Congratulations to:

- **Year 12, 2013 students**, 72% of whom have received University offers for 2014, a new record for CGHS.

- **Oriel Parfenow, Year 11**, selected as Captain for the Regional Combined High Schools Open Volleyball Team.

- **Sharmistha Sarkar, Year 12 2013** whose HSC Art work was a big hit at last week’s ARTEXPRESS Launch at the NSW Art Gallery (below).

- **Latifah Jackson-Vaughan, Year 10** who on behalf of Green Dear has made a wonderful short film, “Do you know where your trash ends up?”, Check it out on YouTube, the link is: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx2b9Xip18Y

- **Knockout Volleyball, Basketball and Softball teams** all who have played games in recent weeks, well done.

**CGHS 2014 Swimming Age Champions:**
- 12 years: (was a tie) Thea Swinfield & Nell Bryson-Smith
- 13 years: Jemma Nguyen (earned 80 points! and won all events including the Open Age events)
- 14 years: Monica Tanuse
- 15 years: Jenny Nguyen
- 16 years: Ellie Cott
- 17 years: Vy Nguyen

**Winning House:** Darwin

- **Jessie Simon-Fitzpatrick** selected for prestigious Work Experience at Sydney Opera House as part of an Indigenous Work Experience Program.

**CGHS Swimming Carnival 2014**

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Reports & Parent Teacher Night

At Canterbury Girls High School, students are issued with one report each semester. Reports are issued just before Parent-Teacher Night to enable a discussion regarding the report's content to immediately take place. All parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend Parent-Teacher Night.

The purposes of the semester report are to:
- acknowledge growth in a student’s academic performance
- identify areas for improvement
- provide strategies that will enable improvement to occur, and support each student to achieve her personal best.

It is important that semester reports are discussed by parents and students together so that a plan for improvement can be made for the following semester. A plan for improvement is critical to a student achieving her personal best at school. Interim reports for Years 7 and 11, and Half Yearly reports for Year 12 will be issued prior to the Parent Teacher Night for these years on Thursday 30 April from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Students whose parents’ teachers would especially like to meet will be sent a special invitation from me to attend.

Cyber-safety

I recently attended a Principals’ Forum organised by Ashfield Police where the issue of Cyber-safety was addressed. Mira Danon-Baird from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (www.cybersmart.gov.au) gave a fantastic presentation on this issue, and I was hoping to enlist her services to give a similar presentation to our school. Ms. Danon-Baird discussed current Applications (Apps) that young people are using and provided the following information:

**INstagram (13+)** is an online photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos and apply digital filters to them, and sharing them on a variety of social networking services, such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Flickr.

**Qooh.Me (No Age Restriction)** is another social media site that teens and tweens are using, which parents need to know about. Qooh.me allows users to ask one another questions anonymously. The person asking does not have to join to ask questions. The questions asked will go into your Qooh.me inbox; at this point the public won’t see the questions. If you choose to answer a question, the Question and answer will be seen by the public on Qooh.me profile, facebook wall and Twitter. If you don’t like the question, you simply delete it, in which case nobody will see or know about it.

**SNAPchat (13+)** is a photo messaging App where its users can take photos, record videos, add text and drawings, and send them to a controlled list of recipients. These sent photographs and videos are known as “Snaps”. Users set a time limit for how long recipients can view their Snaps (ranging from 1 to 10 seconds) after which they will be hidden from the recipient’s device and deleted from Snapchat’s servers.

**Kik Messenger (17+)** is an instant messaging App that uses a smartphone’s data plan or Wi-Fi to transmit and receive messages. Kik offers swift text messaging service and also allows its users to share photos, sketches, voice messages, and other content. ACMA receives a lot of reports of harassment amongst users on this App.

**Tumblr (13+)** is a microblogging platform and social networking website that allows its users to post multimedia and other content to a short-form blog. Users can follow other users’ blogs, as well as make their blogs private.

**Keek (13+)** is an online social networking service that allows its users to upload video status updates, which are called “keeks”. Users can also reply back with text or video comments, known as “keekbacks”, and share content to other major social media networks.

