Reminders:

- Please see details on page 5 of how to have your say about NSW Government policy on Special Religious Education.

Congratulations to:

- All students who were part of Mean Girls Too, a fantastic team effort from a large number of students.
- Our fantastic huge Zone Cross country team who did so well this year. A full report is on page 6.
- All students who collected for the Salvation Army as part of the Red Shield Appeal.
- Lili Shapiro, Year 11 (pictured above), our 2015 Zonta Citizenship Awardee, who attended the Annual Awards Dinner on May 26th. Thank you to Mr Anderson for accompanying Lili and her family to this event, representing Canterbury Girls HS.
- The winning Year 7 debating team, pictured above.
- Claire Bowen, Year 10, Eleanor Dunstan, Year 8, Lucinda Dunstan and Ursula Hartung, Year 11 all who head off to Prague this holiday to perform as Ballerinas in a European competition.
- Senior Theatresports team members who came third in the semi-final held at Canterbury Girls HS last week. See report on page 7. Congratulations Amy Goodwin, Imogen Smith, Alison Cooper and Grace Rached.
- Latifah Jackson-Vaughan, Year 11, whose community work in environmental causes took her to a recent Ocean Youth Seal Life aquarium event, releasing sharks!
Aboriginal Education Programs

Lilyana Gabey, Winridah Whittan, Kaya Tranter, Shaneice Vincent, Shaznae Vincent continue to act as mentors for Aboriginal students at Canterbury Public School in the Indigenous Mentoring Project, and participated with mentees in a commemoration service honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women held at the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park on Friday, 28th May. Mrs McLelland continues to support girls as Coordinator of the Aboriginal Student Support program, and works with our Aboriginal students on Tuesdays, Week B.

Stage 4 Learning Presentations 2015

All Year 7 and Year 8 have been issued with the 2015 Personal Learning Plan template. Students should have completed these by now and stored them on their digital device. Completing a Personal Learning Plan is the first step in the development of Learning Presentations for 2015. Ms Strachan is in the process of working with all years on the development of a Digital Portfolio using Adobe software that students can store their Personal Learning Plans and work samples in. Many thanks to Ms Strachan for assisting with this initiative. I encourage all parents and caregivers to discuss their daughter’s Personal Learning Plan with them and to encourage them to store work samples in their digital portfolio throughout the year.

Subject Selection 2015

Subject selection programs for Years 7, 8 and 10 have been implemented:

1. Year 7 will select 1 elective for study in 2016 – forms due Friday 5 June.
2. Year 8 will select 2 electives for study in 2016 – forms due Friday 5 June.
3. Year 10 will select 5 electives for study – plus the compulsory study of English – for study in 2016 / 2017. Forms are to be submitted during an interview each student will have with a staff member on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June.

A Subject Selection Evening for Year 10 students and their parents will be held on Wednesday 17 June from 6:00pm to 7.30pm. All Year 10 students and their parents are encouraged to attend. Parents will receive important information about subject selection, and have an opportunity to discuss subject choices with staff representing the various HSC subjects.

Parent Teacher Night

Parent Teacher Night for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be held on Tuesday 23 June from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. This is an extremely important opportunity for parents and students to meet with teachers to discuss progress made in learning and areas for improvement. Invitations and booking cards will be sent from me in the next month. I hope all parents of Years 8, 9 and 10 students can attend this evening.

White Ribbon Program, 2015

This Term, Years 7 has been undertaking the White Ribbon program during DEAR time. Year 7 have been working with Year 9 student mentors throughout the term to achieve a Respect Passport. To earn a Respect Passport, students must complete a series of activities related to the concept of Respect. Students have received presentations from Ashfield Council, Youth Off The Street, Ashfield Police and Green DEAR as part of the White Ribbon program. A big thank you to all those who have presented to Year 7 and to our fantastic Year 9 Respect Leaders!

Reminders Regarding Ongoing Issues

The main issue I wanted to ask for all parent support with was in relation to leaving valuables unattended. Please remind your daughter to NOT bring valuables to school, excursions, carnivals etc and to keep items such as phones, ipads, laptops on her person at all times.

