Congratulations to:

- Fauziah Hambali’s, Year 12 Body of Work has been accepted in Hazelhurst Art Gallery’s exhibition entitled ‘Art Rules’ which will run 15th Dec 2012 – 20th Jan 2013.

- The following teams who won their finals and are 2012 St George Zone Summer Grade Premiers in their respective age groups:-
  - 15A Mini Soccer
  - 13A Volleyball
  - 13A Oz Tag
  - 13B Oz Tag
  - 1st grade Volleyball
  - 2nd grade Volleyball

- The 200+ students who performed in our two MADD night extravaganzas. The standard of performance was outstanding and all students should be very proud of these two concerts.

- The ten Year 9 students who have just completed a Certificate of Attainment in Retail Services. A great credential when looking for part time work. Well done to all!

- The eighteen Year 9 students who graduated from the LEAPS Mentoring program this week. It was a very proud night for families and staff to see how much maturity, poise and confidence has been gained through this program in 2012. A full report and photos are on page 11.

- School Spectacular Performers Javiera Scarratt, Year 8 who was in the Orchestra; Lilyana Abram, Claire Badart-Prentice, Lauren Brett, Tara Brett, Monique Capo, Ivy Crago, Scout Eastment, Xannie Gal, Emily Grubisa, Ruby Hilton, Natalie Vranjkovic all who danced in several items. The show can be seen on ABC TV in December.

- Students who received Zone Sports Awards last week. Emily Grubisa, Year 7, Age Athletics Champion for 2012, The Open Volleyball teams for being Zone Winners in both the Winter and Summer competition and the Open Netball team for winning the Winter Competition.

- Madeleine Gill, Year 11 and Aaliyah-Jade Bradbury, Year 10 who were backstage crew volunteers at the Annual Deadly Awards held at the Opera House.

- Student who participated in the Kool Skools program. Winners for Writing and Performing best song included: Year 12 students Cherry Lyn Saballa, Aumea Framhein, Millie Phelan, Gloria Lumanauw, Zhenni Zhang, Joy Chung, Amanda Caceres Orostegui, and Cherry Nguyen. These awards were for songs ‘Who I am’ and ‘Swiss Cheese.’ As well Year 11 Music students Sara Miranda, Emily Chapman and Catherine Davey were recognised for the song ‘Little Things.’ This was a fantastic program which got so many students writing and performing original songs. Well done to all. A full report is on page 7.

- Pollyanna Thomson, Year 8, runner up in the Wecreate state wide DEC competition for...
Eleven students in Year 10 who completed the Barista course at Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL last week. Well done, that will look great on your resumes.

Students in Years 9 and 10 who have received NSW Premiers Volunteering Awards:
Grace Choi, Sarah Koorey, Sun Min Lee, Ly Lien, Lydia Qian - Diamond (80 hours).
Holly Anderson, Kathy Qiu, Jasmine Shai - Gold (60 hours).
Rusanny Assavapayukul, Tania Durham, Jasmine Economidis, Cherry Nguyen, Jessica Pham, Amira Raymond, Susan Su, Katie Zhuang - Silver (40 hours).
Star Jaber, Vy Nguyen, Hasanaah Rifai - Bronze (20 hours).

STOP PRESS...Sarah Koorey, Year 10, will receive the prestigious Black Opal award to recognise contribution to the community of more than 150 hours of volunteering at a Regional Ceremony next week.

Thank you

Year 12 who have donated $5000 to the school. This is earmarked for further improvements to facilities for students.

Year 8 Elective Visual Arts students who have designed a fantastic set of Murals for the canteen area. They are currently working on this and they should be finished by the end of the year.

Ms Reed for the support of the School Spectacular Dancers.

To all those people who have volunteered throughout the year to assist in so many ways the students at CGHS.

Ms Flannery for her hard work making Kool Skools happen as well as convincing us to take a risk and making Kool Skools such a wonderful opportunity for students.

Ms Strachan, Ms Slattery and Ms Matos for giving up family time to attend the Year 11 Camp.

The P and C for supporting our MADD events and for the ongoing support of school activities and events.

