Congratulations to:

- New SRC members: Renee Pelaia, Ivy Crago, Hannah Cazar and Theresa Unu all from Year 7, Ly Lien Year 10.
- Three Dance ensembles have been selected for the Sydney Regional Dance Festival - a fantastic result:
  - Gold Dance Ensemble, performing Monday 18th June.
  - Blue Dance Ensemble, performing Wednesday, 20th June.
  - The Inner West Region Ensemble, performing on Friday, 22nd June matinee and evening performances.
- All performances are at the Seymour Centre. Tickets now on sale from the box office, call 9351 7940.
- CGHS has again been selected for School Spectacular in Dance. We have 12 places for this opportunity and auditions for these places will occur late Term 3.
- SRC and Prefects (below) who put together a fantastic International Women’s Day Celebration - lots of fun and great recognition of the work woman do each day. As well the girls managed to raise $500 for the STARRTS organisation.
- Clair Badart-Prentice, Year 10, who has been selected in the State Choir.
- SRC members led by Ly Lien, Year 10, who not only created hysteria by shaving Mr Tan’s head, but managed to raise $750 for this great charity.

Our athletes who participated well at the 2012 Athletics Carnival. Winning House was Canberra. Age Champions are

- 12 Years  Emily Grubisa
- 13 Years  Hannah Cazar
- 14 Years  Jascinda Manning
- 15 Years  Jessica Olrick
- 16 Years  Jessica Pereira
- 17+ Years  Yanisa Saengwatcharakul
The Cross Country Carnival was won by Darwin House. Age Champions are:
12 Years Eliza Goslett
13 Years Hannah Cazar
14 Years Alison Anae
15 Years Amy Goodwin
16 Years Alya Nabi
17+ Years Tiffany Mak
Year 8 students who put together a wonderful Anzac ceremony for the whole school.
All MADD performers who had a great time on the last day of Term one. A full report and photos is on page 3.

Best of Luck:

Theatresports teams, who begin this competition in earnest this week.
To Debating teams, the season is upon us and we know we have the talent to again defeat many opponents.
Students competing in the upcoming Zone Cross Country and Athletics carnivals.
All Alice actors, singers, musicians, prop makers and back of house students. Incredible dedication from many – we are all looking forward to the show!!

Thank you to:

Gardening Bee Parents and students Dimity, June, Olga, Karin, Paul, Skye, Ian, Anne, Shane, Anastasia, Ellisha.
Parents Dani and Allyson who are making Dance Ensemble Costumes.
Several Families who have made recent donations of goods, inspiration, ideas and funds in recent weeks. It is much appreciated.
School Captains Helen, Kia, Carol and Jade who represented our student body at Government House last week.
All staff who entered the spirit of WOW week. Which teacher is under this wig?

Mr Fitz relives the 1960's in WOW week.

Staff

We welcome Loren Gallardo, who is relieving as our Science assistant while Min Wang is on leave.
We also welcome five practicum students from Sydney University in the HSIE, Science and Mathematics faculties.

Student Safety - Travelling to and from school

We wanted to advise you that during the past month, the school has had several incidents involving members of the community behaving in a manner which is of concern to the school.
There has been one reported incident of a male exposing himself outside the school gate, and two reported incidents of girls being concerned about males possibly following them in cars whilst walking to and from school.
The school takes all reports extremely seriously and has sought police assistance immediately following each reported incident. In addition, the Police Youth Liaison Officer at Ashfield Police has addressed meetings of Years 7-10 to discuss safety issues.

The police have advised students to walk to and from school in groups wherever possible and to be alert to their surroundings. Students should not engage with any person unknown to them who approaches them. Students should immediately report any issue of concern to the police. The school’s Police Youth Liaison Officer is also available to meet with students and their families to discuss any concerns about safety they may have.

Can you please discuss with your daughter the issue of safe travel to and from school and ensure you support her in contacting the police straight away if any incident of concern occurs.

