CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- The Open Volleyball team Shylo Kingi, Rouru Tereapii, Sesilia Palusa, Vea Taumalolo, Nite Alo, Pauline Kare, Pharyn Edwards, Tereapii Kare, Esther Tetevano, Buluo Waqaliva. These girls have all trained hard to improve the 2011 performance in Knockout Volleyball competition.
- Buluo Waqaliva, Year 10, who has been selected in the Regional Open Volleyball team and the NSW Open team.
- All students who participated in the annual MADD Quest – the standard of talent was impressive. A full list of winners is on page 9.

- Newly elected Year 7 Student Council Representatives (above) Mele Penitani, Jessie Yung, Yasmin Aywani and Eve Eleftheriou.
- The 80 students who had perfect attendance for term 1.
- Intermediate and Open Theatresports teams who recently competed against a range of other schools. The Open team have won the Zone final, defeating easily Caringbah HS, Engadine HS, Elderslie HS and St Patrick’s, Strathfield. They now move into the Regional final.
- A big well done to the Junior Theatresports team who have won through to the state semi-final.
- Junior Futsal team who competed in Zone competition this week. Well done to Katie, Jessica, Alyssa, Rayane, Oriel of Year 8 and Kerry and Lauren of Year 9.
- Oriel Parfenow, Year 8 and Ellie Cott, Year 7, have been selected in the Emerging Breakers Squad Program run by Cricket NSW. Both Ellie and Oriel play cricket with Summer Hill Cricket Club girls team and if anyone is interested in joining the team next season, information can be obtained from the website: www.summerhillcricketclub.org.au
- Manasik Siddig and Alicia Ottogalli Year 10, Oriel Parfenow and Rayane Hasna, Year 8 who competed in the Open Zone Soccer team at the regional Carnival.
- The Open Touch Football team, while being closely defeated by Randwick Girls, played brilliantly and showed great leadership and temperament.
WELCOME

Special welcome to new School Counsellor Ms Robin Graeme-Holder who joins us after working in South West Sydney.

As well we currently have eight practicum teachers from Sydney University and one from Macquarie University – we wish them well.

THANK YOU TO:

- Jonathan Marquet, ex State Open volleyball player who has given up his own time to run Masterclasses with our Open Volleyball players.
- Ms Strachan for organising Volleyball Masterclasses in her own time.
- P and C for supporting the school play Skellig, by running the canteen.
- Ms Marquet, Ms Hunter and Ms Dennis who clocked lots of hours in the holidays with Skellig rehearsals.
- Parent and graphic designer Trish Graf, who has volunteered to take over the newsletter layout and final product. A big thank you!
- Ms Flannery, Mr Wilkins, Ms Caprin, Mrs Cateris, Ms Texier and Mr Ralph who have spent many hours working on the Skellig production.
- We have had several anonymous donations of cash recently. Thank you to those kind folk – we always put it to good use supporting students.

MELISSA’S POEM

Life won’t always go our way
The unexpected will always happen.
She has left us with a wake up call,
and she will guide us even after we fall.

That smile of hers we’ll never forget,
All the time we spent with her
we shall never regret.

She did many things with pride;
even after she’d fail she always tried.

And we pray that her memories
shall never fade away.

There is one truth; that there will never be
another Melissa and that’s for sure.

She would never let failure take over
and was always the best poser.

She had a pure heart and today she has left us
all, like leaving an uncompleted piece of art.

She still stands tall,
shining as bright as the sun.
That is why being her friend made
nearly every day at school fun.

She will always be watching us from up
above and she has gone because heaven
needed another beautiful angel to show
us care and love.

She will be deeply missed.

You were an amazing friend, classmate
and peer and I’ll really miss you.

Take care and you’ll never be forgotten
my friend.

