Congratulations to:

- **HSC students** who have had HSC practical marking over the last few weeks. Students in Music, Drama, Visual Arts and Textiles and Design should be very proud of their achievements in these practical components.

- **HSC students** who have completed Language aural, English extension 2 writing and Society and Culture PIPS, again some great work has been done.

- **Blue Dance Ensemble** who have been selected for the prestigious State Dance Festival and perform on Tuesday 11.9.12.

- **All Winter Grade sport finalists** - see the full report on page 4.

- **Keseva Ketchell, Madeliene Gill and Dana Duke, Year 11** students who brought the house down with a brilliant performance in the recent Indigenous Student debate held at Parliament House.

- **NSW Premier’s Volunteering Awards Program** recent award recipients from **Year 10**: Holly Anderson, Lydia Qian, and Jasmine Sha Silver Award; Sarah Koorey and Ly Lien Bronze.

- **Visual Arts show Year 11 and 12** winners of the People’s Choice Awards (pictured from top):
  - **Best in Year 11**: Sally Lim
  - **Best in Year 12**: Fauziah Hambali
  - **Best in Show**: Darlene Um

- **Sharnee Dingwall and Jessie Simon-Fitzpatrick, Year 7** who were outstanding ambassadors at the recent Indigenous Numeracy

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**Science Competition Report 2012**

In 2012, a record number of Canterbury Girls High School students attempted the Science competition. The Science competition assesses students’ skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding and
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving.

Congratulations must go to all students who participated in the Science Competition. Particular mention must be made of those students who achieve excellent results and were awarded a certificate of Credit for their efforts. These students included:

- Year 7: Jessica Aird, Amsu Gurung, & Taylor Ngo
- Year 8: Javiera Scarratt
- Year 9: Alyssa Graf
- Year 10: Ly Lien & Grace Qi

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**Murder under the Microscope 2012**

As part of the Science Extension program 7H entered an online competition called “Murder Under the Microscope” or MUM. 7H students accessed clues and information on the MUM website over a period of 4 weeks to solve an environmental crime mystery called “Lament in the Lucky Country”. They worked in small groups to identify the villain, victim and crime site.
Tournament of Minds

What reasons do you give to explain why time travellers from the future would prefer to stay and live in the year 2012 rather than 2112? How do you write an allegorical story that involves literary characters like Roald Dahl’s ‘Grumpy Granma’, Shakespeare’s ‘Juliet’ and the witches from Macbeth as well as ‘Ebeneza Scrooge’? How do you work as a team of seven to find a solution to these challenges and then present your solution as a drama? This was the dilemma set to 15 of our students who participated in the 2012 Tournament of Minds.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving competition that requires students from Years 7-10 to work together to find a solution to a challenge. Each team must present their solution in the form of a play which they perform in front of judges. Students must work within a multitude of rules that limit how they can solve the problem. All props and costumes must be handmade, the stage area can be no larger than 3x4 metres, no fewer than 4 team members can be on the stage at any one time and nobody other than team members can be involved in finding a solution to the challenge.

The regional challenge was held at Sydney Girls High School on Sunday 26th and our team members, watched by an enthusiastic support group of parents, family and Mr Bailey performed a faultless solution to the Language Literature challenge that proved, when mean Scrooge fell in love with Juliet, that “Love melts the hardest hearts”. Regrettably the wonderful efforts of our team members were not enough on the day to take them through to the state finals but their efforts were nonetheless rewarded knowing they had done their best and had had a lot of fun along the way.

Thank you very much to those teachers who’s classes were interrupted when team members worked on their presentations and a very big thank you to our clever students:


Winter Grade Finals

The St George Zone Winter Grade Sport Finals were played on Wednesday 29th August at a number of venues across the local area.

Canterbury Girls High had six grade teams making it through to the finals - 1st grade Netball, 13 B Netball, 13 Soccer, 2nd grade Table Tennis and both 1st and 2nd grade Volleyball. These teams competed extremely well on the day with the 13 Soccer even going into extra time, but there was to be only three outright victories on the day - our 1st grade Netball team (coached by Ms Nichols), our 1st grade and 2nd grade Volleyball teams (both coached by Mr Tan). These teams were declared St George Zone Premiers and they deserve recognition for not only winning their final but displaying outstanding sportsmanship on the day.

Well done teams and coaches.

The Summer season will recommence on the 5th of September with finals being played from midway through term 4.