If you would like to discuss any issues related to student safety, please contact Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal, by telephone on 9718 1805 or by email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au

MADD Quest 2012

Term one ended with a talent-packed display of performance skills in our MADD Quest on April 5th.
Brilliantly hosted by Sophie Brotherthon and Kasey Clarke of Year 11, the Quest contained 30 group and individual performances in dance, drama and music, in many genres.

Congratulations to the performers, the very hard working lighting and sound crew, the judges, and to the amazing direction of Ms Hunter, Ms Flannery, Ms Cateris and Ms Barry.

And so to the Winners for 2012:

Overall Music Instrumental Winners

OVERALL WINNERS tied on 87 out of 90 points:
Javiera Scarratt Year 8 (accompanies by Ms Flannery): Irish Fiddle Medley
Sarah Jeffrey, Kasey Clarke, Jennifer Goodwin Year 11: Settle Down.
Runner Up Music: Jade Doyle Year 12: Creep.
Drama Winner: Paige Lane, Ruby Paredes and Rosana Sanchez Year 11: Awkward Bus Ride.
Music Vocal Winner: Nafisa Abedin, Jessica, Lauren Cazay Year 10: Lonely.

And a new prize in 2012 on recommendation of the judges:
Comperes Award: Kasey Clarke and Sophie Brotherthon Year 11.

Well done to all performers on a wonderful show… wonder who will win next year?

Student Reflections

MADD Quest was a nerve shattering but exciting experience. The adrenalin of being on stage in front of an audience is exhilarating. The whole process from rehearsals, auditions to the performance was challenging at times but a great opportunity to perform and well worth the effort in the end.

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2012 Week of Well Being was a great success. Our guest speaker Avril Henry “wowed” us on Wednesday morning with the story of her amazing life as an emigrant from South Africa in the apartheid era, and the courage, determination and resilience she has demonstrated in attaining a university education, raising a family, paving the way for paid maternity leave in the Australian workplace and entering the New York marathon at age 50!

The gold coin donations collected at this event and in our Wigs 4 WOW competition raised nearly $700 to donate to Avril’s Camp Quality Marathon later this year.

Many students participated enthusiastically in the Wigs 4 WOW competition, all entrants and gold coin donors at this lunchtime event taking home a showbag of well being information from Beyond Blue, Headspace, Canterbury Community Health as well as a Girlfriend magazine. Well known adolescent psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg is an advisor to Girlfriend, endorsing the messages about youth health and well being contained in the mag.

Other events over the week included Elevate Education study skills sessions, a Cybersafety workshop presented by the Australian Federal Police, and performances of three plays addressing issues of bullying, Cybersafety and safe behaviour by Young Australia Bamboo Theatre. The big screen presentation of iRisk by Motivational Media Assemblies on Thursday afternoon was another whole school highlight of the week, along with fun physical fitness in the Zumba sessions on Wednesday.

All families are requested to finalise any money still owing for WOW as soon as possible ($25 to Office C).

Also, all students have received a follow up booklet of reading and activities to reinforce and still owing for WOW as soon as possible ($25 to Office C).

Student Feedback Comments

“Aivil Henry was inspiring. Zumba was great exercise. Cybersafety is a very important talk everyone should hear”

“The WOW week is really great & everything is so true. I found it really interesting and fun…I really liked the iRisk presentation as it was inspiring.”

“I found most of the sessions entertaining, amusing, inspirational and moral…I thoroughly enjoyed week of wellbeing and can’t wait for next year”

“I love WOW. I have fun. Especially in the prize draw competition. Zumba was fun but a little too short. Everything is absolutely motivating and good for students”

“Donating a gold coin and getting a magazine was a good idea. Avril Henry was inspirational…”

Great Links to assist Senior Students with STUDY

The following links have been provided by the current school captains - they are tried and tested websites which are very useful in preparing for the HSC. Thank you Kia, Helen, Carol and Jade.

www.studentedge.com.au
www.yasas.org.au/links/links
www.savemyhsc.com.au
www.citationmachine.net/index2.php
www.yourtutor.com.au
www.wolframalpha.com
www.hsc.csu.edu.au
www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com

Premier’s Student Volunteering

Our regional coordinator for this program addressed a combined Years 9 and 10 Meeting about the opportunities available through participation in this program. Please discuss with your daughters and look out for information sent home by our Volunteering Coordinator Ms Tyral (located in the Learning Centre, Library Mezzanine).

