Dear Cantabrians,

Another year has passed by very quickly and we are fast approaching Christmas.

Our Triennial meeting was held in March with the following ladies elected to the Committee:

- **President**: Merle Chalmers
- **Vice-President**: Marilyn Abbey
- **Beverley Lane**
- **Secretary**: Carmen Malins
- **Treasurer**: Marion Malins
- **Social Secretary**: Carmen Malins
- **Publicity Officer**: Dawn Young

These ladies have held various positions on the committee for many years and we take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to the Cantabrians and the work they do in raising funds for the school to provide scholarships, dux prizes and items the school may need from time to time.

Our annual luncheon this year was a happy and successful event and although only 66 ladies attended, we did manage to clear $500 from the proceeds of the raffle and stock sales. Unfortunately, we made a small loss on the luncheon itself as the Club’s costs have risen over the years while we have kept our charge at $50. This is a small price for a three course luncheon, so we may need to consider increasing our price next year. We would welcome any feedback or suggestions.

In October, Bev Lane and Carmen Malins conducted the scholarship interviews for the 2017 Year 11 student. This year, the applicants were all outstanding and it was a difficult decision. In the end, as they were unable to decide, the scholarship was shared between two students, Coco Wang and Angela Wei who each will receive $400 over the next two years. It is interesting to note that every student interviewed loved the school and the teachers. Principal Sue Holden can be proud of this achievement. It is not something many of us would have said back in the day!

Next month our President, Merle Chalmers will attend the school’s Recognition Day and present prizes to various students and in February, a member of the committee will attend the Presentation Day where our Dux prizes are presented.

The members of our Association are ageing and we would dearly love to recruit new, younger members in order to keep the Cantabrians “alive” and to take on some positions at the next election in 2019. If you know of anyone who attended the school, please let them know about us and the work we do. Our contact details are at top of this page.

We recently purchased some lovely tea towels printed with a sketch of the school. They are an easy care, durable linen/cotton blend. We are selling them for $16 each including postage and handling. Please contact us on 96486694 or email to mmalins1@bigpond.com and we will be happy to post one (or two) out to you.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2017.