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MOBILE PHONE USE at SCHOOL

There have been several recent instances of students using Mobile phones inappropriately during school time. This includes texting, playing games, accessing Facebook and accessing banned websites during lesson time. This is an important loss to learning time and a distraction to all students.

The school policy is that students will have the phone confiscated in these instances and returned to them at the end of the day. On a second offence the phone is returned to an adult member of the family. If the problem persists the student will have to hand in the phone at the beginning of the day and have it returned to them at the end of the day. Accessing Facebook during any school time including lunch and recess is not within our policy.

I would ask that all families whose students have a Smartphone which includes Facebook access please insist and support us on this being an out of school hour’s phone application.

New Smartphones have constant internet access, camera and video capability and a range of other features that students will use and don’t necessarily think about the consequences in a school setting. We appreciate parent support on this important issue.

Sue Holden, Principal

Captains Report: Leadership day at the Parliament House

Ahoy aho! Captains here, to give you our brief recount on our excursion to the Parliament House on the 19/05/2011!

One of the great things about being a school leader is that you not only hold responsibility of assisting the principal on how the school operates, teachers also place great trust in you to make your own way to certain venues. Now most of us have been at the Parliament House before for other school business, but what makes this visit so special is that we congregated with other school leaders in our year from different regions of Sydney (unfortunately there were only a few good looking boys).

We acquired knowledge of their leadership style and experience and what they did at their school and it cannot go unsaid that it was a valuable experience indeed because there are certain ideas in which we can tickled like Elmo to share! We even got to meet a few newly inducted politicians who were very friendly and amusing to watch as they explained their role and their goals for NSW in the near future. One politician had suggested that he is looking to reduce house prices in the not too distant future (yay!)

Afterwards we had a brief morning tea of choc fudge brownies and carrot cakes and exchanged information with different leaders. We then had a short tour of the legislative council chambers where we were informed of the procedures in which certain political discussions and voting for a bill to pass occurred. Finally lunch had come, and most of us had to endure the pains of growing stomachs that were not missed by other schools (talk about embarrassing). This was then followed by a mini tour of the media room where press conferences occur when certain politicians do media releases for the public to see.

Then finally the day ended quite elegantly at the State Governors House that was down the road from the Parliament House. What magnificent views of the Harbour Bridge! Governor Marie Bashir gave all of us a detailed recount of her role as State Governor and what she had achieved, and being an all girl’s school, it was mesmerising to hear the first female state Governor. We were lucky to be only the few Captains to get a picture with her as well!

The day concluded with a glass of lemonade and cookies and after exchanging farewells to the other leaders, we made our way back home, with tired but happy looking faces. That’s all for now. We hope to bring you more next time!

The School Captains:
Chloe, Helen, Caitlin and Debby
Debating News
The 2011 Premier’s Debating Competitions are almost all under way. The Year 12 team of Orani Abeyewardene, Chloe Smith, Lucy Chen and Nina Hill-Potter were narrowly defeated in their zone by Sydney Boys High (the team that were the 2010 Year 11 State Champions). The adjudicator commented that she had seen no other team get as close to defeating Sydney Boys as our team.... well done Year 12.

Canterbury Girls will host the regional semi-final of this competition on June 23rd.

Our Year 11 team, Jasmine Hare, Carol Hoang, Helen Wang and Lily-Ann Nguyen have debated Fort Street High in round one of their competition, performing strongly but unfortunately not being victorious. They will debate Canterbury Boys in round two on Friday 10th June.

Year 9, Leni Loueizi, Lillian Darke, Nafisa Abedin and Alicia Gusmardy were successful in their first round debate against Alexandria Park School, while Year 10 Rosie Schofield, Kasey Clarke, Rosie Baxter and Sarah Jeffrey, narrowly lost their first round debate, also against Alexandria Park.

The Year 7 and 8 teams are about to commence their first round debates in Week 8 against Ashfield Boys High School and we wish them the best of luck.

Canterbury Girls TV Debut!!!
On Friday May 20th students from Years 7 and 8 who had been successful in their first audition for television, spent a hectic day at Fox Studios as contestants and reserves in the Channel 9 afternoon quiz game show PYRAMID. In the program student teams compete against each other with the help of celebrity team leaders to see who can identify as many correct words from the clues given.