**Vine (17+)** is a mobile App that enables its users to create and post short looping video clips. Video clips created with Vine have a maximum clip length of seven seconds and can be shared to Vine’s social network, or to other services such as Twitter.

**Cyberbullies** are a key issue in our society. Students and parents need to learn how to protect themselves.

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- All Parents who are making regular payments against excursions and fees. It is much appreciated.
- SRC and Prefects who are putting a lot of effort into the big fundraising drive for Shave for a Cure for the Leukaemia foundation.
- All parents who supported the school, zone and regional swimmers.
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- P&C Parents who put on a great night to welcome new Year 7 families to the school. All food was sourced locally – the delicious lamb and chicken kebabs and horumous from Advanced Poultry, and the bread from Baalbek Bakery. Thanks also to the many parents who bought along a fine selection of salads. Advanced Poultry 327 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury. Baalbek Bakery, Shop 1, 99 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury.
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- State Performing Arts Unit students: State Dance Natai Vanjakovic, Year 11 NSW Singers Lucy Melville Year 8 Zoe Vine Year 9 State Drama ensemble Lyndsey Barry-Byrnes Year 7 Lucy Milajak Year 7 Franki Eastment Year 7 Ariel Fowkes Year 8 Anastasia Bamps Year 8
- CGHS Year 9 students who are Canterbury Association Soccer Referees: Zoe Vine and Nicola Foley, see article on page 22.

Green Dear students who went to Clean Up Australia Day launch at Canterbury Primary School and assisted with a big clean up.

State Performing Arts

- Year 8 Visual Art elective
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Aboriginal Education

The School is extremely proud of its Aboriginal students and spends significant energies enhancing the partnerships between students, staff, families and the community. Personal Learning Plans for Aboriginal students are currently being undertaken and will raise teacher awareness of the personal learning needs of our Aboriginal students.

An Aboriginal Student Support Program is being implemented during Semester One to support students. This program involves students accessing Mrs McLelland during one day per fortnight to obtain learning support and assistance with any issues identified by the student.

Students have also been encouraged to participate in Sydney initiatives to support Aboriginal students. These include work experience at Sydney Opera House for Stage 5 students and a Bangarra Dance Company workshop for students 7-12.

Stage 4 Aboriginal students have been invited to participate as mentors in a combined gardening project with Canterbury Public School. This project will take place over Fridays throughout 2014 at the Public School. The project has been implemented during the previous two years and proved highly engaging for students from both schools.

Stage 6 Aboriginal students are eligible to receive 2 hours paid tuition each week from a qualified teacher as part of the Australian Government's Norta Norta project. This is a hugely important initiative as it ensures students receive the support needed to achieve their personal best in Years 11 and 12.

If parents have any enquiries regarding Aboriginal Education or any other of the issues raised in this Report, please contact me via email on andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone on 9718 1805.

Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal

PLEASE CONTACT US

if any personal contact details have changed, see our email contact below:
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Personal Learning Plans (PLP) and Digital Portfolios

Work is currently being undertaken by Mrs McLelland to ensure each student in Years 7, 8 and 9 has both a Personal Learning Plan and a Digital Portfolio. A PLP is a document in which a student identifies her interests and learning goals and reflects on her learning. This document is then shared with teachers and parents to enable a deeper understanding of the student’s learning needs to achieved. The Plan should be updated by the student following the issuing of the Semester Report to update progress in a student's learning.

Digital Portfolios are an Adobe file in which samples of students’ best work are stored. DPs can include assessment tasks, class work and projects. DPs should be reviewed by families at least once a semester to keep track of girls’ progress and to frame conversations about how her learning is progressing.

Most importantly, both the PLP and DP are designed to strengthen partnerships between students, parents and teachers; something absolutely critical to a girl achieving her personal best at school.

Ms Ronayne’s report

From the office of the Acting Deputy I will have the pleasure of working with Deputy Principal Mr Anderson and Principal Ms Holden throughout Semester 1 of 2014. Ms Andrews (Head Teacher Science) will fill this position in Semester 2. This Deputy position is located near the entrance to Cantabrian Hall in the main foyer area. 8, 10 and 12 are the Years locked after through this DP office; Mr Anderson supports Years 7, 9 and 11.