■ Please note that students cannot play sport unless they have the correct supportive shoes on.

Sport Shoes

Parents and families are reminded that students cannot play sport unless they have the correct supportive shoes on.

Diary Quiz

Our diary quiz questions in August centred on ideas related to current events in the school!

As Year 12 students sat for their Trial examinations in weeks three and four of term, the diary quiz took us to the issue of “PROCRASTINATION”.

Putting things off: What is the word we use when we DELAY doing the things we should get done? Find the word somewhere in the hints printed in the August section of the diary. You can also find it by looking up the index “Putting things off”.

What are the five suggestions given to avoid putting off doing your study and homework?

As we elected and invested our 2013 SRC and Prefect bodies in weeks five through to seven, we looked at leadership in the diary quiz:

This week’s focus is LEADERSHIP. Use the index in the diary pages two to look up “Leading By Example”. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LEADING BY EXAMPLE?

Congratulations to winners Grace Wei - 7H, Chrisanthia Chrysanthou - 7H, Celine Agustin - 7C. Each of the winners took home a teenager’s self-help book.


Julie Ronayne, Head Teacher Welfare
Year 8 and 9 Mentor Training

On Friday the 3rd of August, Year 8 and 9 volunteers took part in a Mentor Training day presented by Rising Generations. It was a fun filled and informative day that included playing collaborative games and taking part in a range of activities, which helped the students bond and get to know one another.

The students embraced the music and activities with enthusiasm and were great ambassadors for Canterbury Girls as they impressed the presenters with their maturity and cooperation. These new found skills will be used to organise a program to support and mentor the new Year 7 students in 2013. A worthwhile and fun day was had by all.

Mrs Jones, Year 9 Advisor

Mentoring Training Day

Mentoring is a non-judgemental relationship in which an individual voluntarily gives time to support and encourage another. At Canterbury girls we train our Year 8’s and 9’s who nominate themselves and go through a selection process to help the transition process of our Year 7’s. As such, mentoring may be described as the process of ‘walking along beside’ someone with the aim of helping that person achieve their potential.

Below is a recount of our first training day, written by Leesa Giokas-Drakos

At this year’s first day of our mentoring program for Year 8 and 9 our lovely coaches Rosie and Jannalee led us through an exciting day of group activities, learning programs and confidence building games. We were assigned groups which was a mix of Year 8 and 9 students. This was a really effective idea because we had the encouragement of people who we did not know that well and we learnt a lot from each other.

Our coaches showed us many videos and ideas to use when we become mentors to Year 7. My favourite activity was the one which followed a discussion. We were required to draw a symbolic picture of what a mentor should be. There were so many interesting ideas floating around the hall. Our wonderful teachers provided us with morning tea and it was AMAZING!!!!

The “Amazing Balloon Race” was a fascinating game and the aim of the game was to get five balloons, blow them up and then pop them. Inside of the balloons were further instructions, e.g. Do the Hokey Pokey. This really tested our skills in team work.

We covered so many aspects of leadership on our first day and I look forward to the next one. Most of all however, I look forward to using what I have learnt to be a leader to other students.

Leesa Giokas-Drakos, Year 8 Mentor

Staying safe online

Cybersmart is an education program for parents and children of all ages. It features tips on mobile phone and online safety, resources to use with your child, and games and videos that support key cybersafety messages. Go to: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/
Mathematics Faculty Report

Term 3 has seen students across all years involved in many Mathematics activities.

**Great Engineering Challenge**

On Tuesday 7th August, seven of our best young mathematicians from Year 11 Extension travelled to the University of NSW to take part in the Great Engineering Challenge of 2012. This was a day of engineering activities and challenges involving Physics and Mathematics combined with a lot of teamwork and lateral thinking.

The girls were placed into two teams and they had to compete against another 50 schools in the Physics and Mathematics combined with a lot of teamwork and lateral thinking.

**Engineering Challenge of 2012.** This was a day of engineering activities and challenges to the University of NSW to take part in the Great Engineering Challenge but they finished in 9th position overall, in the Mathematics Competition as the type of questions asked suits their learning and thinking style. The Mathematics Faculty would like to see many more students ‘have a go’ next year and take up the challenge.

**Indigenous Students Enrichment Program**

Sharnée Dingwall and Jessie Simon-Fitzpatrick of Year 7 (above) spent two days at the Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre applying mathematics skills to designing a sustainable community for an area of Barangaroo.