Mentor Training

The first of two days of Mentor Training will be held for Years 9 and 10 on August 3rd in Term 3. This training is for students who wish to continue or begin filling the role of mentor to new Year 7 2013 students.

This is a valuable leadership opportunity which both develops the student in the role of mentor, as well as making a positive contribution to the transition to high school for new Year 7 students. Please encourage your daughters to participate - notes will be distributed before the end of term two. Mentoring can be counted into the student volunteering program hours too!
2012 Year 7 Egg Day

Every year the Science Faculty runs Egg Day; a rich task which allows Year 7 student to apply scientific principles to fun egg based activities. Students were highly engaged and motivated and participated enthusiastically in activities called egg mobile, dare devil egg, egg catch and blow egg. Year 7 used imagination, ingenuity and high order thinking skills to complete the activities.

Students were also given the opportunity to participate in an egg decorating contest. Not only was there a record number of entries but the creativity, humour and skill displayed in the entries was simply marvellous. The winners were The school of Eggellence, Eggammals and Egg Factor.

The day was a resounding success, with students learning a lot in an entertaining and challenging environment. The Science staff provided energetic and valued guidance and should be congratulated on their amazing efforts to make Egg day such an egg-citing and egg-joyable day all for. Mr Tan and Ms Wang deserve special mention, as without their thorough planning and preparation, the day would not have been as successful.

Mrs R Andrews, Head Teacher Science

2012 Year 7 Egg Day

“Egg Day is held annually for all year 7 students to make new friends and work as a team to solve things. It was a fun experience conducting experiments. These memories will be unforgettable.” Kylie

“Egg Day was a fun way for Year 7 to interact with other classes and compete against each other in fun challenges. I really enjoyed the day.”

“Egg Day was so much fun and I would love to do it again!” Chrianthea

“On Egg Day I had an amazing time. Year 7 spent a full day on Science, moving around activities to do with science. My favourite activity was the throw and catch game, even though I ended up with the egg smashing in my hands.” Jessica

2012 Year 7 Camp

In term one Year 7 went on a three day camp to Milson Island, situated on the Hawkesbury River. We caught a ferry over to the island where we met our camp leaders who told us about all of the activities we would be doing over the three days. These activities included bushwalking, cooking damper, a high ropes course, fencing and a low ropes course.

The food was nice and meal times were enjoyable. The leaders were very friendly and the teachers were very patient.

We had the option to sleep in either a tent or a cabin. The tents were big and comfortable and the cabins were furnished with bunk beds and a bathroom.

We all had a fantastic time at camp. It was a great start to high school. We would like to thank Ms Tyral, Ms Hunter, Ms Naisbett, Ms Kovannis and Ms Burgess for giving up their time and being with us at our first camp at Canterbury Girls.

By Madeleine Smith and Aileen Wesson

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 camp to Milson Island had to be one of the best camp experiences I’ve ever had (especially the scary story about Molly). What made this camp so much fun was the variety of games and activities we did and the friendships we made. The fun all started back at school in the Cantabrian Hall at seven o’clock in the morning.

After one hour and a bit of driving and 15 minutes of a ride in the ferry we arrived at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. We made our way down to the assembly area where we were all given information about the big and very green island, our routine and the rules. We were then sent to our lodges and mine was Lorikeet Lodge which was painted green and apparently larger than the rest, although it didn’t feel like it. Before we knew it, it was time for lunch so we were taken to the dining room, which believe it or not used to be a jail!

For my group’s first activity we were on the high ropes which was a bit like an obstacle course only up high and you had to wear a harness. I didn’t do it because I am scared of heights but looking back now I wish I had because I think it would have been a good experience. Spaghetti bolognaise was for dinner but it wasn’t tasty at all! (Maybe I’m just used to my mum’s good and tasty food.) This was followed by a shower but in the middle of the bell rang warning us to go outside and I literally ran out of the shower!