During the first 8 weeks of Term 1 I have been incredibly busy overseeing daily operations and variations, as our staff puts great effort into ensuring all possible learning experiences are made available - Year 7 Camp, School and Zone Swimming Carnivals, High Achievers and Welcome to Year 7 Assembly, Photo Day, excursions in Music to Best of Aussie Rock, Year 8 Visual Arts to the Aquarium and Wildlife World, LOTE to a French film screening, Knockout Competitions in Touch Football, Volleyball, Softball, Lawn Bowls and Tennis, International Women’s Day celebrations, Barista courses for Years 10-11 through CHRSCL Club, Peer Numeracy program, the White Ribbon anti-violence program, and Year 7 mentoring workshops.

The remaining weeks of Term 1 will be equally busy with CAPA workshops, Parent Teacher Evening, eDiary workshops for years 7 and 11 (other years have already done these), Australian Geography Competition, Year 7 Visual Arts Botanical Gardens excursion, Year 9 Photography excursion, and World’s Greatest Shave.

You’ll find this edition of our newsletter reports on many of these enriching opportunities for our students. I would like to congratulate the staff for their work to make these events happen and acknowledge the excellent behaviour of Canterbury Girls High School students, as the teachers always return from excursions saying “the girls were fantastic”. Our student leaders, Prefects, SRC, House Captains, mentors, Open Night guides, peer mentors in numeracy and the Year 7 mentor program, as well as Green DEAR and White Ribbon program students, are particularly deserving of mention as well.

A few reminders to all families:

• drop off and pick up your daughters safely; avoid using Church Street as it is busy around the bus zone - you risk high fines if you double park or use the bus zone AND IT IS NOT SAFE TO DO SO.
• ensure school uniform is worn daily including correct safe black shoes, and correct BLUE JUMPERS as the weather gets cooler and correct BLUE SPORTS SHORTS - no shorts allowed unless shorts are worn over.
• please do all you can to support your daughters in the safe use of social media and electronic communications of all kinds - the school frequently mediates when concerns arise and we liaise with Ashfield Police Youth Liaison Officer whenever necessary to reinforce community standards and the laws related to this area of our lives.
• assist your daughters to manage their time so as to achieve their personal best in their school work, while also having a balanced lifestyle including adequate sleep, exercise and social time – all students by the end of Term 1 can make use of the online e-version of our school diary at lcpanner.com.
• keep your contact details up to date at all times - an orange form is available from Office A or phone to advise; also keep medical information up to date, especially asthma and allergies.
• contact your daughter’s Year Advisor in the first instance to raise any concerns or queries.

I look forward to the remainder of semester 1 in the Acting Deputy position. I welcome contact from families at any time on any matter; please call or make an appointment and I will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible. Please also feel free to use the email address below for contact.

Julie Ronayne, Acting Deputy Principal

Julie.ronayne@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Ronayne, Acting Deputy Principal:

Information from Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal:
Spellodrome is coming…

From Term 2 students at CGHS will be able to enhance their spelling skills with access to the Spellodrome program. Designed by educators, Spellodrome encourages independent learning and the development of critical spelling awareness through stimulation and support, and interactive and engaging games. Teachers can create custom work lists for their classes and Spellodrome’s weekly reporting makes it a great way for teachers and parents to keep track of individual student spelling development. Created by the designers of Mathletics, students will be able to access Spellodrome on their BYO devices at any time as consolidation or extension of their spelling skills. Students can privately keep track of their own progress, to help them recognise and experience a sense of pride and achievement.

The approximate cost will be less than $10 per student as CGHS already subscribes to Mathletics for all students. A note providing full details will be sent home to all students this week.

Ms Slattery

Knockout Netball

Well done to the Open Netball Knockout Team who played in Round 1 of the Sydney East CVD Knockout at Sylvania this month. Team members were: Samantha Buckland, Oriol Parfenow, Lucianna Tair, Alison Anae, Suvita Taia, Jennifer Palusa, Rachel Hui, Josie Lamipeti and Vineta Tohto.

The first draw against Rosebay Secondary College was a close finish and the team unfortunately lost by 7-1 to 10 in the next fortnight.