More than 25 students auditioned on May 13th and ten were selected based on their excellent vocabularies, and ability to quickly think and communicate using clever verbal and non-verbal clues. After an exhausting day of filming, five half hour shows were recorded from 7.30am to 3.30pm; two of our teams were victorious.

Congratulations to Oriel Parfenow and Ruby Hilton for winning their episodes against Alexandria Park School, while Year 10 Rosie Schofield, Kasey Clarke, Rosie Baxter and Sarah Jeffrey, narrowly lost their first round debate, also against Alexandria Park.

The episodes of Pyramid featuring Canterbury Girls will be screened sometime in August: the final dates are yet to be confirmed and will be published when known. Well done girls on your enthusiasm and endurance... TV is hard work!!!

Ms Slattery

Pyramid

A few weeks ago, we, Lucinda Dunstan and Javiera Scarratt, competed in Pyramid, the Channel 9 TV game show. Here is our day in chronological order:

8.30 We started school as normal.
9.55 We left maths to wait out the front for Ms Papadopoulos. She marked our names off, and then took us outside.
10.00 We jumped into the bus (literally, we were a “little bit” excited …)
10.40 We got off the bus at Fox Studios … the other episodes being filmed.
11.00 We jumped into the bus (literally, we were a “little bit” excited …)
11.20 The lady ushered us inside to watch the other episodes being filmed. (It was really boring and long – the sound kept stuffing up)
12.00 Lunch.
1.00 Bored. Nothing doing.
1.30 More boredom.
(still want to be a movie star?)
2.29 Nearly there!
2.30 Fixed our hair and makeup.
2.31 We got tiny microphones.
2.32 Met our celebrities, Hockeyroo players (girl’s national Australian hockey team).
2.35 Talked to the manager/boss about what to do etc.
3.40 Started filming!! (All very exciting!)
We played North Sydney Boys.
3.00 Host made a very silly mistake … CUT!?
3.05 Started filming again.
The boys are in the lead.
3.20 We realised that if we got more than 15 points in the last round we would win!!!
3.21 WE WON!!!!!!!!!!
3.25 Prize round. We got 4 prizes out of 6. (If you watch the show, you will understand)
4.10 Got back to school. Went home.

So now you know that TV isn’t always as glamorous as it seems – except when you win.
That makes up for the waiting.

By Lucinda and Javiera (Movie Stars)
New technology tools for your student

Over the next few weeks students will see their student portal change with a new look, enhanced features and a new URL. Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

On 14 June 2011 Year 9 students will receive their new portal. Year 10 will be followed by Year 10, Years 7 and 8, Years 11 and 12.

From 14 June 2011 all school students will access their student portal, from home and at school, from a new URL: http://student.det.nsw.edu.au, whether or not they have access to the new student portal.

Students will be able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via their student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. The new student portal will have timetable and calendar portlets for students to add their own details. Students will also be able make their portal look the way they want by changing the colour scheme and rearranging, opening or closing portlets.

Internet Safety Awareness Training

As part of its Cybersmart Outreach Program, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) offers free general internet safety awareness presentations for parents and students. These hour-long presentations cover a range of issues including:

- the ways young people use the internet and emerging technologies,
- potential risks faced by young people when online such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content,
- tips and strategies to help children and young people stay safe online.

For more information visit: www.cybersmart.gov.au/outreach.aspx#ISAP

2011 Federal Budget - Did you know?

In the recent Federal Budget Papers there is a table that lists the top 20 programs by expenses for 2011-12, that is, the twenty programs across the entire Federal budget that receive the greatest levels of funding. ‘Non-Government Schools – National Support’ now ranks at number 8. (The Non-Government Schools expenses ranking in the 2009-10 Budget was 11).

Funding to Non-Government Schools, according to this list, now exceeds funding to the entire higher education sector, and is ahead of Air Force, Navy and Army Capabilities but just below government subsidies for pharmaceuticals.

After the top 20, which represent 62.4 per cent of total expenses in that year, they don’t bother listing the others.