Ms Tyral for organising some wonderful Volunteering opportunities for Years 9 and 10.

Ms Naisbett for her highly professional and smooth operation of this year’s LEAPS mentoring program.

St Pauls Church who over the last month have been trialling a free Homework Centre for Canterbury Girls students on a Thursday afternoon.

Parent Trish Graf, who has produced our newsletter again in 2012 and also continues to provide outstanding photos of some of our events.

All the staff that have supported the schools sport program throughout the year, especially Ms Delmas and Mrs Di Chiara.

Best of luck to

The twelve students dancing at The Youth Olympics Opening Ceremony at the Entertainment Centre on Wednesday, 16th January 2013. Canterbury Girls have been given a feature spot in this event. Once again thanks to Ms Reed for generously giving up her time for this opportunity in the school holidays.

HSC students with decisions about the future.

Farewell

Mrs Jodie Kelso, in the TAS faculty has received a transfer to South Sydney High for 2013. Mrs Kelso has been at CGHS for 16 years. She has been a fantastic classroom teacher and she will be very much missed by students and her colleagues. We wish her all the best at her new school.

China ‘Expanding Horizons’ trip performers pictured from far left: The Dance Ensemble on stage, music performers on stage and rehearsals.

Information for Parents

End of Year Details

Formal lessons finish on Monday 17.12.12. This is also Recognition Day and all parents are welcome to attend this in the MPC. This event starts at 10.50am and goes for about one and a half hours.

Students in Years 7-10 will receive the Semester 2 report on this day as well. Students who are not present on this day will have the reports mailed on the next day.

This is the last day that the School Canteen will be open in 2012.

Tuesday 18.12.12 is Picnic Day for all students Years 7-11. Each year group has received permission notes and the expectation is that all students should attend as a fun way to finalise a great year with classmates.

Wednesday 19.12.12 is the last day of school for students. There will be no timetabled classes on this day, however all students will be directly supervised and activities organised across the day. Again many students usually attend on this day and the expectation is that you would be involved in a variety of activities across the school. The Canteen will not be open on this day.

Payments for Extra Curricular Programs, Sport and Excursions

Thank you to all those parents who have continued to pay off costs across the year. We have collected record fees for this year and appreciate the fact that the vast majority of families pay all costs across the calendar year.

Families who have outstanding payments will receive final year invoices in the next week. Families should note that our extensive Extra Curricular program is just that, an extra on top of what we receive resources from the government for. The payments required for these programs are essential for us to be able to offer the teacher support, expertise and student opportunity. If you have not paid the small fee we charge for these programs then continuation in these programs is at risk.

This same principle applies to Excursions and Sport. If you go on the excursion you have to pay for it unless you have applied for Student Assistance. We allow Camps to be paid off, but this must be done within the calendar year of the camp. If you cannot afford the cost for sport buses, then students have to choose a sport which has no charge. There are several of these.

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50 Year Cantabrians

In November Cantabrians of the class of 1962 returned to CGHS for a school tour and a morning tea with current SRC and Prefects. The students from 1962 were certainly entertaining as they regaled current students with stories of times during their own education. Books and uniforms and photos from the late 1950’s and early 1960’s were poured over. The tour was organised by Dr Rita Crews who will return as guest speaker at the 2013 Academic Recognition Assembly. The day typified the fact that each day we walk in the shoes of thousands of women who have attended school at CGHS, with thousands more to come in the future. More and more stories and photos of past students are also being added to the school website under the Cantabrian Voices link in the school Information section.

Year 9 topic
“East meets West”

Year 9 have just dyed their fabric using a Japanese style called Shibori (done with indigo dye). They will then construct a mini-kimono using fabric which reflects techniques of printmaking, handpainting and tie-dying.

Year 11 Textiles and Design

Work in the study of fabric decoration.

Calling All Poets

April 1st 2013 is the closing date for entries to the Canterbury Girls High School Rechniewski Poetry Prize.

(Prize money for this competition has been generously donated by Mr Peter Rechniewski, former ESL teacher at Canterbury)

You may submit either one or two poems in any form... sonnet, lyric, free verse or a poem designed to be slammed, up to a maximum of 25 lines each.