A note providing full details will be sent home to all students this week.

Ms Delmas

Music news

It has been a busy start to the year in Music at CGHS. We have recorded numbers of students in our ensembles program. It is now possible for students to choose from Junior or Senior Percussion Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble, Band and Training Band. Our Private Tuition program has also expanded in size and we now offer lessons on all instruments and voice to ensure the best possible results for our girls as they move toward HSC Music.

This year the Ensembles Program is holding it’s first Band Camp which is available to all girls involved in the above Ensembles. The main aim of this camp is to work on repertoire that combines all our musicians and prepares them for competitions and performances in the second half of the year. Band camp will be held at Berry Sport and Recreation centre from the 16th -18th June.

Kool Stools is on again this year and students have already begun to write and rehearse their original songs to ensure they place on this years CD. This is an amazing real life experience of what it is like working in a recording studio and recording your own music.

The Creative and Performing Arts Department is always looking at ways to extend our students experience of music and as such has arranged a number of excursions to this end. Elective students attended a performance by students at AIM (Australian Institute of Music), History of Australian Rock. We are also taking up to 60 students to The Lion King on 25th June. If interested in attending this excursion students must collect a note from the CAPA office.

Another exciting year ahead and I hope to see everyone at the many and varied performances throughout the year.

Louise Flannery, Music Teacher

The 2013 Annual School Report is now available on the school website.

www.canterbury-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Free Academic Software available for DEC Students

Students recently received an email from the school about the availability of Microsoft Office for all students at the following website:

http://nsw-students.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx

Welcome to your Academic Software Download Centre!

All NSW Department of Education and Communities students are eligible to download and licence Adobe and Microsoft software from this website.

This software is only available to download onto personally owned devices. Students will need to use their @education.nsw.gov.au student email address to register on their first visit.

To register, click on the “Sign In” link at the top of the page, then click on the REGISTER button. A verification email will be sent to your DEC email address. To complete the registration please select the link provided in the email.

Note: Individual students are eligible for one download per application only.

Students who do not have Microsoft Software on their laptops can use the instructions that they were emailed to download:

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2013 (Student Option) which includes:

• Word 2013
• Excel 2013
• PowerPoint 2013
• Outlook 2013
• OneNote 2013
• Access 2013

Microsoft Office 2011 for Mac (Student Option) which includes:

• Word for Mac 2011
• Excel for Mac 2011
• PowerPoint for Mac 2011
• Outlook

Mr Smith, our TSO, has successfully tested these downloads on student BYO laptop devices. Please see Mr Smith, who is based in the Library, if you have any problems with downloading the software.

Please note this does not work for I pads, free apps such Cloudon or Docs ToGo will give access to Office type software.

Students can also access downloads for the following Adobe Software from the same website. Additional information regarding these programs is provided on the website.

Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design & Web Premium

Adobe® Creative Suite® 6 Design & Web Premium software is the ultimate toolkit for professional design. Deliver eye-catching digital images, lay out high-impact print pages and build HTML5/CSS3 websites that look great on any screen.

Adobe Photoshop Elements 12

Empower your creative vision with photo editing options for every user level, and turn ordinary snapshots into something spectacular. Easily organize, edit, and create brilliant photos to share via print and the web.

Adobe Premiere Elements 12

Empower your creative vision with video editing that’s so easy, it almost makes the movie for you. Use automated options, special effects, and in-app guidance to turn your video clips into entertaining movies.
Parent Daughter Program!

Term 2 Weeks 4-8

After a very successful program in Term 1 we are now looking for people to join our Term 2 program. Note the slight change in sessions.

- Session 1—Getting to know you
- Session 2—African Drumming
- Session 3—Taekwondo
- Session 4—Yoga
- Session 5—Cooking/Photos

For more information please contact Stacey Naisbett on stacey.naisbett@det.nsw.edu.au
Courses
In March we have had students take advantage of the Barista Course being offered at Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL. The students found out that a coffee is not just a coffee. Taking advantages of these opportunities is of such great value to our students. It gives them a skill that will help them stand out when going for a job. It shows that they are willing to do something extra. In the April school holidays, over 40 of our Year 12 students are taking part in the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and Barista Course offered at the club. Again a great opportunity to help secure work. We thank Canterbury Hurststone Park RSL for these courses. They are subsidised for our students who are paying half of the normal cost, $60 instead of the $130-$160 commercially.

