Reminders

Week 10 Term 4 2016 will be busy!

- Monday to Wednesday: normal timetabled classes.
- Monday Dec 12: Recognition Assembly rehearsal.
- Tuesday Dec 13: Annual Day of Recognition, MPC, 11am – Reports 7-10 issued at end of school day (All families welcome to attend assembly, please be seated by 10.50am)
- Wednesday Dec 14: CAPA excursion to Aladdin, remaining students will be combined in classes in their Years.
- Thursday Dec 15: Picnic Day Years 7-11- all permission notes available on website.
  - Year 8: Robertson Reserve: Watsons Bay.
  - Year 9: Cockatoo Island.
  - Year 10: Barangaroo and Strike Bowling King St Wharf.
  - Year 11: Manly.
- Friday Dec 16 is last day of the school year for 2016.
- CANTENE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY so bring your own food & drinks on these days.

The school will be closed Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December as staff development days 4 and 5 have been completed in after school sessions through the year.

The 2017 School Year Commences As Follows:

- Friday 27 January 2017: Staff Development Day 1, staff return.
- Tuesday 31 January 2017: Years 8, 9 and 10 return.

Congratulations

- Ms Lalita Venkatesan (below) who has been appointed Head Teacher Secondary Studies.
- Two of our early career teachers, Ms Wilson and Ms Naisbett, who were recognised for significant achievement at the District Excellence Awards (picts next page.)

Ms Lalita Venkatesan
Our participation in Crossroads, Work Year 10 for completion of their with Ms Slattery. for making it to the District Finals about tickets on page 12) will be performing at Kool Skools Kool Skools participants who have rehearsed so hard for their fantastic efforts all year from these two talented students and a highlight to be in the Spectacular in 2016.

Our performers at the Public School Excellence Awards provided entertainment items; you were acknowledged by many for your fantastic talent. A showcase of the talent in our schools - well done! (See photos are on page 13).

Our Schools Spectacular choir and dancers, and their dedicated teachers: Ms Flannery, Ms Reed and Ms Conroy, also assisted by Ms Newes (who apparently did a spectacular pizza rescue mission!), who have rehearsed so hard since mid October for the Schools Spectacular on November 25-26. It was a truly slick and spectacular event and broke a world record for the number of performers on stage in a finale! A wonderful opportunity for our students’ talents to be involved in such a diverse and inclusive performance event. Special mention to the dancers who had to wait backstage for long periods in the rehearsal process and during the performances; your teachers were so impressed with your patience and good humour throughout. See pics on page 13.

Marie Ikonomou Yr 9 and Buia David Yr 7 were part of the NSW Schools Aboriginal Dance group for Schools Spectacular and are dancing in the Bangarra Dance Company schools program as well. Again, fantastic efforts all year from these two talented students and a highlight to be in the Spectacular in 2016.

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Cuming (Tracy) Liu for her High Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition (see photo on page 14).

Maggie Lin, Joanna Yu and Candy Chen in Year 8 for their Mathematics awards.

Lily Coe and Liliana Gabey, who will be undertaking a school based traineeship with Bluedot in 2017.

Pearl Joseph for her nomination in for the 2016 National Disability Awards. See the full details of this prestigious nomination on page 21.

Eve Eletheriou who did some work with “1-Manifest & Vivid” and as an Alumni has now been offered a 3 month full-time paid internship with advertising company Clemenger BBDO.

Yasmina Sadiki Yr 9, who has been actively involved in an initiative called Let’s Find a Cure - which recently raised $43,000 for the Galvin Institute and Breast Cancer research. What a remarkable contribution! Well done to Yasmina, who has been raising funds for 8 years.

Jessica Aird Year 11 and Sophia Koulis Year 7 who were victorious in the Majestic Ice National Iceskating Championships with Jessica’s junior team earning gold and Sophia’s mixed age team gaining silver. What an achievement! The many hours outside of school to attain such a great result is testimony to their talent and dedication. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.
Farewell to:

- Gayle Gibson Head teacher Mathematics. Ms Gibson has completed her teaching career at Canterbury Girls High School in 2016, having joined us from Strathfield Girls HS. An exceptionally talented classroom teacher, she has been pivotal in making Maths fun and rewarding for countless students. What better impact can a teacher have? She has made significant contributions to our student reporting system, putting in many hours to ensure the smooth functioning of this vital component in our school’s relationship with its families. Under Ms Gibson the Maths faculty has enjoyed a resurgence with a revitalised profile in the school. Maths jokes and puzzles have adorned the noticeboard, inspirational Maths quotes are a part of Maths classrooms, Maths has been promoted as a part of the everyday and students want to improve and excel in Maths! This is all due to Ms Gibson’s influence as Head teacher. Ms Gibson was particularly proud of the High Distinction attained by a Canterbury Girls student in the Australian Mathematics Competition this year. She has ensured students had opportunities to be extended and enriched mathematically through opportunities such as Maths Olympiad and Battle of the Minds. She leaves us to enjoy retired life with a quality introduction to high school learning. Additionally Ms Gibson has been the lynchpin of our numeracy support program, supporting targeted students who have benefitted from her one to one and small group teaching, as well as the provision of an effective Peer Numeracy mentoring program engaging Stage 5 students in assisting Stage 4. Like Ms Gibson she is leaving us to take up retirement.