There are cash prizes for the best poem in Stage 4, Stage 5, and Stage 6. There will be a prize for the best poem by an ESL student as well as a champion poetry slammer award.

All entries, including the text of poems to be slammed, are to be submitted to your English teacher by 3.10pm on April 1st next year.

So it’s time to get inspired, read and listen to some poetry over summer... rewrite those poems you have under your bed or create some new work. You have to be in it to win, so starting writing today.

See Ms Slattery in the English staff for more details.

Monday 17th December: last day of formal lessons.
Tuesday 18th December: Picnic Day.
Wednesday 19th December: last day of school for students.
Wednesday 30th January, 2013: Years 7, 11 and 12 return.
Thursday 31st January, 2013: Years 8, 9 and 10 return.

Above: Sharing of stories across the generations.
Knockout Netball

On Wednesday 14th November the U15 Knockout netball team met nice and early and travelled to Bellingara Netball courts to compete in the Sydney East School Sport U15 Netball Draw.

The girls performed extremely well in the wet conditions and showed grit and determination. After losing a close first game they came back to win their second convincingly against JJ Cahill. They missed out slightly on the finals but should be very proud of their efforts. A great team effort all round.

Rowing Australia Talent Identification Program

To identify our champion athletes the Australian Sports Commission and National Sporting bodies conduct talent identification programs on a regular basis. Rowing Australia is currently embarking on a search to find untapped talent that can be developed in the aim of producing our Olympic heroes of the future.

On Wednesday 24th October, 16 students from Years 8-11 were put through their paces for a talent identification program to seek any girls that may be naturally suited to taking up rowing as a sport. The purpose of this testing was to measure the girls using a range of strength and fitness tests to see if they could be amongst our Australian rowing champions of the future.

16 girls were tested and four girls (Tara Brett Year 10, Salome Tauifi Year 10, Amy Murray Year 11 and Maja Skundric Year 11) had met the Elite standard of fitness in one or more criteria. These girls had the opportunity to be involved in a second round of tests at the NSW Institute of Sport. They got to experience what it is like to train at the NSWIS state of the art facilities and gained insight into the world of technology and sport and how an individual’s abilities can be discovered to nurture and develop into elite athletes.

Whilst none of the four girls were chosen to take part in the talent identification program they now have knowledge of the skills and abilities they possess to pursue rowing at a club level. Congratulations to all students for giving it a go. Keep pursuing different avenues that may lead you to success.

Ms J. Hunter

Exodus Foundation Food Drive

The SRC have been working hard to collect food, hygiene products, toys and activities for disadvantaged families over the holiday break. Canterbury Girls High is once again showing their generosity and the whole school is working towards raising more than last year’s collection of over 1000 items!

Creative and Performing Arts

Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to our wonderful dancers who participated in the Schools Spectacular. The theme for this year was ‘Our Time’. Twelve of our students across the year groups were selected to participate in this show case opportunity which is designed to create learning experiences and extend school and regional programs.

The goal is to develop and extend the talents of the young people. Our students participated in the rehearsal and performance process and performed across four shows on the 23rd and 24th November.

Our thanks must go to our wonderfully talented dance teacher Ms Reed in appreciation for all the opportunities she creates for our students.

Kool Skool Concert

A humongous thank you for coming Natasha! I really enjoyed the concert. I love her voice and I love her songs. It’s really nice how Natasha gave us free ‘Punch Me in the Heart’ CDs.

The music was very loud and the lights were bright but it was all worthwhile. Unfortunately I didn’t get a CD because I had to go home. My favourite song that she sang was ‘Call Me Maybe’ originally sung by Carly Rae Jepsen. I was dancing around with my friends and it was really fun.

I would love to go to her concert again. Our concert in the MPC was worth the whole world and the best thing is that it was free. Free concert, free Natasha Duarte CD. It just can’t get any better! Overall the concert was awesome!