The evening was spent playing games that involved partner work which was a very good way to get to know more of our peers. By the end we were all tired and sweaty and glad to have cold Milo and biscuits.

The first night in a different bed is always restless for me. I’m not used to such an uncomfortable and small bed but eventually I did fall asleep.

The next morning we were all woken up by the very noisy, chirpy birds AND my friend complaining about the noise. She thought that I was making that hysterical noise! How insulting! The noise the birds made was very unusual but it was an excellent alarm clock because no one could sleep through it. Luckily breakfast was very filling because we really needed it to get through all our activities. There was the initiative course followed by archery. At first I didn’t really know what archery was but once I saw the arrows and the dart board I remembered. I had seen people doing it in movies before and thought it didn’t look very difficult but I was wrong! Getting your position wasn’t hard but getting the arrow far was. By my last go I got the arrow on the black area of the dart board! My record!

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Alice Workshops

On Monday and Tuesday 26th and 27th March all students involved in our production of 'Alice' had the opportunity to participate in workshops which were designed to extend our creative and performing skills.

The dancers worked on their dances and explored acrobatics with a visiting tutor. The singers worked on their voices and the musicians worked with skilled musicians as they honed their skills and made advances in their preparation for our four performances. Dramatists were dramatic all over the place as they attempted to fall down rabbit holes, shrink as a consequence of drinking from a bottle and grow after eating cupcakes.

Students were issued with their 'Alice' T-shirt and the Visual Arts students created magic as they cut, pasted, built and painted props for the show. We are in for an amazingly spectacular show.

All the above was designed to prepare students for our performance to primary schools on Wednesday 23rd, and our three evening performances in the MPC at 7pm on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th May. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet you had better do so immediately.

STOP PRESS

Last term five of Canterbury Girls High Schools top Science students competed in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. It was an online test which required students to study facts about the brain and neuroscience. Congratulations must be extended to Hewa Kumaraasinghe who has successfully made it through to the state finals which will be held at the University of Western Sydney on June 26. Hewa will compete for the chance to go to the National finals in Melbourne in February 2013.

Chrisanthea Chrysanthou, 7H English

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Old MacDonald had a farm eee I eee I o…

March 2012 was an amazing month for Year 8s who were involved in many activities both within the school and in the wider community. One very special event was our annual year camp to Mowbray Park Farm. What made this camp so special was that it enabled our inner city young ladies to put on some gum boots and immerse themselves in a completely different lifestyle.

At first, we found the natural environment quite challenging, especially with the endless rainfall and muddy fields. We very quickly however embraced the lifestyle and accepted that there was more fun to be had by ‘letting go’.

Whip cracking, boomerang throwing, and hay riding were the initial activities; all which were intended to allow us to transition into the environment. Once we were clearly transformed into farm girls the real fun began - horse riding, milking of cows, playing with the baby animals in the nursery and cooking damper and billy tea were other activities that we engaged in.

Our camp experience could not be complete without a bush dance. We made this bush dance one not to be forgotten. We took off our shoes and danced and sang the night away in the muddy fields alongside an amazing singer, who dedicated a song to us on his radio station.

Year 9 Canberra trip

On the 15th and 16th of March a group of Year 9 girls, including us, went to Canberra. We arrived at school at about 6.30am, where we boarded the coach. We sat through a long, trip with only a stop for morning tea. We then started out tour at new Parliament House where we watched parliament from the sound proof visitors’ gallery and participated in an interesting and enlightening tour.

After a quick stop for lunch we continued on to old Parliament House where we went to the National Electoral Education Centre and learnt about Australia’s unique voting system. We then proceeded to the Museum of Australian Democracy where we took part in an electronic tour before we acted out a famous senate debate about conscription during the Vietnam War.

At that point we headed to our resort where we relaxed for a while before a yummy dinner of lasagne. After dinner we headed off to the Australian Institute of Sport for a quick tour and some games.

Lastly we went back to the resort for bed, although we’re not sure how many people actually slept.

