wear full school uniform on all days including sport day.

New very warm tracksuits are now available from LOWES, with the tracksuit jacket being perfect on all days to keep out winter wind.

As well look after your daughter’s feet and make sure correct sports shoes are worn for sport.

Junior and Senior ties are now available from LOWES in Campsie.