By Nabila Namira Year 7
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LEAPS Graduation Monday 26th November 2012

On Monday 26th November friends, family, students, teachers and lawyers all gathered together in the Cantabrian Hall to celebrate the LEAPS students’ graduation. The Lawyers encouraging promising and aspiring students (LEAPS) program has been running for 9 years at our school. It involves a group of Year 9 students being mentored for a year by a lawyer from the city. The selected 15 students attended 12 mentoring sessions throughout the year, talking about topics from how to deal with bullying to what’s hot and what’s not! The students visited their mentors at four different locations over the course of the program, Department of Education and Communities, Makinsons & D’Apice, Hicksons and Moray & Agnew.

The graduation evening was a wonderful celebration of a successful year. Both students and mentors learnt a lot about each other and themselves. After exchanging kind words to each other we had some fantastic performances from Jessica Olrick, Fiona Ryan and Natasha Meyer-Cuthbert.

This year is also the final year John Murn will be mentoring with us as he is retiring in January. It has been a great privilege to have had John work with our girls. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for all his hard work and commitment over the years.

From top: John Murn and Jessica Olrick; Hana Bracken; Mira Lo Bue and Fiona Ryan.

Volunteering

28th November 2012, volunteers spent today raising money to help raise funds for a school and orphanage in Jakarta. The cake stall, consisting of everything from cakes to muffins, raised a little over half our money with the support of the school community. We also had a guessing competition bringing in the fun and excitement into the whole event. We spent the term knitting individual squares and then compiled them together to make a large blanket to donate to the organisation ‘wrapped with love’ where the blankets are sent to the Afghanistan. The whole programme was an awesome experience and brought together a community to help someone less privileged.

Above: Zoo 10E4 Excursion to support study of the post apocalyptic novel Taronga by Victor Kelleher, set in a future where after Last Days rival gangs battle to control the Zoo, an apparent oasis in the midst of chaos. Starring tigers Raja and Ranee.

Above: National Young Leaders Conference at Darling Harbour attended by 50+ student leaders from CGHS including Green Dear, SRC and Prefects. Already booked for CGHS Week of Well being in 2013 are Taga Paa and Ronni Kahn of OzHarvest.

Below left & right: Years 8 & 9 Mentor Training Day facilitated by Rising Generations, included workshops, role playing and icebreaker games as students considered their leadership role in relation to welcoming new Year 7 students in 2013.

Student Welfare News

Highlights from student well being this term as we lead up to Recognition Assembly and Picnic Day in Week 11:
- The fantastic LEAPS graduation coordinated by Stacy Naisbett for fifteen Year 9 students on Monday 26th November.
- Last Thursday’s Mentor Training Day - a great group of students completed day two of their induction to mentoring.
- National Young Leaders Conference last Monday - attended by Prefects, SRC and GREEN DEAR.

Next year we will run our WOW week with theme of ‘Giving Back’ - to community, school, environment. We secured two keynote speakers and are following up other presenters / workshops through contacts made at this conference and expo.
- Final VOLUNTEERING day coming up this Thursday, coordinated by Jasmine Tyrall. Special thanks to Ms Tyrall for her enthusiastic work to keep this program going in 2012. What will happen in 2013 we are yet to work out.
- PATHE presentation last Thursday for Pacific students and others at risk of not continuing in education, run by UWS, coordinated by Elizabeth Maddox in her New School Leaving Age program coordinator’s role.

PICNIC DAY: Tuesday December 18th - all students have received permission notes from Year Advisers
Year 7: Royal National Park
Year 8: IMAX Darling Harbour
Year 9: Cockatoo Island
Year 10 + 11: Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour

Julie Ronayne, Head Teacher Welfare
Number Crunchers

On the 19th of November a phenomenon has occurred, it was witnessed by a few hundred people at the Powerhouse Museum. It was a day where mathematicians were discovered and great new talents were shown.

For me, I was part of the Golden Pi Competition. It was a fun and fulfilling day with students from all around the Sydney Region, there was around 70 schools that participated in the activity. The main competition of the day was the Number Crunchers challenge, students from Year 6 and 7 were involved in the competition. It involves brain wrecking mathematical quizzes and heart pumping answers that I couldn’t even manage the questions myself.