As in the ‘real world’, if your daughter leaves valuables unattended somewhere, someone will likely take them, and there is nothing the school can do to retrieve the item. Great distress is invariably caused for both the student and her family if this happens. Please ask your daughter not to bring any valuables to school unless absolutely necessary.

The Police Youth Liaison Officer who supports our school to address safety and security issues is Constable Jim Battalico who can be contacted at Ashfield Police Station – 9797 4099.

Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal
Tell them from me.

Parent Survey coming up in August

The Partners in Learning parent survey is for parents and carers of school students. It is designed to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents/carers and school by gaining insights into parent/carer and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent/carer voice on school support of learning and behaviour.

The survey results help to build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. It complements the student and teacher surveys.

How does it work?
Parents/carers take the survey online in their own time. The survey usually takes less than 30 minutes and is anonymous.

What does it ask?
The parent survey asks parents/carers a range of questions related to the following drivers of student outcomes: parents feel welcomed, informed, parents support learning at home, school supports learning, positive behaviour, safety & inclusion, parent participation at school, bullying and exclusion, exclusion at school.

Questions?
For frequently asked questions, visit the link: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/ttfm-surveys/parent-survey

The parent survey is being held in Term 3, 2015.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS:
Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?
You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted
For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact: Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au.
All complaints will be treated confidentially.

Year 9 Camp 2015
CGHS Athletics Carnival

The 2015 Athletics Carnival was a fun filled day with lots of school spirit and teamwork. The theme for the day was “Why is that in my closet?” and students from all years came up with some clever and funny outfits! Students from each house colour also represented and supported their team in many of the events. The final scores were very close, but Canberra eventually took the win. The delicious sausage sizzle and orange juice stall held by the prefects was also a highlight of the day.

Renee Petaia & Claire Bowen

CGHS Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the St George Zone Cross Country Carnival at Scarborough Park, Ramsgate on Tuesday 19th May.

CGHs Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who have made it to the Sydney East Regional Cross Country Carnival, which will be held at Miranda Park, Thursday 11th June:

- 18/17 yrs: Chanel Robbins (4th), Chloe Yan (6th), Johnavi Renaud (8th)
- 15 yrs: Eliza Goslett (5th), Tilly Goslett (8th), Michaelie Trenbath (11th), Ariana Costas (13th)
- 14 yrs: Maya Wood-Thomson (2nd), Amy Tran (7th)
- 13 yrs: Chaltu Strachan (1st), Isabella Rocher (4th), Amelia Tanuse (7th)
- 12 yrs: Salam Issa (2nd), Wimindah Whritton (3rd)

CGHS Knockout Soccer

Congratulations to the Knockout Soccer Team – Belinda, Amy, Katie, Hannah, Miriam, Neil, Kaneshia, Shaznae, Jacinta, Vanessa, Chaltu, Salam, Maya, Sarah and Nicola, who made it to the second round after being knocked out by Lucas Heights Community School.

The girls worked hard sacrificing their lunch times to train. A big thank you to Ms Delmas who helped organise the matches as well as Ms Burgess who helped with the first round game.

Ms Vlachos

CAPA News: Campsie Food Festival

The CGHS band and elective music students took part in the Campsie Food Festival on Saturday 30th May, performing a selection of pieces they have been working on this term and included a number of original songs they are preparing for KOOL SKOOLS which is on again in Term 4. We have so many talented musicians at our school and it is a credit to them that so many of the girls took this opportunity to promote the school and refine their performance techniques.

Well done girls!

Success at Theatresports for CGHS Teams

Both Intermediate and Senior Theatresports teams were once again fielded for the 2016 Theatresports Schools Challenge. Our senior team consisted of Year 12’s Alison Cooper, Amy Goodwin and Imogen Smith, ably assisted by Grace Rached from Year 11. The team benefitted from previous exposure to the competition as they romped to early success in their preliminary heat. Coming first in the heat they moved through to the semi-final which took place on Tuesday 22nd June.

It was a nail biting and excruciating semi-final as our team warmed up and rocketed their way through the final rounds. When the scores landed we unfortunately missed out on appearing in the final at Enmore Theatre by simply one mark.

Our Seniors blitzed each round and used their improvisation skills, team work and creativity to produce outstanding Broadway moments; amidst lots of fun and laughter for all. Congratulations to all members of our outstandingly successful team.

