Congratulations to:

- **Helen Wang**, Year 12 who has been awarded by the University of Sydney Sci School HSC Student Scholarship, as part of the HSC Winter Programs, in recognition of a demonstrated passion for academic pursuits.

- **Madeleine Smith**, Year 7, has come first in the Art Gallery NSW young people’s drawing competition in the landscape section. Her drawing will be hung in the members lounge at the Art Gallery.

- Fourteen **Year 12 students** who have completed in the July holidays, the U@UNSW program which is aimed at improving access to UNSW post HSC.

- **Ly Lien**, Year 10, who has been selected to be school Education Director for the day as part of Education Week activities.

- Our students in Performing Arts Unit State Singers **Scout Eastment**, **Claire Badart-Prentice**, Year 10, **Jamile Kibby**, Year 8, and **Zoe Viney**, Year 7, (below) all singing this week at a variety of functions for education week.

- **Susan McLeod**, Year 11, who has been selected to be School Improvement Officer for the day as part of Education Week activities.

- Eighteen **Year 7 and 8 students** who performed very well in the Language Perfect World Championships.

- **Hannah Cazar, Eliza Goslett, Emily Grubisa Year 7; Jascinda Manning and Vineta Tohotoa, Year 8; Jessica Olrick Year 9; and Bulou Waqaliva and Fatmata Kamara, Year 11**, who have all been successful in gaining a spot in the Regional Athletics team.

- All **Year 11 Business Services students** who have just completed a highly successful Work Placement.

- **Billie Cole-Doyle Year 7**, who competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking competition this week.

- **Year 10 Debating team** who are joint Zone winners and are in a play off final debate next week against Burwood Girls High.

Staff News

- We welcome new staff member, **Ms Louise Fox**, who has been appointed as a Learning Support teacher. Ms Fox brings a wealth of experience to our school.

**CGHS Singers.**
this week. Ms Tahnee Schultz has been a very popular counsellor who has supported many students over the last three years. She has moved on to a new position close to home and we thank her for all the work over the last years.

Best of Luck

- Madeleine Gill, Dana Duke, Keseva Ketchell Year 11 – who are again participating in the upcoming Regional Indigenous Student Debate at NSW Parliament House.
- All Grade Sporting teams currently completing the Winter competition.
- All students participating in the English and Mathematics Competitions coming up.
- All students competing in the upcoming Tournament of Minds.
- All the students participating in the 40 Hour Famine.

Thank You

- Parent Evan Shapiro who has volunteered again to be the Quiz Master at the Annual Trivia Night.
- Local resident and Olympian Judy Playfair (above with CGHS staff) for bringing along all her Olympic memorabilia from the 1968 Olympics and spending the day with Year 7 on our CGHS Olympic Day.
- Parents and Citizens for the ongoing support of the school.
- Parents who have recently made generous donations to the School and the P&C Building Fund.
- Ms Louise Flannery and Ms Stacey Naisbett who gave up lots of hours to support students at the Kool School Original Song recordings just before the holidays.
- Ms Dennis and Ms Hunter who also gave up lots of hours to ensure student success at the Regional Dance Festival.
- Ms Barry who supported the Create High Program at the end of last term and went way beyond the call of duty to make it all happen.
- Canterbury Public School who raised $1409 towards supporting one of their ex-students, Mandy Chen of Year 7, who will be heading off to China as part of the Expanding Horizons Program.

We all wish Mr Anderson a happy European vacation while we start back to a wintry Term 3 - we look forward to seeing Mr Anderson again from week 4.

All students and families please note we are having a blitz on LATENESS in the opening weeks of term. Current numbers of students late each day are far too high - very few students (maybe 10 per day, not 40-50) have acceptable reasons for lateness. Unless you fall into an acceptable category of lateness, you will be marked “Late - no reason - unacceptable”. Punctuality is expected in all areas of our lives - school is no exception.