Our own representative, Mandy Chen in Year 7 gave us a proud time as she was competing in the Numbers Crunchers challenge, Mandy managed to grab equal-third with a few other boys but the winner of 2012 Numbers Crunchers was Adam from Sydney Technical High School in Year 7. There were two other competitions that took place as well; and they were: Rubik’s Cube Challenge and The Golden Pi.

Kirt from Blakehurst High was the champion of the Rubik’s Cube challenge. He finished the object in only 12 seconds and that’s something I could never accomplish.

However, I was lucky enough to be part of the Golden Pi competition but unfortunately I didn’t leave with a title this year, it was Evan from Caringbah High School who took the prize. I had a wonderful time and it was good seeing some faces that went on the China Tour with me. The day was amazing and I had a lot of fun.

Ly Lien

National Young Leaders Day

The Prefect body, Student Representative Council and Green Dear, has had the privilege to attend the National Young Leaders Day Conference on the 19th of November. This involved the focus on leadership lectures to inspire over 2000 young leaders in the Sydney Region to carry out their aspirations and visions. Over the duration of the day, four guest speakers motivated students with their stories of achievement as well as failures.

The first speaker, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki encouraged the future generation to lead and take over the imminent leadership roles with intelligence and logic. Addressing the effects of global warming on our planet and the steps in which we need to take to allow for a more sustainable environment.

Ronni Kahn, an innovative social entrepreneur and Good Samaritan who founded Oz Harvest, spoke next. Ronni delivered a remarkable anecdote on the formation and processes she endured to build an organisation which rescues and re-distributes wasted (as well as donated) foods to the less fortunate. In addition, she spoke of her future prospects to expand her business such as developing programs to educate the deprived and deplete their cycle of poverty.

A former AFL player and current AFL coach, Kevin Sheedy was up next and spoke of his struggles and achievements as a former AFL player and coach.

Last of all, Taga Paa (crowd favourite) sang as well as encouraged us to believe within ourselves of all the inherent possibilities we encompass. As a contestant on The Voice, Taga held no trace of vanity, but instead radiated goodness and modesty – demonstrating the ideal role model for the thousands of students to learn from.

Overall, the day had been invigorating for the young leaders of Canterbury Girls, who will apply these skills learnt to continuously improve the school environment and ultimately the wider community. A big thank you to Ms Kovanis and Ms Ronayne for taking all of us.

Susan McCleod, Co Captain

Our names are Dina Soliman and Nadia Kateh and we did out Business Services workplace at MTC Training Solutions at Bankstown. Our experience was positive and we got to meet some amazing people.

We were really busy all week helping the office staff with many duties. We helped the staff relocate offices and also did other duties such as answering the telephone, customer service and data entry.

We really enjoyed the experience and highly recommend this workplace to future Business Services students.

Dina Soliman and Nadia Kateh
(Yr 12 Business Services)

Year 12 Business Studies – IMAX adventure

Our Year 12 Business Studies students went on an educational day out to Darling Harbour. This was an extremely worthwhile experience for all. They were delivered a detailed lecture from the marketing manager of IMAX Australia who uncovered the ins and outs of running a multinational private company. A comprehensive booklet with the business plan for IMAX was also provided. The girls will use this case study to further supplement their written work in the HSC.

An amazing 3D journey ‘Under the Sea’ was also experienced first-hand by our students and what an adventure that was! Digging deep into a popcorn box and squeals of excitement as the dugong swam towards them. We look forward to experiencing a successful HSC year with these students in 2013.

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Hi, my name is Vanessa Puntriano and I had the privilege of completing my final Business Services workplace at Just Careers Training which is located in Bankstown.

I really enjoyed working here and gained many skills such as: filing, data entry, powerpoint presentations, sorting mail and photocopying.

The people that I worked with were really helpful and gave me positive feedback. I would really encourage other Business Services students to do their workplace there.

Vanessa Puntriano (Yr 12 Business Services)
**REMINDERS for families**

**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.

**EXCURSIONS:** 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.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL:** All families will receive an SMS when the newsletter is available on the webpage. This comes out each month and issue dates are on the calendar on the website. The newsletter is emailed to all students as well. If you wish to have a hard copy your student must collect this from Office A.

**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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