R.I.P. Melissa

BY JENNIFER
Farewell Melissa Kamara

The school community was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Melissa Kamara from Year 10 on Tuesday 12th April, 2011. Melissa commenced her education at Canterbury Girls High School as a Year 7 student in 2008, one of several students in her year who had recently arrived in Australia from Sierra Leone. Throughout her time at Canterbury, Melissa remained proud not only of her Sierra Leone heritage, actively supporting other Sierra Leone students, but fully embraced her new life in Australia also. Sensitive to the transition issues facing students from diverse cultural backgrounds entering the school, Melissa took part in a student action project in late 2010 coordinated by Ms Mawassi to promote the issue of cultural inclusiveness throughout the school.

Melissa was a special student in every respect, passionate, hardworking and highly communicative, a student who sought to make the most of every opportunity afforded to her. She actively participated in the cultural life of the school and made every moment count. Melissa was a highly valued member of the Green DEAR and Mercy Connect programs, represented the school in Grade Soccer and successfully graduated from the LEAPS program in 2010.

Melissa was also a mentor in Year 9, was a keen MADD and dance quest performer in hip hop, Traditional dance and the Bring it On ensemble. Melissa loved being a part of Canterbury Girls High School, and continued to travel several hours each day to school even after her family had moved to Merrylands to live.

Melissa is sincerely mourned by the entire Canterbury Girls school community, as evidenced by the large number of students and staff who attended Melissa’s funeral service. Our community’s thoughts are with Melissa’s loved ones during this most sad time.

News from France

Bonjour Miss Holden!

Wow, so much has happened since I last emailed you! Firstly, I was very saddened to hear about the death of Melissa Kamara, but I know her lively spirit will never be forgotten at Canterbury.

I’m currently on holidays now, second holidays since I arrived! When school starts again next Monday it will be the start of the final term for the school year. So that means lots of revision and exams woo!

School is going really good for me, I’m getting good marks in English, maths, technology and physical education and understanding more and more in the other subjects as my French improves.

Last term the whole of my year (all 39 of us) went on le voyage de ski (ski trip) for a whole week at the Alps. This was the first school trip they had ever been on, so I was a pro! The experience was amazing, one of the best weeks I’ve ever had. The Alps were GORGEOUS and everyday I was blown away at how magnificent they were and how cool it was to be skiing there. On that note I am now at Olympic level at skiing. No, I joke, it was my first time, but I did improve 10000000000% and I can’t wait to do it again!

Our days would start at 7.30am and end at 10.30pm, so you can imagine how tired we were by the end of the week! My friend Doriane injured herself on the second day which was really unfortunate, because she was unable to ski for the rest of the trip!
I can’t believe my family will be out here to pick me up in two months! I’m going to miss it so much!

I’ve made tons of friends, but there are two girls who I’ve clicked with especially and they’ll hopefully be coming out to Australia sometime in the near future! They’re always fascinated to hear about what goes on at Canterbury. I was showing them some photos of the Chicago Girls at MADD Quest and they were blown away to hear that the performance was at school. As much as I’ll miss my French lifestyle here I’m looking forward to getting back into the Cantabrian spirit!

The weather’s getting warmer and the change is lovely! So many pretty flowers and it doesn’t get dark until about 9pm!

I’m getting out into town more with my friends though, compared to good old Hurlstone Park, there isn’t much offered in terms of public transport and it’s tricky sometimes to get out and about.

I’m in the Club Cinema at school (where we basically just watch indie films and eat cake) and we’re all hopefully going to go and check out ‘Animal Kingdom’ when it comes out here soon. If you’re not too sure, Animal Kingdom is an Australian film and I’m very proud about it coming out in cinemas here.

Good, well I should be off to finish my study for my English exam (nah, I’m joking!) and à bientôt!

Hoping you’re well!
Lulu

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

The overwhelming majority of students are to be congratulated on their readiness for and punctuality to commence school each day at 8.38am. The warning bell for Roll Call sounds at this time and signals the part of the day where attendance is recorded and parents/caregivers alerted to a student’s absence from school.