Seek28 website name change
As of this year, this website is now called JobJump www.jobjump.com.au and our password remains the same – corgi. This website is of great value, in particular to our Year 12 students but also to the whole school community.

I encourage parents to log onto this website to find out all they need to know about universities, TAFES, HSC, career options and post school destinations etc. Some of the features include:

- A weekly Careers News bulletin presented with all news in the KLA areas.
- Student careers news sent directly to the students home email address on any of their chosen careers for which they have registered. This saves the worry of wondering if your students received the news they specifically wanted on their chosen career.
- A comprehensive digital ATAR and University Course sortor that works hand in hand with the UAC Handbook making life easier for your daughters to search their chosen courses.
- A full directory of the top 140 sites you or your daughters need to access quickly and easily.
- A great discussion opener for their future that you encourage your daughters to use it with you. A discussion which the whole school community can take advantage of and I hope that you encourage your daughters to use it with you. A great discussion opener for their future.

General Careers
I have much information pass my desk and my method of communicating this information is through the student’s school email. I am encouraging them to read their email at least once a week, so that they can choose what is relevant to them and research more if they need to.

For Year 12 in particular, there will be a number of presentations later this term and next term from a number of universities and TAFE. This is an opportunity for them to ask questions. In addition there will be a compulsory excursion to the Western Sydney Careers Expo Thursday 19th June at Sydney Olympic Park. Also, a wonderful opportunity for them to get information about their futures, so that they can make informed and appropriate decisions about their career path.

Lastly, please feel free to call me if you have any concerns or questions about post school options for your daughters. Jasmine Tyral 97181805 ext 123.

Thanks, Jasmine Tyral, Relieving Careers Adviser T: 9718 1805 ext 123

Barista Course
The Barista Course was a fun and exciting experience, one day was just definitely not enough. At a very short time, I learnt how to finally use a coffee machine and try out some coffee art (which I did badly at). One shocking thing was that there was a wide range of coffees, honesty coffee isn’t even coffee anymore AND seriously... expresso?

Don’t try it if you’ve never had coffee, I had a mental brain shock just having a sip of my first made coffee. We also watched a short video about hygiene practices which I already watched in one of subjects, Food Technology so nothing was very new to me. It was a surprise that coffee making wasn’t as difficult as I imagined and number 1 on my wish list is going to be a surprise that coffee making wasn’t as difficult as I imagined and number 1 on my wish list is going to be a coffee machine! Overall it was an enjoyable day and I can finally get a part-time job at a cafe :) 

Mona Oo

All in all this is a valuable website which the whole school community can take advantage of and I hope that you encourage your daughters to use it with you. A great discussion opener for their future.

The Decantabrian Wine Club
The Decantabrian Wine Club is a P&C initiative to bring parents and friends together for a gathering where we have a casual afternoon of wine and food, and raise money for projects to enhance the school environment.

Our events are run in conjunction with the Summer Hill Wine Shop, and we have guest presenters from Wine companies to impart a bit of knowledge and guide the afternoon’s tasting.

Please be assured it is as casual as we can make it – and the swishing and swirling is kept to a minimum. We aim to have a good time first and foremost, meet other members of the school community, and along the way learn a bit more about Wine.

In our four events to date we have raised over $3,000 and this year we are aiming for $5,000.

Our first event for 2014 is on April 5th at 3pm-5.30pm
It’s held in the Canteen Area (enter via Minter Street)
A small plate always appreciated
Cost: $15 per head.

Cameron Anthes from Ergo Wine will be along and as well as presenting a range of Australian, NZ and French wines, he will be doing a short walk through on the why’s and wherefore’s of Vintage.

We hope you can join us for the afternoon. We would appreciate an RSVP so we can cater accordingly. Please remember the afternoon is open to all – feel free to bring along family and friends.