Ways to avoid being late and save time in the morning:

- Pack your bag and make your lunch the night before as part of the wind down, get ready to sleep ritual.
- Have fairly regular going to bed and getting up times - 10 - 11pm is the latest for teens who need 8-9 hours sleep and who must be up and out the door by 7.30-8.30am.
- Do NOT take your phone or laptop into bed with you, leave them charging on the other side of the room or out of reach.
- Have your shower in the afternoon or evening to save time in the morning.
- Make sure breakfast is easy to get yourself - or to take with you and eat on the way eg fresh fruit, yoghurt, muesli bars. If you stop to buy breakfast on the way, do so in time to get to school with the food eaten.
- Make sure you have correct, dry uniform ready for the morning.
- Set your alarm early enough, on LOUD and put it on the other side of the room so you must get up and turn it off - then don’t get back in the bed.
- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for punctuality.

Parents and families, if there is an unavoidable reason for lateness, please write a note, phone Office A or reply to our SMS text message. If lateness is not due to any good reason you know of, please advise this. Discuss with your daughters how they can improve their use of time in the mornings (see the above strategies!) so lateness to school is a non-issue.
Mentor Training for Years 8 & 9 – August 3rd

On August 3rd we will hold the first of two days of student mentor training for 2012. This training will be conducted by Rising Generations:


This link will take you to the Rising Generations website and their information brochure on the peer support training program.

**KEY FEATURES OF THEIR TRAINING INCLUDE:**

- Being a role model
- Developing healthy relationships
- Facilitating and developing small-group skills
- Dealing with difficult situations, in particular how to tackle all forms bullying
- Building confidence and resilience
- Developing communication and listening skills
- Building effective peer support groups
- Making sound decisions and effective problem solving
- Developing a healthy self esteem and identity in Year 7 students
- Creating a culture of ‘Making a difference’

We have used Rising Generations for two years and our students have always given positive feedback. Please look out for the permission note and encourage your daughter to participate. Peer mentors then run the mentor workshops to welcome Year 7 to the school in the following year.

Training is open to Year 8 and Year 9 students – Year 9 may repeat the training (as Rising Generations vary their program this is not a repeat of last year’s days) or, if they did not participate as Year 8 students, they may do it on the first time, and act as peer mentors when they are in Year 10 next year. For our middle school years this is a valuable leadership opportunity. Our Prefect body and Years 9 - 10 – 11 SRC is always heavily dominated by students who have taken part in this program!

**Nomination for Marie Bashir Peace Award - Bulou Waqaliva**

This is an annual award and schools in NSW are invited to nominate one student for consideration. It is initiated and organised by NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF NEW SOUTH WALES with assisting sponsorship from Zonta Club of Sydney East and Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women’s Association of Australia (PPSEAWA)

The Nominee must have made a significant contribution to harmony or social justice.

The Nominee must have displayed leadership in fostering harmonious relationships and peace.

Canterbury Girls’ nominee for 2012 is Year 11 student Bulou Waqaliva. Here is an extract from our supporting statement:

Bulou presents herself as an excellent leader in the SRC, and has displayed not only a commitment to improving school spirit, but also to improving relationships amongst her peers, teachers and the entire school community. She is an excellent role model for younger students and she is never hesitant to assist a student in need. She takes on responsibility with ease and has displayed a caring and committed personality.

As a result she easily identifies with all students, and the students in the school know her as a reliable and trustworthy friend. Bulou’s commitment to eliminating bullying in the school and encouraging acceptance and wellbeing amongst her peers is noteworthy. She is a school representative in Volleyball and has shown herself to be a fair and talented sportswoman as well as assisting other players.

Bulou’s commitment to encouraging harmonious relationships in the school is relentless and she continues to be an outstanding leader and member of the school community.