Our Intermediate team were somewhat apprehensive being their first encounter with the competition, however they showed excellent team work and performance skills as they explored the parameters of the competition. They were well supported by fellow students and learned much from their experience. They were remarkable in their ability to pick up cues from each other and their capacity to trust in the moment and follow the improvisation. There will doubtless be further success as they grow in their understanding of the process. The team members were all from Year 9 and consisted of: Honey Spence, Mave Ralph, Ella Hosty-Snelgrove, Ella Schofield and Lois Minutillo. Canterbury Girls High School was dynamically and elegantly represented by these teams. Congratulations Girls!

The girls worked hard sacrificing their lunch times to train. A big thank you to Ms Delmas who helped organise the matches as well as Ms Burgess who helped with the first round game.

Ms Vlachos

Left: The CGHS Band at the Campsie Food Festival. Right: Senior Theatresports team with Ms Slattery.

CGHS Parent Teacher Night

Years 8, 9 & 10: Tuesday 23 June from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.
Mean Girls Production

The Prefects fundraised at each of the Mean Girls Too performances serving Gelato (pictured at top) to visiting guests who attended the performances.

Prefect Afternoon Tea

Student leaders from local schools were invited to an afternoon tea hosted by the Prefects in the Cantabrian Hall on Friday, 29th May, 2015. Refreshments were served and activities organised for the students to get to know each other and share their experiences of being leaders of their schools. It was an event enjoyed by all who attended. Our Prefects were very gracious and welcoming hosts.

PacFest leaders’ excursion to the Australian Museum

Our PacFest leaders M. Tupe and D. Poro Maka Kea (Year 12), along with the CBHS’s leaders (pictured above), spent Thursday June 4th at the Australian Museum as a leadership initiative. The students attended the Pacific Spirits Exhibition and worked on team building for the upcoming PacFest on June 26th. Tickets for PacFest can be purchased through the school – interested families should contact Ms Ronayne for information. Otherwise please check the Sydney PacFest facebook page for information.

PDHPE: Year 11 First Aid Qualification

During Term 2, Year 11 PDHPE students completed their qualification in Provide First Aid with Surf Life Saving Australia. We now have 15 extra students in the school who are trained in providing first aid.

Students were able to apply background knowledge from PDHPE classes in a practical environment, demonstrating the recovery position and CPR on each other, on Little Anne and Baby Anne. Students were also able to practice the correct use of bandage and sling techniques, EpiPens and asthma puffers.

Congratulations on the completion of the course, it was a great day.

Ms. Wirtz (PDHPE Teacher)

PDHPE: Child Studies – Year 9 Elective

Student’s in the Year 9 Child Studies elective class were required to look after a Baby Egg for a week as a simulated parental experience and to the left are some photos from the experience.

Year 9 PDHPE Trivia Day

Students who did not attend the Year 9 camp spent the June 5 field study day doing a range of enrichment activities, which included the pictured construction challenge and relay.

GRIP National Leadership Camp 2015

Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Year 10-12 are invited to participate in a national leadership camp being held in Sydney, hosted by the GRIP Leadership team. Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this 4-day camp from July 7-10.

GRIP Leadership is well known for organising Australia’s largest student leadership events and helping students reach their potential as a leader.

Full details at www.gripleadership.com.au
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Do you have children 7-13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

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Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

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we cannot find any statistical significant difference," Professor Connelly said. "Any differences we see in test results are not due to the school type. Rather, they reflect differences between households and students that already exist in society.

"The work adds to a growing literature from three different continents that the returns from attending independent primary schools are no different from those attending public school."

Two academics at the National Institute for Labour Studies at Flinders University, Professor Kosta Marvomanis and Dr Stephanie Maluteas, recently conducted a study that confirmed, among other findings, that the main determinants of test scores is socio-economic status, not the school type. The study was published by the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Bonn, Germany, and is based on a statistical analysis of the 2009 PISA test results for reading, mathematics and science.

This is an important study, writes Trevor Cobbold in The Age. "This is a simple but powerful result which suggests that when we compare the quality distributions between government and non-government schools we cannot find any statistical significant difference," he says.