If you have any questions or would like more information, email thetastingpanel@hotmail.com

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Jo Schofield 0439 966 144

Parents & Citizens News

The Salvation Army
The Salvation Army provides community children’s programs that are for all youth and children of the community, regardless of cultural or religious background. Of particular note are:

- the Friday evening Fuel Program – activities and games for Primary School students; their parents are in the habit of dropping off the children, slipping off to nearby restaurants for a quiet evening without the kids and then returning to collect their children who are ready for bed at 8.30pm ;-) 
- the Alive & Free Youth Program for High School students; having a place after school each day to just chill with their peers under the supervision of Youth Workers;
- Mainly Music which is a proven program for including parents in activities with their children to stimulate the child’s learning ability.

All of our supervisors are processed by the Salvation Army to satisfy the Army’s strenuous Caring for Children Protocols which include a WWCC and a Caring for Kids Training Program.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ring or email me.

Regards,

Mark Andrews, Youth Ministry Worker
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Year 7 Camp

On Monday the 3rd of March, Year 7 set sail on a journey to Milson Island Sports and Recreation Centre. The journey all started at 6:30am, so we were all still half asleep. We met in the Cantabrian Hall, with our luggage in hand. We filled the buses and got comfortable for the journey ahead, with our pillow pets and backpacks slung on our shoulders. We sat down in the colourful bus chairs and observed the view as we travelled to our destination. When we got there we got started on our first activity, which in our case was the cook-out. We had quite a selection of food which was yummy.

After our first activity we settled into our cabins and were given the chance to get to know the people in our lodges.

The activities we participated in were: the Giant Swing, canoeing, raft building, initiatives, games night and on the last night we had a disco which was crazy themed. All of us dressed up crazy with undies on our heads, extreme teased hair and onesies. We even had a Year 7 Harlem shake dance off which the teachers did too! All in all Year 7 camp was by far the best camp yet.

By Yasmina Sadiki and Emily Moudanidis

French excursion

Some lucky students went on recent excursions. On Thursday 6th of March, Year 7-9 French went to watch a French film as part of the Sydney French Film Festival. The film was called The Finishers. It was about a disabled boy who wants to enter a triathlon with his father. It was really hilarious because we sat in the wrong cinema for 15 minutes before the ushers came in and told us.

After the film Ms Maddox so generously bought a huge box of deliciously freshly baked croissants and juice boxes for us. The warm croissants melted in our hungry mouths.

We enjoyed lunch at a park and we had fun going on the equipment. Yes high school students still enjoy going on fun park equipment.

Grace Wei

Year 8 Visual Art excursion

As soon as we got to Canterbury Station we were all buzzing with excitement. As soon as we got off the train and started walking we were greeted by so many happy people waving and high-fiving us lovely CGHS students in our yellow sport shirts. (a Year 8 tradition)

Finally at Wildlife World, we were surrounded by so many different, unique and interesting creatures. It took a lot of energy running around to see everything but it was worth it as we learnt so much about our Aussie creatures.

Sofie McKeever Ford, Year 8 artistic genius

The Sydney Aquarium was an absolute magical experience for the whole of Year 8. The sea creatures and animals were very fascinating, there was a lot to learn and see. Just like the students, the teachers were amazed too. Even though they have been there before. As we were about to leave, everyone just went into their own world and stared at the animals for one last time. I am sure that the next batch of Year 8’s next year will have an amazing time as well.

Sophia Rehman, Year 8 future Marine Biologist

Fancy Footwork

An evening of Drama presentations will take place on Thursday 29th May 2014 at 7pm. The three Drama Ensembles will present in the MPC and parents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy the entertainment.

Each of the Ensembles workshop and rehearse regularly as part of our Drama extra-curricular activities programs. Rehearsals continue into next term with a series of rehearsal dates which have been sent home to parents.

For all students Fit Club

Come and join Fit Club on a Thursday after school 3:20-4:20pm. We do a combination of cardio training, with strength exercises. We use both the indoor and outdoor gym. Every week is different! All welcome.
High Achievers 2013

Congratulations to all our students who received awards at the High Achievers Assembly earlier this term. Their commitment to learning and achieving has gained them deserved accolades.