Bulou’s school record includes participation in volleyball at school, region and state level. She has volunteered to act as a recorder at Zone Cross Country. She has trained and acted as a peer mentor for two years to assist the transition of Year 7 students to high school. She has played key rules in the school’s NAIDOC assemblies, and represented the school in her role as SRC member at the Marrickville Council Youth Forum. Her roles as a sportswoman, SRC member and mentor see Bulou actively promoting harmonious relationships and peaceful resolutions to conflict in all her everyday school activities.

**Ellie Cott and Jamie Kibby**

**Kool Skools**

Many of you may already know that around fifty of our students participated in an original song writing, production and recording program called Kool Skools. The program ran over three days and in that time we got to go to Megaphon Studio’s a professional recording studio in St Peters. In order to qualify for the Kool Skools competition we had to compose our own music and lyrics, perform it and then participate in the whole studio recording process. Prior to the recording sessions we got into groups and worked to create our own songs. We presented our work in school in an audition process and finally the numbers were chosen. In the last week of term we got to take our first steps on the road to stardom and to follow in the footsteps of real musicians. We learned a lot from the experience, it helped us to get a taste of what it is like being in the music industry. We had a lot of fun and if you are lucky enough to be able to purchase one of the CDs we produced you will be inspired by the range of music and sound of our talents.

**Ellie Cott and Jamie Kibby**

**Claim the Date**

**Gardening Working Bee**

Saturday 8th September

2pm - 5pm

Entry via Church Street.

**Congratulations** to all of our students who took part in Create High! On the last three days of term two, many of our students chose to gear up rather than wind down to the holidays. Create High is a program for students in Sydney Region schools. The program consists of three consecutive days of workshops, culminating in a high quality professional theatrical production, all taking place at Seymour Theatre Centre.

Students in Years 7–9 with training and experience in Band, Dance, Drama, Choir, TAS and Visual Arts were invited to apply. Twenty of our students were successful in their application and became part of the creative team producing and presenting ‘The Amazing Race’. The performance told the story of four children who are in a race to uncover answers to some of the world’s most pressing and disturbing problems. The children had to deal with climate change, societal inequities, and discrimination. The narrative was interspersed with music, drama and dance. The children moved through time and place from Ghandi’s India, Prohibition in the United States, the fight for the vote for women and the creation of Australia’s tent embassy. Our students contributed to all aspects of the performance and their behaviour, participation and inspiring performance were exemplary.

**Congratulations to our students, those involved were:** Portia McMullin, Ellie Cott, Charlotte Edwige, Clancy Barry-Byrne, Maya Muscio, Lilyana Abram, Ursula Hartung, Zoe Viney, Isobelle Cooper, Emily Grubisa, Ivy Crago, Imogen Murphy, Claire Bowen, Remy Gref, Jozuea Chami, Eleanor Ridby, Jessica Tennant, Pollyanna Thomson, Madelein Donovan and Madeleine Smith.

Ms Barry Head Teacher CAPA
Sydney Region Dance Festival/Education week Similaunch

All three dance ensembles at Canterbury Girls worked extremely hard last semester towards preparing their items for the Sydney Region Dance Festival. Their performances, ‘Over, under, around and through’ (Gold Ensemble) and ‘Summertime’ (Blue Ensemble) were very well received by their audience at the Seymour Centre and both groups received very positive feedback from festival committee members.

The Inner West Region Dance ensemble were also well received in their debut performance of ‘Tangled Angels’ at the festival. This new group was formed in Term 4 last year and includes Year 7 and 8 students from Canterbury Girls’ as well as Year 6 students from Dulwich Hill, Canterbury, Marrickville West, Ashbury and Canterbury South primary schools.

The ensembles are currently rehearsing for the ‘Education Week Similaunch’ which Canterbury Girls will be hosting for the first time. On Monday the 30th July, 60 students from our local primary schools will join us for a ‘Flash Mob’ style dance item which will be performed in the MPC. Video footage of this event will be included in a state wide simulcast promoting public education.