And by the way, in case you’re asked, funding of Government schools does not make it into the top 20 programs.


[The page reference is Budget Paper 1 Statement 6-10 Table 3.1 Top 20 Programs by Expenses in 2011-12.]

The Budget does provide additional funding for students with disabilities, with $200 million to be allocated over three years to 2013-14 to both government and private schools. However, this will extend the advantage in funding for students with disabilities in private schools. On average, students with disabilities in private schools are better funded than those in government schools because, in addition to direct funding, they receive additional indirect funding through the link between SES funding and government school costs. In contrast to the winding down of the major equity programs, the Budget provides for new market incentives and mechanisms which extend beyond 2014-15. A total of $1.3 billion in bonus payments will be paid to the top-performing teachers in government and private schools over eight years from 2013-14. Bonus payments to government and private schools that improve their literacy and numeracy results will be extended to 2016-17 at a cost of $388 million. A further $481 million will be provided over six years to 2018 to increase local autonomy in decision-making for school budgets and staffing in government and private schools.

Attention all Ex students

Dear Ex Canterbury Girls High Student, we would love to invite you to be part of a special project called Cantabrian Voices

Throughout history, people have been captivated and interested by stories, and engaging with the processes of telling, listening and remembering the past.

Canterbury Girl’s High School is currently working on a project whereby we record our former students’ personal stories. The aim of this project is to record a selection of some of the remarkable histories of the ex students who attended Canterbury Girl’s High School across the generations. The history of Canterbury Girl’s High includes a history of the waves of migrants who have settled in Australia and struggled for success in a new country, and also made Australia the rich melting pot of cultures that it is today. Canterbury Girl’s High today remains a school of rich cultural diversity with students coming from nearly 50 language groups, from Aboriginal students to new arrivals from Africa and Asia.

This project will take a number of forms.

- We live in a digital age so some of these stories will be oral histories which will be recorded by the current Year 10 Elective History students and published on the school’s website. This will allow the interviewees to easily tell their unique histories, ensuring that ordinary people can share what happened from their own perspective and viewpoint.

- Other stories will involve a written account, and these will be published on the website and hopefully in a book to be published at some stage in the future.

- We are inviting ex students who are interested in talking about their life journey or reminiscing about their school days to let us know so we can work with you to record in whatever format you prefer your Cantabrian voice.

Please contact us to discuss further if you would like to be part of this project. If you know someone else you went to school with who also might like to participate, please pass our invitation on.

Please contact by email: Sue.Holden@det.nsw.edu.au or Vicki.Tranter@det.nsw.edu.au for further details. Be part of what our current students think is a great opportunity to record some great history for the generations to come.

GREEN DEAR

Green Dear recently (6.6.2011) observed World Environment Day and is always proud to take initiative to contribute to the betterment of the environment.

Green Dear’s new initiatives are to create a herb garden at the school to provide herbs to our food technology classes. Any extra will be sold to the staff and money raised will go to improve the garden. We have also planted two native Australian trees in memory of our beloved Melissa Kamara, and we are planning to make a native garden with yellow flowers, as yellow was Melissa’s favourite colour.

Last year Green Dear won a $1000 community citizenship grant to go towards school projects and this grant is being used for making the herb garden. We will continue to make our school environment a better place. Listen closely for announcements about our projects, all help will be greatly appreciated.

Amy Murray, Year 10
Toilets and showers as well as a ping pong table down under the house where there were more.

When he was done we were led back to our cabin “Cheddington Lodge” to ready ourselves for the beginning of the day. As we looked about the animals and activities we would do. Blair, the man who owned the farm, talked about the animals and then someone noticed the calves and piglets, we then milked a cow and feed the animals.

We were all in a good mood and ready for the day’s activities. Blair took us out to the shearing shed and talked about how to shear a sheep and what farmers are doing for the economy. We got to watch a sheepdog round up some sheep although she was retired and didn’t seem to be bothered. We got to have free time for a while and we walked the dogs around and watched a horse have his shoes changed. After free time we got to choose which activity we were going to do archery and best of all we went horse riding.