The next morning we had a quick breakfast and packed up our rooms. We then got on the coach and went to the War Memorial. We were there before the memorial opened so we got a private tour. We then grabbed our packed lunch before heading off to Questacon. After a little while while we headed off home with a quick stop at Ronnie’s (McDonalds). We arrived back in Sydney at 6.30pm tired and ready for bed.

By Alannah McCarthy & Caitlyn Wright

Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion

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. This government contribution was built in to the original cost of the excursion and the school will now be reimbursed.

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

By Remi Adeney Yr 7, Grace Wei Yr 7, Eve Eleftheriou Yr 8.
Studio Audience – ‘Randling’

Have you seen Andrew Denton’s latest television offering, ‘Randling’? It is a humorous and entertaining panel show that explores words and their meanings. The show is screened on ABC television at 8.30pm on Wednesday nights. On Tuesday 19th, Year 11 drama was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to witness the recording of one of the episodes at the Ultimo studios during the holiday break. The show is amusing and full of quick wit and rapid fire jokes. We were provided with drinks and lollies as we were informed about the show and the personalities who would contest each other.

I supported the team called, ‘The Northern Thrusters’ made up of Wendy Harmer and Benjamin Law. They battled words with ‘The Fitzroy Fireballs’ Anthony Morgan and Dave O’Neill. I enjoyed being a member of the audience, although my face ached by the end of recording as we were instructed to look involved audience and cheer for our team. There were a few bits which needed to be recorded a second time due, mostly to Andrew Dentons’ slip of the tongue. It was interesting to see how television is put together and to realize just how much comes about through improvisation. Take a look for yourself!

Kasey Clarke & Ruby Paredes

Learning Curve Student Diary & Planner

This year we have upgraded to a new style of student diary for all Years with many worthwhile student well being features to support learning. We encourage all parents to have a look at the website where many useful articles are made available: http://learningcurveplanner.com.au/newsletter-articles/parent-focus-newsletter-articles.html

This month the parent focus articles are a perfect follow up to WOW, covering harassment, bullying and stress. The WOW follow-up booklet contains a number of checklists and quizzes taken from the diary, designed to familiarise your daughter with the scope of information and study skills provided in the diary. So please work with your daughters to make best use of the diary for recording homework as well as planning ahead to complete assignments and prepare for tests.

An eplanner version will also be made available through Learning Curve, to supplement the hard copy, later this year.

Creative Chronicles Workshop

Year 10 and Year 9 students have been given the amazing opportunity to work alongside the movers and the shakers in the advertising world. Students are participating in Creative Chronicles Workshops.

These workshops take place around Sydney’s creative industries. Advertising agencies, ‘Saatchi & Saatchi’ hosted our Year 10 students and ‘Naked Communications’ welcome our Year 9’s on the 9th May. Students get an introduction to advertising and a tour of the agency.

Students have the opportunity to workshop with professionals as they experience the devising of an advertising campaign, they explore concepts and strategies. They conclude the workshop by presenting their final concept to the group.

Our thanks are due to Jasmine Economidis in Year 9. Jasmine participated in a film workshop during the holidays and she guided Kay and Jo from I – Manifest at Surrey Hills to select our school to participate in the workshops. Well done Jasmine!

Please Contact Us

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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 2 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

Parent Teacher Night Dates:

Years 8, 9, 10: Tuesday 26.6.12 3.30-6.30pm
Years 7, 11, 12: Tuesday 24.7.12 3.30-6.30pm

Support the Canteen Project: Make a Tax deductible Donation

The P&C is asking you to help support upgrades and renovation of school facilities by donating to the CGHS Building Fund. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

A major project currently underway is the Canteen Project. The major upgrade of this area will significantly improve the canteen area and benefit all students in the school. With the end of the financial year looming this is a great way to support your daughter’s school. Donations can be made to the office and need to be made to the CGHS P&C Building Fund.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2012 Executive:

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

2012 Meeting dates:

Cantabrian Hall 7.30pm
(entry via Church Street)

23rd May 22nd August
27th June 24th October
25th July 28th November

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CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2012
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**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Painting Working Bee:
Saturday 2nd June, 1-5 pm

School Canteen area:
all equipment supplied, help create our fantastic new student space!

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