Preliminary Geography Field Trip

Last Thursday Year 11 Geography went on an excursion/field trip to Sydney Olympic Park. We went with our tour guide Ken into the Mangrove forest and learnt about their root systems and adaptations they went through to survive. As a group we talked about the biophysical environment and how to identify light gaps in the forest as well as how to tell if where the soil is low or high in salinity. There were lots of fun exercises to do, such as an activity where we went into the GIS (Geographic Information System) lab and saw an aerial shot of Sydney, the computers allowed us to see what the waterways were like in 1930 and 2000.

We also went on a long walk along the Boardwalk where we were told to lick both sides of a mangrove leaf to see which side was saltier; the underside was saltier meaning that that was the side that the salt came out of through the pores. We went to a small hut on the side of the river where we ran tests on the soil and water to find the pH and then took the temperature and wind speed in the mangroves. Also on our walk around the boardwalk we saw where people had thrown cement bags into the creeks to stop erosion, but since the bags had been thrown in bag and all the water hardened the cement in the bag and when the paper disintegrated they left behind blocks of cement that had set in rectangular shapes. All in all, the excursion was a very informative and educational experience and it was lots of fun. Yay!!!!

SRC Report

On 22nd June, Canterbury Girls High School was invited to attend Kingsgrove High School’s annual multicultural day. The event started off with some special guests addressing the school including Dr Phil Lambert, the Sydney Region Director, followed by exhibitions of cultural music and dance throughout the day, including Greek, Lebanese and Latin American dancing.

Several students including the choir and music elective classes also performed songs including “We are Australian”. Amongst these enjoyable performances, Canterbury Girls High School SRC, alongside Kingsgrove High School students and other school guests were free to visit all the different food stalls. Our SRC particularly enjoyed the fish cakes, from the Thai stall, the enchiladas from the Latin American stall, the sausage sizzle from the Australian stall, and the Gelato stall.

The students and teachers of Kingsgrove High School were kind and inviting, and our SRC even got a special tour of the Kingsgrove High School Library. We thoroughly enjoyed this occasion and were happy to share this day with Kingsgrove High.

Leni Loueizi

Sydney Harbour, July 15 2012

It’s a Sunday afternoon on Sydney Harbour.

Blue water is sparkling in golden afternoon light

Tourists strolling and climbing the Bridge,

Brides preening, preparing for their photo shoots,

Joggers sweating and puffing.

A gleaming white cruise ship, like a floating whale, heading off toward the Heads.

All of them excited, filled with anticipation.

And me,

Filled with dread.

On the last day of the holidays.

Mabel Donovan, Year 7.
Farewell

Tahnee don’t leave, that’s all.

On a serious note, you have shown the light to many girls in our school. You have provided us the opportunity to become stronger women able to face our fears and look past the things that have been troubling us in the darkness. You’ve picked us up when we have fallen, wiped our tears, and even when we feel like giving up you have given us every reason not to.

We shall never be apart, maybe in distance, but not in heart. Good luck with your future you have truly opened our eyes to better opportunities. Some trails are happy, others are blue. It is the way that you ride the trail that counts. Here’s a happy one for you.

Love lots – Canterbury Girls High School

Year 7 Olympic Games Rich Day

On Friday 27th July all of Year 7 participated in an Olympics Rich Day. The day started with a Olympic March by all students around the school celebrating the diversity of people who participate in the Olympics. Year 7 Drama ensemble then entertained the audience with an impromptu radio skit interviewing people from around the world who are visiting the Olympics in London.

Special Guest 1968 Olympian Judy Playfair then spoke to Year 7 about her experiences as a 14 year old at the Mexico Olympics and how sporting opportunity has changed for woman since that time. Judy also spoke about the way training methods have changed significantly over the last 40 years and had some great stories about her experiences.