Special Awards Recipients include:

- Grace Sparks Award for Excellence in English: Alyssa Graf & Tiana Pelaia
- Citizenship Award from the Zonta Club of Western Sydney: Katie Chung
- Reuben F Scarf Award for Consistent Commitment and Improvement: Alesha Lafaitelle
- ADF Leadership Award: Eliva Andriamora & Manasik Siddig
- St George VET Workplace Learning Award Yr 11 Hospitality: Jennifer Nguyen
- Yr11 Business Services: Angela Shihkim
- Smith-Anderson Modern History Award: Rosie Baxter
- Matthew Brady Memorial Citizenship Award: Latifah Jackson-Vaughan
- Year 7 Scholarships: Sarah Sabouni

DUX AWARDS

- Dux Y7: Coco Wang
- Dux Y8: Madeleine Smith
- Dux Y9: Nafisa Trisha
- Dux Y10: Tiana Pelaia
- Dux Y11: Lydia Qian
- Dux Y12: Melanie Capuano

Year 7 Vaccinations

All Year 7 students have been offered 3 vaccines this year: Human Papillomavirus Vaccine, Varicella Zoster Vaccine (chickenpox) and Diptheria, Pertussis Vaccine. The immunisation nurses will be at our school on Wednesday 26th March, Thursday 26th June and for the final round on Thursday 20th November.

Reminder

All parents and guardians are reminded to ensure that they keep their daughter’s health care details and advice on medications up to date with our office. It is imperative that all our students are safe when they are at school and we need to share the responsibility and ensure the school is aware of any special needs your daughter may have and that this advice is updated regularly.

Year 12  High Achievers in HSC

- Sarah Ahmad
- Yasmin Allam
- Freya Ashton-Curd
- Rosie Baxter
- Sophie Brotherton
- Xiao Le Cai
- Melanie Capuano
- Da-In Cheong
- Eunyoung Choi
- Kasey Clarke
- Dreannah Dhanvate
- Huyen Do
- Madeleine Gill
- Jennifer Goodwin
- Aoi Hallam
- Jiabao He
- Ji Hee Heo
- Thi Bao Ngoc Hoang
- Sarah Jeffrey

- Xiao Jin
- Yeongyeon Kim
- Lee-Anne Lam
- Lily Liang
- Sally Lim
- Phu Jadie Lo
- Ann Thu Luc
- Lulu Lucas
- Tiffany Mak
- Susan McLeod
- Rebecca Merrick
- Sang A Min
- Sara Miranda
- Angela Mo
- Ayla Nabi
- Rida Naeem
- Reetisha Narayan
- Reznaida Nasution Chan
- Janjira Noppasopon
- Najia Noun
- Ruby Paredes
- Shin Hea Park
- Ruche Patel
- Pimbanya Ponchimglee
- Rosaria Sanchez
- Sharmistha Sarkar
- Rosie Schofield
- Sabah Mujeeb Shah
- Manasik Siddig
- Maja Skundric
- Yoo Jung Suh
- Kexin Sun
- Ya Ru Tang
- Cheyenne Taumalolo
- Alison Termulo
- Yu Lin Tian
- Raisa Trina
- Emeline Tupou
- Adriana Vachos
- Stephanie Wang
- Arooj Younas
- Jane Yuan
- Qizi Zhang

OPEN NIGHT – School Tours

Congratulation to the following students from the Year 12 Hospitality class, Rika Kutan, Josie Lamipeti, Leila Masri, Jennifer Nguyen, and Dayna Polley, these ladies gave up their Tuesday evening to return to school and help with Open Night School Tours. These students helped to prepare, plate and present a selection of savoury and sweet dishes to the visiting families that came that evening. The students worked tirelessly to demonstrate their wonderful and creative skills. The families were able to see the level and quality of work that we produce here at CGHS and sample the delights we produce. Well done Hospitality class.

Mrs M. Stephenson (VET Team)
Showcase of top student art

THE last and most prestigious of several exhibitions of the best artworks by 2013 Higher School Certificate Visual Arts students has opened at the Art Gallery of NSW.

The artwork, on exhibition until May 11, is part of the 31st ArtExpress and showcases the best works of 225 students from government and non-government schools across NSW as part of last year’s HSC.