It is critical that every student be at school by 8.38am each day, as if they are not at school by this time, they are marked absent, and an SMS is sent to parents. The student is then deemed to be absent until the student reports to the front office and signs in as late. However, if a student arrives late and does not sign in at the front office, the school has no knowledge of their attendance at school, and they will be considered to be absent for the day. It is therefore extremely important that any student who arrives after Roll Call sign in at the front office before proceeding to class so that the roll can be adjusted.

A small number of students have arrived late to school on a number of occasions. Often, this is due to them buying a late breakfast, or due to their parents having to drop off their siblings at other schools.

Parents are asked to support the school by ensuring students arrive at school on time in order to maximize the learning time afforded to them. To heighten parent awareness of the issue of lateness, a letter will be sent to parents each time a student has been late to school on three occasions in any term. Your support with this issue is greatly appreciated.

Importance of Student Diaries

The school diary is one of the most important learning resources a student has. Not only does the diary contain seminal information regarding school procedures and organisation, but it enables students to accurately record all class work, homework and assessments. The diary is also used as a late pass when a student arrives at school, and as a toilet pass when a student needs to go to the toilet during class time.
It is extremely important that students have their diaries with them every day they are at school. If a student wishes to use an additional diary, they are free to do so, but the school diary is still required to be used as a late/toilet pass.

The school asks that all parents/caregivers please encourage their daughters to bring their school diary each day and monitor their daughter’s use of the diary. A letter will be sent home should a student not have her diary on three occasions, necessitating an additional late pass or toilet pass be issued.

If parents/caregivers wish to discuss any issues relating to lateness, attendance or diary use, they should contact Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal by telephone on 9718 1805 or email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

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**ART at the Aquarium**

On Tuesday, March 29th the Year 9 “Art Freaks” witnessed a prodigy of wildlife on their excursion to Sydney Wildlife World and Aquarium where they got to see beautiful sea creatures, amazing animals and awesome LEGO sculptures.

Some even found that the LEGOs were more interesting than the animals! (Much to Ms. Jerkin’s and Ms. Caprin’s dismay). At the end, the girls sat down and sketched (oddly peacefully) the scene behind the clear glass wall that contained the breath-taking marine life.

*Allysha Gusmardy,*
*Year 9 Art Class*

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**DAY OF WELL BEING 16.5.11**

All students will participate in the school’s annual Day of Well Being on Monday the 16th of May. The day is held at the school, and students are required to attend as normal in full uniform. Throughout the day each Year group will take part in a range of events which support student welfare and well being programs across the curriculum.

Opening the day for the whole school will be Oxygen Factory’s Glenn Gerryn, a motivational speaker. Years 7-11 will each have a Study Skills session facilitated by Elevate Education. Years 7-8 will attend a performance of ‘Cyberbusters’ by Class Act Theatre, and Years 9-12 will see ‘The Table’ by Zenith Theatre. Each play promotes positive relationships and non-violent conflict resolution.

Other sessions in the day will include ‘Thrive and Survive’ for Years 7-8 (a workshop on positive thinking and resilience by Cultural Infusion) and Go Figure for Years 9-10 on body image. Year 12 will have a careers planning workshop and a session on Youth and the Law, both with special guest presenters. Year 11 will have a workshop with Life Education on partying and celebrating safely and responsibly. The day will conclude with a multimedia assembly attended by the whole school, presented by Motivational Media, on the theme of ‘What About Me?’

Each of the presenting organisations has worked with Canterbury Girls HS in the past, and/or is approved by Department of Education and Training to perform in schools. Students will bring home a more detailed flyer with information about each of the performances with websites for families to view if interested.

Areas of the student well being curriculum to be covered will include: self esteem, body image, anti-bullying, anti-discrimination, anti-racism, resilience, coping and stress, positive relationships, making safe choices and reducing risk of harm.

*Julie Ronayne,*
*Head Teacher Welfare*
2011 EGG DAY

Egg Day is an annual event run by the Science Faculty and is a rich task which allows students to apply scientific principles to fun egg based activities. Students were highly engaged and displayed high order thinking skills. Year 7 participated enthusiastically in activities called egg mobile, dare devil egg, why is it so? and blow egg. The day was judged by all Year 7 students to be a resounding success, with students learning a lot in an entertaining and challenging environment.