Students had lots of questions about her experiences and were thrilled to be able to touch her Olympic Silver medal and see Judy’s original uniform and swim gear from the 1968 Olympics. The day continued with competitive games across the day and ended with a medal ceremony for the winning teams and individuals. A great day was had by all and special thanks to Judy Playfair for attending and to Ms Naisbett for her fantastic organisation. All girls seemed most keen to ensure they saw as much of the London Olympics as possible and soak up that Olympic fever.

Australian Brain Bee Challenge

On Thursday 26th July, Randika Kumaraasinghe competed at the State finals for the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. Students from 34 schools across NSW competed for the honour of state champion. These students were the top 6% of all students who sat the first round examination and represented a very high calibre of student.

Randika spent weeks preparing for the competition; studying the brain and neuroscience. Randika displayed outstanding diligence and application to prepare for the competition. Unfortunately, Randika was knocked out in the first round of the state finals.

Randika must be congratulated on her persistence, dedication and hard work. She was an outstanding representative of Canterbury Girls High School, displaying many of the wonderful values and attitudes of our school.

Robyn Andrews, Head Teacher Science

Winter Grade Sport

The St George Zone Winter Grade sport competition has only a few weeks to go with many of our 23 teams looking certain to make the semi finals which are now due to be held on 22nd August. 1st grade Netball, 14B Table Tennis, 13 Soccer and 13B Netball are all in second position in their respective competitions with our 2nd grade Volleyball team sitting comfortably in first spot.

The most successful team so far is our 1st grade Volleyball team who are still undefeated and look certain to compete in the finals on 29th August.

With only three weeks of competition remaining before the finals, we wish all our Winter grade teams the best of luck.

Knockout Sport

Canterbury Girls High School entered 11 Knockout teams in the Sydney East Knockout Sporting competition this year with varying success. A fantastic competitive spirit was shown by all of our teams especially in Soccer, Netball, Basketball and Touch Football with all of these teams winning their first games. A big congratulations to our Volleyball team who made the quarter finals with three of our students selected into the Sydney East team.

Our Tennis team also progressed to the final eight which is our best result in Tennis to date. We are yet to begin the U15 Netball competition, which is due to commence later this term, but we have a very talented number of juniors who show great promise and will prove to be very competitive. Well done to all students who competed in the Sydney East Knockout competition this year and all the best to the U15 Netball Knockout team.

Jayne Delmas, Sport Co-ordinator

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT: www.canterbury-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Canteen Area Upgrade

Stage 1 of the upgrade of the Canteen area is now complete. Students now have a small kitchen area available with microwave and instant hot water, lots of power points to charge phones and laptops, as well as a much drier and warmer area to sit in the winter. Thanks to the following groups for donations which made this stage of the work happen:

- P&C: $15,000 towards the new roller shutters
- Year 12 2011: $4000 which has paid for the kitchen area
- Year 12 2012: So far Year 12 have contributed funds for some seating and before the end of this year additional funds will come from Year 12 for a Digital projector as well as some more seating.

Stage 2 will occur later in the year when the floor near the actual canteen will be replaced and the painting will be completed. Year 8 Elective Visual Arts are also currently working on some inspiration for the walls of the area around the Canteen windows and entrance.

Thank you to all for the great assistance. The project would not have happened without the skill and hard work of Mr David Ralph, our General Assistant and Mr Bob Pitt. Both gents have great talent and have really made this area into a wonderful space for our students.

Trivia Night Donations

Thanks to the following Businesses and Individuals for fantastic donations to the P&C Annual Trivia Night:

- Aamore Mobile Hair & Make Up
- Adora Chocolates
- Ashfield Catholic & Community Club
  (Club Ashfield)
- Asian Beer Imports
- Australian Museum
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Australian Reptile Park
- Beauty by Margarita
- bdi design – Hand made Glass Jewellery
- Brotherton family
- Camelot Lounge
- Canterbury Bankstown Leagues Club
- Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL Club
- Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink
- Captain Cook Cruises
- Celebration Cakes
- CGHS Art Department
- Channel 9 Sydney
- Dendy Cinemas
- Dome Bar Lounge & Dining
- Espresso Train
- HIPS Fitness Studio
- Jeffrey Family
- Lizzy Hajes – STC Tickets
- LG IMAX Theatre Sydney
- Liberty International Underwriters
- Merlin Entertainment Group
- Pawfection Mobile Dog Grooming
- Pole Fitness Studios
- Polley Family
- Powerhouse Museum
- Riverside Theatre
- Santos Centre Pharmacy Summer Hill
- Sideways Café
- Summer Hill Village Meats
- Summer Hill Wine Shop
- Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground
- Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
- Sydney Opera House Tours
- Sydney Theatre Company
- Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- The Trophy Shop
- Urechin Books
- West Ashfield
- Women’s Health Naturally Summer Hill

PLEASE CONTACT US

if any personal contact details have changed - see our email contact below:
canterburg-h.School@det.nsw.edu.au

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.

INVOICES: Term 3 invoices will be mailed to all families over the next few weeks. Thank you to those families who continue to pay costs off across the year.

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.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLES: A reminder to all families who have a student in either the orchestra, strings ensemble, percussion ensemble, drama ensembles, choir or dance ensembles that costs are involved for these activities and that these will appear on invoices mailed at the end of this month.

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

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2012 Executive:
- President: Karin Badart
- V-Presidents: Ian Flowers, Anne Vermeesch
- Secretary: Mailin Schuring
- Assistant Secretary: Jo Schofield
- Treasurer: Michael Clarke
- Assistant Treasurer: Karen Goes

2012 MEETING DATES:
- Cantabrian Hall 7.30pm
  (entry via Church Street)
- 22nd August
- 24th October
- 28th November

2013 Instrumental Music and 2012 Schools Spectacular Music Ensembles applications are now due

The Arts Unit offers places for students in instrumental music ensembles to complement school based programs.

For further information visit
https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/
music/music-ensembles/instrumental-music-ensembles/music-ensembles-application-form
and https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

July 2012
Important Dates for Year 12

MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
Afternoon Tea at St Paul’s Anglican Church Hall at 2pm.

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
Year 12 Big Day Out.
Information and notes will be distributed at an upcoming Year meeting.

WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
8:30am. Graduation Breakfast.
With staff at school

11am. School Farewell Assembly.
Attended by Years 7-11 and staff only – NO GUESTS. Students will depart school premises at the conclusion of this assembly, approximately 12:15pm.

6:30pm. Graduation Assembly.
Attended by Year 12, Year 11 Prefects, staff and family members only. Year 12 may invite up to three family members.

This is a formal occasion recognising the achievements of Year 12. Every student will receive their Graduation Portfolio on stage. Students must wear full school uniform.

7:30pm. Graduation Supper.
Year 12 students attend as guests of the school, at no cost. Each Year 12 student may invite up to three family members to attend at a cost of $25 per family.

HSC EXAMINATIONS – THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER
These exams commence on Thursday 15 October with the final HSC exam being held on Friday 8 November. Your daughter has received her own copy of the HSC timetable so that she is informed of the dates and times of her particular examinations.

LEAVING PROCEDURE AND ISSUE OF YEAR 12 PORTFOLIO – FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER
All Year 12 will be required to complete leaving procedural requirements on Friday 9 November. It is essential to the smooth running of the leaving process that she follows these instructions exactly. When she has completed signing out, returned all text books and equipment, and paid any outstanding contributions, she will receive her Year 12 Portfolio which will include her School Reference and Assessment Ranking information. Text book and locker deposits will be refunded by school cheque when the sign out process has been completed.

2013 ACADEMIC RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY
Thursday 21 February 2013
Students who achieve a Band 5 or higher in one or more subjects will be invited to attend the 2012 Academic Recognition Assembly on the above date. Please note this date in your 2013 calendar if you are likely to be a candidate. Ensure your contact details held by the school are correct as invitation letters will be posted after the school receives HSC results advice.