The article cites two other research studies. One was published in the Economics of Education Review in December 2014. According to The Age, the study showed that "Catholic schools' performance has declined since 1980 relative to government schools...[and] that the advantage Catholic schools once held over government schools has virtually disappeared. "This is despite the enormous increase in funding these schools have received compared to the public sector."

In a recently published paper (2015), "The Comparative Advantage of Public School Graduates", Canberra-based researcher Barbara Preston argues, "The general finding is that graduates of non-elite and co-educational schools do better at university than graduates of socially and academically elite singlesex schools who achieved the same tertiary entrance score."

In her paper she cites four Australian and three English studies, concluding, "State school graduates do better at university than private school graduates with the same end-of-school tertiary entrance score. That's the clear finding in a number of Australian studies since the 1980s and in England since the 1990s."

John Graham, a researcher with the Victorian AEU, cites a 2013 study by Candack and Vecci. He writes that their study "examined the academic advantages of students attending Catholic schools compared to attending government schools, concluding that they were marginal in terms of secondary school completion, and university commencement and completion."

"In fact, (Candack and Vecci) put forward the possibility that attending a Catholic school may have a comparatively negative effect on these student outcomes.

A general conclusion by Associate Professor Chris Ryan, in a paper that examined Australia's performance in reading and maths in the PISA testing program, is that declines in school performance were most marked in private schools.

"At the school level, the declines in performance of schools have not been associated with many of their observed characteristics, rather than that the declines appear to have been concentrated among private schools," Dr Ryan states.

"Where private schools once generated better outcomes than public schools, given the compositions of their student bodies, this was not the case after 2003." Chris Ryan's paper, published in the Economics of Education Review (37), is entitled, "What is behind the decline in student achievement in Australia?"

Trevor Cobbold, a former economist with the Australian Productivity Commission for more than 30 years, says the Flinders study also concluded that private schools do not use the resources at their disposal more efficiently than public schools. The study could not find any evidence of financial efficiency in the non-government sector, he argues in his article in The Age.

"All the more reason why the Gonski model needs to be implemented in full so that the funding is targeted to those schools with the highest need. This is more efficient and fairer."

The Gonski Review found that public schools were seriously under-resourced for the job expected of them and that a needs-based funding model was long overdue. It is to their credit that public schools, as confirmed by study after study, continue to produce equal or better academic results compared to the non-government sector.

What is happening in Australian education is that private schools are effectively schools of social mobility that are marked on myths and promulgated by vested interests with the funding advantage they enjoy leading to a more unequal Australia.

The funding crisis has led to a growing gap between the advantaged and disadvantaged. As a nation we must do better. Our children deserve no less.
**Dates for the Fridge**

- **June 19:** Year 12 Careers Expo, Year 7 vaccinations Round 2, Year 9 Romeo & Juliet show in English
- **June 22-23:** Zone Athletics Carnival
- **June 23:** Music Ensemble students excursion to Opera House
- **June 23:** Parent Teacher Night Yrs 8, 9, 10
- **June 24:** Drama excursion to Mother Courage at Belvoir St Theatre
- **June 24:** Dance excursion to Bangarra Theatre
- **June 24:** UWS PATHE excursion to the University of Western Sydney
- **June 24:** P&C Meeting
- **June 25:** Refugee Week Performance – Percussion Ensemble
- **June 26:** PacFest Competition at Whitlam Centre, Liverpool, LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**TERM 3:**

- **July 13:** Staff Development Day
- **July 14:** Day 1, Term 3 for all students
- **July 20-July 31:** HSC TRIAL EXAMS
- **July 20:** LEAPS
- **July 21:** Aboriginal Great Debates
- **July 21:** Parent Teacher Night Yrs 7, 11 & 12
- **July 27-28:** Year 5 Enrichment Program
- **July 29:** P&C Meeting
- **July 30:** Mathematics Competition
- **July 31:** Regional Athletics Carnival
- **July 31:** Year 12 Drama and Dance Showcase 7pm
- **Aug 3:** LEAPS

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**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:** Remember to check the student calendar on the CGHS website for excursion dates, upcoming events, rehearsal times and assessment items.

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**Meetings:** 4th Wednesday of the month
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