The Science staff provided energetic guidance and should be congratulated on their amazing efforts to make Egg Day an egg-citing and egg-joyable day for all. Ms Yassim deserves special mention, as without her thorough planning and preparation the day would not have been as successful.

Mrs R Andrews,
Head Teacher Science

Student Comments about Egg Day

Year 7 Science Egg Day was a great hit with all Year 7. We explored different science laws and had very smelly fun. On the whole, it was an egg-cellent and egg-citing day with too much eggy humour.

Javiera Scarratt, 7C.

Egg Day was fun! My favourite was the egg hunt and egg tossing. I got egg on my skirt, hands and socks.

Carolina Escobar, 7N.

Egg Day was the best time! I had so much fun with Dare Devil Egg. It was noisy and every class ended up smelling like egg. It meant that everyone had so much fun when you experienced it. I still can’t stop thinking about how much fun I had on Egg Day!

Jessie Yung, 7A.

Last term on March 31st, it was egg day. It was so much fun! We did experiments and went to different classes. All the Year 7 students had so much fun. At the end we played games like the egg and spoon race, where we tied our legs together. We also played egg catch; that was the best game ever! Some of the girls got egg on their t-shirt. But it was still the BEST DAY EVER!!!!!

Meidy Marentek, 7N.
Year 7 and 8 SRE (Special Religious Education) in Christian Faith

When: One lesson a fortnight for each class group, for those students who select this. The timetable varies.

What: Reading sections of The Bible, comprehension and question time, discussion of issues arising and application, prayer for student concerns.

Why: Opportunity to develop spiritual values, personal belief system, life purpose, motivation and knowledge of God and The Bible.

Who: Girls of all faith and non-faith backgrounds are welcome to participate at whatever level they feel comfortable. There is no pressure to conform to any particular belief.

Requirements: Respect for others.
Respect for the learning environment.
Workbooks provided.

Tuesday Afternoon Christian Scripture

When: Every Tuesday after the last bell, 2.33 to 3.10pm.
Finish in time to catch bus.
Where: Room B7.
Who: Any student from Year 7 to 12 is welcome to attend at any time.
Enrolment not required.

Enquiries:
Mrs Susan Laris (Christian SRE teacher)
Learning Support Staffroom
Susan.Laris2@det.nsw.edu.au

Important Student Health Condition

Would all families please notify the school immediately if there is a case of chicken pox, measles, or other infectious disease in their household. This year, letting the school know this information is extremely important.

We have a student with a health condition in Year 7 which means she can get very sick if she comes in contact with any infectious diseases. We appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please call the school office to notify any infectious diseases in your household.

全体家长请注意： 如果您的 家人中有任何人 患有 水痘，麻疹，或其它任何 传染性疾病，请立刻通知学校。 我校有一名学生的健康状况较差，如果她被感染任何疾病都会带来严重的后果，所以今年告知学校传染性疾病的存在尤为重要。
谢谢你的合作，若您的家人感染传染性疾病，请拨打学校电话9718 1805通知学校。

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Year 9 Canberra Camp

On the 16th and 17th of March, Year 9 went to Canberra for an overnight camp. We arrived at school at 7.30am on Thursday. The trip took about 3 hours (with one stop). Once we were in Canberra we went straight to Old Parliament House. On the tour we got to have an interactive quest to find answers and we also did a role-play in the old senate chamber.

After that we all went to new Parliament House and had a guided tour. We saw the chamber where the House of Representatives sit and the chamber where the Senate sits. Then we did another role-play, this time in the House of Representatives where we debated a bill. Once we had finished that we drove to our cabins where we had some rest time then ate dinner. After dinner we went to the Australian Institute of Sport. There we played some fitness games and were given an interesting tour.

The next day we went to Questacon. We spent a long time there exploring the interactive science exhibits. After Questacon we went to the Australian War Memorial. There we split up once again and were given a very interesting tour of parts of the building. We then looked at the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

The Canberra tour was fun and interesting.