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After that we went on to the next activity, whip cracking and boomerang throwing. Everyone had a go and nearly all of us found out what it actually feels like when the whip hits you, it stings....a lot.

After whip cracking we had lunch and after lunch we went to make damper. Everyone was appalled to find that there was only one bathroom until someone announced that there was a set of stairs leading down under the house where there were more toilets and showers as well as a ping pong table.

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Parents and Citizens Association

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V-Presidents: Ian Flowers and Dimity Flowers
Secretary: Jo Schofield
Assistant Secretary: Tania Jackson-Vaughan
Treasurer: Karen Goes
Assistant Treasurer: Sue Paredes

The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd June, 2011 in Cantabrian Hall at 7.30pm (entry via Church Street).

Guest speaker for this meeting is Ms Jane Slattery, Head Teacher English, who will be speaking about Literacy Initiatives at CGHS.

Parking Advice
Canterbury Council regularly conduct parking blitzes across the whole block of both Canterbury Girls High and Canterbury Public. Please take note of any parking restrictions signs especially in Church Street. Our student’s safety is paramount consideration and the signage has been designed to ensure student safety.

Fees and Excursions
Thank you to all families who are paying fees off across the year.
The school is more than happy for students to pay overnight excursions off across the year as long as a $50 deposit is paid prior to departure. One day excursions must be paid in full before departure.

Change of Contact Details
Please ensure that if your address or phone number has been changed school administration is informed. A Change of Contact Details Form can be collected from Office A.

Newsletter by email
Please email the school at: canterburg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au and confirm your email address to receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail.

School Calendar
Please check the student calendar on the school website for excursion dates, upcoming events, and rehearsal times: www.canterburg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We NEED some Expert Advice
If you have an Architect, Builder or Engineer in your family who would be willing to provide advice to CGHS on some planned building works please contact Sue Holden, Principal on 9718 1805 or sue.holden@det.nsw.edu.au

Christmas in July!
The Annual P&C Trivia Night
Saturday 30th July
Cantabrian Hall
7pm Start + BYO Food + Drinks on Sale
$20 Per Person + Tables of 10 Available
Phone 9718 1805 for Bookings

Great Prizes!

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CGHS P&C Trivia Night
Saturday 30th July
Call for donations from parents, either goods or services for Trivia Night prizes; please email karin01@primus.com.au or leave a message with the school switch on 9718 1805 and we will ring you back.
Year 10 into Year 11
Subject Selection Evening

An invitation to Year 10 and their Parents/Caregivers

We will be holding the Year Ten Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday, 22 June 2011 at 6.00pm in the Cantabrian Hall.

The evening will provide students, parents/caregivers with important information to support appropriate senior school subject selection. Parents will be able to hear from experts from within the school and Sydney Institute of TAFE. Most importantly, the evening will provide parents and students with an opportunity to discuss issues relating to subject selection, TAFE, career planning and Higher School Certificate requirements. A number of school staff will be in attendance and available to offer advice and support.

Please contact Mr Anderson by telephone on 9718 1805 or by email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au should you require additional information about the evening, or about the school’s Year Ten subject selection program.

We look forward to seeing you at this important school function.

Invitation to Years 8, 9 and 10
Parents and Caregivers

The School cordially invites you attend a Parent Teacher Evening. The purpose of this evening is to disseminate the half yearly reports and to enable discussion concerning your daughter’s progress.

Date: Tuesday 28 June
Time: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Multi Purpose Centre
(entry from Princess Street)

Your daughter will receive an appointment card so that she can book times for you to meet with her teachers.

Please contact Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal, by telephone on 9718 1805 or by email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au should you have any requires concerning Parent Teacher Evening.

The school’s staff members look forward to meeting you at this important event.

Invitation to Years 7, 11 and 12
Parents and Caregivers

The School cordially invites you attend a Parent Teacher Evening. The purpose of this evening is to disseminate the half yearly reports to Years 7 and 11 and to enable discussion concerning your daughter’s progress.

Date: Tuesday 26 July
Time: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue: Multi Purpose Centre
(entry from Princess Street)

Your daughter will receive an appointment card so that she can book times for you to meet with her teachers.

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Memories on DVD
Available from Office C
$10