This project saw our girls join ATS1 students from many schools combine together in this Numeracy Enrichment Workshop, where they:
- saw a film on Christies Walk – a sustainable community in Adelaide where they use no town water, grow a lot of their own produce, have shared spaces where they gather, have well designed and insulated houses, solar panels and hot water, rooftop gardens,
- walked up to see the plan so far for Barangaroo and looked out over the area,
- walked down past and had another look at the size of the area,
- did some measurement activities to get an idea of how big a pocket park is,
- decided on land use and designed buildings,
- made scale models and put them on a plan of Barangaroo,
- used Google Sketch-up to design buildings.

The girls really enjoyed themselves and acquitted themselves well in all the planning and designing phases.

**Australian Mathematics Competition**

On August 2nd, approximately 70 students from Years 7 through to 12 participated in the Australian Mathematics competition. This test challenges students with different and unusual questions that require them to “think outside the square” while applying skills and knowledge learned throughout their mathematics and numeracy education thus far. It is a valuable challenge for all students as this test exposes them to very different questions from those they would normally see in a mathematics class. Very often students who don’t see themselves as ‘good’ at maths, find themselves achieving very good results in the Mathematics Competition.

**Making Maths Real**

8M3 have been using their design skills to create and build Mathematical board games that are fun to play while learning properties of geometrical shapes and geometrical reasoning.

The girls from CGHS did not win any individual challenges but they finished in 9th position overall, showing excellent teamwork and communication skills. It was a fun day and it offered these girls a chance to investigate a new and different career path.

**Numeracy Week**

Numeracy involves using mathematical ideas efficiently to make sense of the world. Each individual’s interpretation of the world draws on understandings of number, measurement, chance, data and spatial sense combined with critical mathematical thinking.

This year to celebrate Numeracy Week (August 27th – September 1st) each student received a numeracy bookmark called STrategies for Improving Numeracy Growth.

The bookmark is to be used as a place marker in each student’s diary. Whenever a problem arises in any subject that needs to be solved using a numeracy skill, then students can use the bookmark and its information to help them arrive at a solution.
Asian Celebration Day

Taste and experience the cultures of East and South-East Asia, martial arts demonstrations, lion dance and kung fu, Japanese Soran dance, Vietnamese poetry, jumping castle, Chinese bonsai, making great food, music...

It’s all free!

Roselands Swim Club

Come and join our family friendly club. Catering for all ages and abilities, with races from 16 metres to Olympic Distances, this is the perfect way to practice for School Swimming Carnivals. All swimmers receive an award at the end of the season. Free Stroke Correction and Life Saving Instruction is available during Summer. The Summer Season commences Sunday 7th October at 7:45am at Roselands Aquatic Centre, Centre Ave, Roselands.

For more details visit our website www.roselands.nswswimming.com.au or contact Shirley Johnson at roselandsswimmingclub@hotmail.com

Starting conversations that could change lives

RUOK? Day is a national day of action on the second Thursday of September (13 September 2013). On this day all Australians are encouraged to regularly ask one another “are you ok?” to help stop little problems becoming bigger.

By hosting the national day of action - as well as promoting the importance of connection throughout the year - the RUOK? Foundation aims to prevent suicide and other factors that contribute to suicide.

How can I start a conversation?

Visit www.ruokday.com to access information, video content and step-by-step guides to starting a conversation.

The ‘Resources for You’ has free resources for workplaces, schools, universities or sport teams. Our online videos include stories of inspiration, insights from leading experts and messages of support from high profile Australians. Program resources are accessible throughout the year and can be downloaded as PDFs, and videos are played through YouTube. A select number of videos are also available to download.

How can I get involved?

To get involved on RUOK Day (13 September), reach out to someone who may be struggling or you haven’t spoken to in a while and ask, ‘Are you ok?’

How do I access extra support?

Talk to your local doctor or another trusted health professional.

To find out how Australia’s leading mental health and suicide prevention organisations can help you or a friend, check our supporters and information partners at www.ruokday.com.

You can also call 1800 RUOKDAY (7865 335) to connect with 5 Australian crisis support and mental health information lines for free from any landline. Call LifeLine on 131114 for free 24/7 crisis support from any mobile.