By Rachael Broe, Year 9.
MADD Quest
Term 1 ended on a great high with the biggest MADD Quest to date. It involved a cast of over 60 students performing in 36 acts in the Music, Dance and Drama genres. This year saw an amazing amount of talent shown by each act which made for some very close results.

The winning act that took out the Quest was Cell Block Tango, performed by Rosie Baxter, Rosie Schofield, Sarah Jeffrey, Rebecca Merrick, Jennifer Goodwin, Tonnì Natale and Kasey Clarke of Year 10.

Category Prize Winners:
Dance: WOW, Ianna Sunvu, Amy Yoon, Jong Yong Hwang-Davies, Surdarat Ketsak.
Dance: Curry Stir Fry, Debbie Liman, Saher Younas, Sabrina Rahman.
Music Performance: Piano Solo, Grace Choi.
Music Vocals: Kinks Medley, Scout Eastment and Claire Badart-Prentice.
Music Vocals: Firework, Gemi Nguyen.
Drama: Your Thoughts Are Not Safe, Kasey Clarke, Tonnì Natale and Rosie Baxter.
Drama: Inconception, Yr12 Drama class.
New Talent: I Love You Forever, Caroline Badart-Prentice, Diane Chan, Jong Yong Hwang-Davies, Kate Cho.

Enviro Inspiro! 2011
The NSW SRC invites student teams in NSW public schools to create a five minute media presentation and a two page report to showcase their successful student-led environmental projects. Schools and student teams can win one of three major ‘prizes’ valued up to $3,000.

Enviro Inspiro! is a great way for students to connect with their local community, have fun while learning and help improve the environment.

For further details and an entry form please see Mr Bailey in the LOTE/PDHPE staffroom.

CGHS Sustainable Schools Statement
As a sustainable school, the Canterbury Girls High School community will:
- take actions that will contribute to a society that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,
- develop knowledge, skills and positive environmental attitudes and values, that build the capacity of students to live more sustainably in their school and community,
- sustainably use and manage resources and materials, make decisions and take actions for the school's natural and built environments.

Whooping Cough
There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) among school-aged children in high schools. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Children with symptoms should see a GP.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

More information at www.health.nsw.gov.au
2011 CGHS Athletics Carnival

AGE CHAMPIONS ARE:
12 Years: Fonzelina Falesita Y7
13 Years: Allison Anae Y7
14 Years: Lauren Cazar
15 Years: Cecilia Wu
16 Years: Shayla Matenga and Mele Taumalolo
17+ Years: Courtney Mahoney

HOUSE RESULTS ARE:
1st: Brisbane
2nd: Darwin
3rd: Canberra
4th: Adelaide
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the 2011 Executive:
President: Karin Badart
V-Presidents: Ian Flowers and Dimity Flowers
Secretary: Jo Schofield
Assistant Secretary: Tania Jackson-Vaughan
Treasurer: Karen Goes
Assistant Treasurer: Bernard Hallam

The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th May, 2011 in Cantabrian Hall at 7.30pm (entry via Church Street).

VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 7
All Year 7 students received vaccination permission forms last term from their Year Adviser - thank you to families who have returned these. Please complete and return the forms for the vaccinations you want your daughter to receive. The first vaccination date is May 31st. Two more visits are scheduled in October and November to complete the vaccinations. HPV (cervical cancer), hepatitis B, and boosters for chicken pox, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are the vaccinations offered over the 3 visits. Please refer to the material included with the forms for more details, and consult the NSW Department of Health website for more information and translated documents.

REMINDERS for families

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

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Year 9 Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes 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 parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been included in the excursion costs.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined on page 8 of this newsletter. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Protect against Measles

New cases of measles have been reported and NSW Health is urging people born during or after 1966 to ensure they are fully immunised against the disease, especially if planning overseas travel. Two doses of the free Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine are given at least one month apart.

Symptoms of measles include fever, sore eyes and a cough followed a few days later by a rash. Visit www.health.nsw.gov.au for further information.