Of these, 40 of the very best works are on display at the exhibition, one of which is a drawing by Canterbury Girls High School student Sharmista Sarker, entitled “Alluring Night” - a graphite-on-paper work. Sharmista describes her work as “enchanted”.

“The sun retreats and the moon arises, unveiling a light source which is tranquil, mesmerising, soothing and alluring,” says Sharmista who was presented with a Julian Ashton Art School (JAAS) scholarship to cover a one-week school holiday course at the school. JAAS Principal Paul Delprat praised Sharmista’s work.

“Sharmista is articulate in the language of our art, which is the alchemy of hand and eye,” he said. “Congratulations on producing a suite of evocative and sensitive drawings.”

Sharmista’s drawing will travel in August/September to the University of Western Sydney’s Margaret Whitlam Gallery following its stay at the AGNSW. The aim of the exhibition is to display the quality and the diversity of the works completed by talented students.
Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5-12, with great performance opportunities.

- If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and
- If you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular)

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.
- Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School, 4pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
- Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School, 4.30pm-5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)

Please ring, text or email to find out more – the 2013 information is still current for this year.

Voices of Sydney

Free Bicycles for Canterbury Teens

The Happiness Cycle is a pioneering and innovative program developed in Australia to get teens physically active through cycling.

Up to 300 local teenagers will have a chance to earn a brand new bicycle.

If you are 15 or 16, or have a teenage child who is willing to get rolling on two wheels, register today at http://www.happinesscycle.com.au

Register online here.

Earth Hour at Campsie Library

Canterbury residents, friends and family, are invited to an Earth Hour event at Campsie Library on Saturday 29 March 2014 from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Campsie Library will open for the first time in the evening to celebrate Earth Hour. Activities include:
- Film “The Great Barrier Reef”
- Earth Hour Countdown
- Interactive African Drumming
- Chat about what you can do to save power

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE VIA

www.earthhouratcampsie-library.eventbrite.com or 9789 9488.

Campsie Library 14-28 Amy Street, Campsie.

National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:


Comprehension help at home

Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.

Find out more:


Essay help video

Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they’re not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.

Find out more:


REMINDERS for families

Please ensure that if your address or phone number has been changed the 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 daughter 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

Scope and Sequence for All Subjects for Years 7-10 is now available on the website.

SCHOOL FEES – Invoices will have been sent out. All students should have paid by now for School diaries, Sport levy and Technology Levy.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2014 P&C Executive
President: Jo Schofield
Vice Presidents: Karin Badart, Sharon Gudu
Secretary: Mailin Schuting
Assistant Secretary: Olive Barry
Treasurer: Stephen Gallagher
Assistant Treasurer: Michael Clarke

2014 Dates: 4th Wednesday of the month.
Cantabrian Hall, entry via Church Street.
Mar 26th, May 28th, Jun 25th, Jul 30th, Aug 27th, Oct 22nd, Nov 26th
**Female football drive**

**Association taking action as participation decreases**

Chris Georgakopoulos

The number of females playing football in NSW has dropped, prompting the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA) to take action.

The Association noticed the decline and formed a female football committee to focus on getting more females involved in the sport at all levels.

“I don’t think middle-aged men are best placed to guess what it is or how to go about engaging more young women in the sport,” Association president Ian Holmes said.

“That’s why we have this panel of women who are involved either as referees, coaches, administrators and players to look at the issues for us and to give the board of the CDSFA advice.”

The Association ran a football officiating course hosted by professional Sarah Ho for young referees early this year which involved 21 girls.

This follows a female-only coaching course the Association ran last year.

It is anticipated that further classes will be held this year.

“The board has agreed as one of our strategic objectives that we will become the regional hub for the development and training of female football coaches and officials,” Mr Holmes said.

Data obtained by *The Express* from Football NSW shows female football participation dropped by almost 3000 from 2011 to 2012, but increased by 0.79 per cent last year.

Football NSW game development officer for women’s football, James Robinson, said “football is a safe, enjoyable and affordable sport to play”.

“The official player pathway system has played an integral role in the increase of player numbers within the female community statewide,” he said.