PRIVACY:

Personal information collected online and provided to us in this form is needed for registration and will only be used for that purpose. The information is held by Council and accessed by authorised Council officers and other authorised people. You may apply to access or amend the information. Please see below for promotional purposes.

For more information please call Felicity or Joanne on 9718 5948.

STATE ARTS UNIT opportunities are now available at:

www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/new-opportunities-arts-unit

DANCE

Senior State Drama Camp: Applications Now Open

Choreographic Workshops: Apply Now

Junior State Drama Camp: Applications Now Open

DRAMA

2012 State Drama Camp: Applications Now Open

New South Wales Public Schools State Drama Festival: Applications Now Open

STATE ARTS UNIT opportunities are now available at:

www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/new-opportunities-arts-unit

MUSIC

State Choir: State Choir Applications Open

Music Ensembles Application Form: Applications Now Open

2013 Millennium Marching Band Student Application Form: Applications Now Open

For further information visit: www.canterbury-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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A Message from our Mayor

The incidence of mental illness in Australia is rising with one in five Australians experiencing a mental illness at some stage in their lives, with many experiencing more than one illness at one time.

It can take many forms, often goes undiagnosed and can be hidden from our family and friends.

That’s why we have established Canterbury Connects. A Mental Health and Wellbeing Campaign over September and October.

Our Mental Health and Wellbeing Campaign has been put together to address three themes that came out of the mental health forum we conducted on which focused on Whole Person Wellbeing, Social Inclusion / Education and Access to Services.

We want everyone in the City of Canterbury to have the best mental health and wellbeing possible.

There are whole host of things that we can do to help our mental health – including getting sleep, not enjoying a hobby, eating well, finding an enjoyable form of exercise, looking after yourself, talking to someone and many others.

We hope you will find something that will interest you in this campaign.

Mayor

C G Brian Robson

Mental Health & Wellbeing Events 30 August - 26 October

Canterbury Connects: Mental Health & Wellbeing Campaign Launch

Saturday 1 September

Campsie Library, 14-28 Amy St, Campsie

Celebrate the launch of Canterbury’s Mental Health & Wellbeing Campaign. Guest Speaker Rob Ramirez AM, CEO of Schizophrenia Fellowship.

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Contact: 9789 9300

Presented by: City of Canterbury

Carer Assist Open Day

Wednesday 5 September

436-438 Burwood Rd, Belmore

Do you care for someone with a mental illness? Drop in, check out our services and meet the workers.

Time: 10.00am - 3.30pm

Contact: 9750 9744

Presented by: Carer Assist

Morning Tea & Sharing Stories with NSW CAG

Wednesday 5 September

Riverwood Library, Cnr Belmore Ave & Roseworth Ave, Riverwood

Enjoy morning tea and a chat with staff and members of the NSW Consumer Advisory Group, who represent people with an experience of mental illness.

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Contact: For information call 9789 9300

Presented by: NSW Consumer Advisory Group

Share stories of Mental Health & Boarding Houses

Thursday 6 September

Campsie Uniting Church, 86 Evaline St, Campsie

Enjoy morning tea and a chat with the Boarding House Outreach Team who outreach to residents in unlicensed boarding houses to improve mental health and community connection.

Time: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Contact: Laurie Burgess / Karen Hunter on 9564 7333 or 0430 980 905

Presented by: Boarding House Outreach Project and Campsie Uniting Church

Specific Phobias (heights, flying, elevators, etc)

Saturday 8 September

Campsie Library, 14-28 Amy St, Campsie

Descriptions of the specific phobias and ways to best treat them. Exercises will be practiced which will help with your stress levels.

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Contact: 9740 9393 or 8798 9341

Presented by: Serenity NSW

Wool Walk for Wellness

Tuesday 11 September

Meet at Canterbury Eworing Care Community Centre, 15 Clarke St, Earlwood

Short walk through the bushland of Girrakwen Park followed by morning tea. Meet at Canterbury Eworing Care Community Centre at 9.30am, or meet at Girrakwen Park directly at 10.15am. Walk for about 1 hour, morning tea 11.30-12noon. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Children and families welcome.

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Contact: Bookings call 9559 4013

Presented by: Canterbury Eworing Care Community Centre

Canterbury Connects: Mental Health & Wellbeing

Hearing Loss Expo

Thursday 30 August

Onion Centre, 153 Annesley St, Campsie

Stallholders will provide information about their products and services, for the benefit of people with a hearing impairment and the general public. Admission is free.

Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Contact: Better Hearing Australia on 9744 0167 (TTY 9744 0128)

Presented by: Better Hearing Australia

Learn about Mental Health

Wednesday 12 September

Ashbury Senior Citizens Centre, 469 Railway St, Ashbury

Overview of mental health statistics in the Australian population; an introduction to high & low prevalence mental disorders & the difference between difficult people and people with a mental illness.

Time: 7.15pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Bookings essential, call 9789 9441

Presented by: Justice of the Peace Canterbury Branch & Mental Health Assoc. of NSW

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Saturday 22 September

Campsie Library, 14-28 Amy St, Campsie

Description of obsessive compulsive disorder and options for treatment. Exercises will be practiced which will help with your stress levels.

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Contact: 9740 9393 or email ray.serenity@bigpond.com

Presented by: Serenity NSW

Canterbury Connects: Mental Health & Wellbeing

Feast the Brain

Tuesday 18 September

Campsie Library, 14-28 Amy St, Campsie

Did you know that the brain gets hungry? And that we need feeding it very well? Find out more at City of Canterbury’s most Healthy Ageing Talk.

Time: 11.00am - 12.00pm

Contact: Greg on 9789 9424

Presented by: Antonietta Natoli

Dementia Awareness Session

Thursday 20 September

Canterbury Eworing Care Community Centre, 15 Clarke St, Earlwood

For people who are caring for someone with dementia and want to have a better understanding about the onset and progression of dementia. An interpreter in the Greek Language will be available on the day.

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Contact: Bookings required, call 9559 4013

Presented by: Canterbury Eworing Care Community Centre

Mental Health and the Police

Thursday 20 September

Belmore Youth Resource Centre, Building 3, 38-40 Redman Pde, Belmore

This presentation will cover the role of the Mental Health Intervention Team, a full-time unit of NSW Police force, and the role of the Police in mental health community interventions and obligations under the Mental Health Act. We will also look at care options available in the community.

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Contact: Bookings by 13 September call Meaghan 9641 7084.

Presented by: NSW Police and Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre

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Enjoy your reading!
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Treasurer: Michael Clarke
Assistant Treasurer: Karen Goes

2012 P&C MEETING DATES:
Cantabrian Hall 7:30pm (entry via Church Street)
24th October and 28th November

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 have been mailed to all families. 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

TWO VALLEY TRAIL RECONCILIATION WALK
Sunday 16 September 2012

Walk starts at various times and locations along the Cooks River and Wolli Creek (see reverse for details).

Community members gather at Gough Whitlam Park (Bayview Ave, Earlwood) from around noon.
Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and Aboriginal performances – 12.30pm start. Picnic and free activities for adults and children. Sausage sandwiches and beverages (except water) available for purchase. BYO bottle for free water refills.

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

Canterbury Aboriginal Advisory Group, Cooks River Valley Association and Wolli Creek Preservation Society
invite the Community to the second

THE WATER FESTIVAL
We are all Cooks River People!
Join us to celebrate our local environment in a night of art, film and storytelling!
Thursday 13 Sept 2012
5pm – 9pm
Marrickville West Primary School
Corner Livingstone Rd & Beaconsfield St, Marrickville

Wolli Creek Preservation Society
Canterbury Aboriginal Advisory Group

Smoking Ceremony at the community gathering held after the 2011 Reconciliation Walk.
is on the 7th of September. Wear It Purple Day is to raise awareness about rainbow youth (LGBTIQ youth) and the impact of homophobia and bullying.

Canterbury Girls is participating in Wear It Purple to show our support for rainbow youth and to promote a healthy environment for these young people to grow. On the 30th of August I travelled into Darlington Centre for a Wear It Purple Day forum – this was the opening of the Wear It Purple Day events. There were some great empowering speakers at this event, the police, students from other schools sharing their ideas for the day, and Jayde Ellis who is running the Wear It Purple Committee, and who spoke at our school assembly on Monday September 3rd.

After the speakers I got a chance to speak to people from other schools and share ideas. The fantastic police donated a large number of Wear It Purple Day bracelets to the organisation and our school was lucky enough to get some to give to great teachers and students who are happy to be ambassadors for Wear It Purple.

On Friday September 7th we will be holding a cake stall and other information and awareness raising events in the quad at recess and lunch. Check back in the next newsletter for reports on the day.

By Mikhala Moxham, Year 11