- Robin Graeme-Holder school counsellor, is leaving Canterbury Girls to take up a transfer to Earlwood Public School. We wish her all the best in this new chapter of her career. Ms Graeme-Holder has been our School Counsellor since 2011. We thank her for her contributions.

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Thank You to:

- All students who took the risk to prepare and present a Learning Achievement Presentation to their parent(s) and staff members. A daunting but rewarding process!

- Marion Gifford – Mathematics teacher. Another stalwart of the Maths faculty Ms Gifford is better known as Professor when Year 5 students join us for enrichment days each year. Ms Gifford coordinated the enrichment program for over ten years at Canterbury Girls and her attention to detail and skills in liaison always provided students with a quality introduction to high school learning. Additionally Ms Gifford has been the lynchpin of our numeracy support program, supporting targeted students who have benefitted from her one to one and small group teaching, as well as the provision of an effective Peer Numeracy mentoring program engaging Stage 5 students in assisting Stage 4. Like Ms Gibson she is leaving us to take up retirement.

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- Parents and families who made time to attend their daughters’ Learning Presentations in weeks 7 and 8 of term. A highly valuable student-centred addition to learning which evaluates achievement and sets goals for future improvement, involving parents as partners in learning. An initiative we plan to expand in the future.

- Ms Matos, Ms Papadimitriou and Mr Safi for many hours of work arranging the annual week of Year 10 Work Experience which is in Week 9, December 5-9. As always a great range of placements across many sectors including child care, health, retail, education, animal care, theatre, politics, the arts and law!

- Ms Barford and Ms Delmas for coordination of Recognition Day academic and sporting awards.

- Ms Fox for coordination of the International Day of Disability Assembly to be held Monday December 5.

- Ms Andrews and the Science faculty for organising a fantastic enrichment excursion for Year 9 Science, Engineers Without Borders.

- Ms Slattery for accompanying our two teams to Debating Gala Day.

- Ms Jenkins and Ms Conroy for accompanying students to Halogen Leadership Conference.

- Drama and English staff for the fantastic afternoon of Thespiatsports in the MPC.

- Staff and students involved in performing on a Sunday at Concert for Congo ( pics on page 13).

- Ms Fox for supporting students requiring additional transition to high school meetings, tours and buddies.

- Ms Venkatesan for her ceaseless hard work to make Australian Business Week an annual success and all staff who contributed as mentors in this program, and the HSIE faculty and VET team who have co-coordinated.

- VET staff who spend many hours ensuring our VET students in Business Services and Hospitality have quality work placements - time consuming and intensive work!
DIARY CHANGES 2017 – no more school diary in 2017!

In 2017 we will no longer be bulk purchasing student diaries for sale to students. This decision was made when school diary sales and use dropped, and uptake of the online version of the school diary was relatively small. Students prefer to use their own hard copy diaries which can be purchased cheaply and personalised as they choose. Or, students prefer to use an electronic calendar and To Do list. Our CGHS Student Calendar (link on website) provides Years 7-12 assessment dates.

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A wall calendar at home by the month, term or year to be a reminder for the most important upcoming deadlines and key dates.

A To Do list which is updated daily or weekly, and which can be grouped according to Must Do/Should Do/Could Do Today OR This Week - in this technique the Could Do items will eventually become the Must Do.

We will provide some templates on our school website to support homework and study organisation, which will assist students in the transition to providing their own tools to track their commitments.

Crossroads at CGHS

Last week students at Canterbury Girls completed the Crossroads Program.

Crossroads is a mandatory program for students in Years 11 and/or 12 in NSW government schools. Crossroads is designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. Crossroads aims to prepare and support these students as they encounter situations related to identity, independence and their changing responsibilities.

Crossroads aims to build students’ sense of empowerment and respect for themselves and others. These are some activities, other activities were a presentation on drugs and addiction, and self-defence.

The Crossroads program aims to empower young people to take positive action to protect themselves and promote positive and respectful relationships.

Clockwise from top: Family Planning, Rock Climbing, Wheelchair Basketball, Self Defence.

Year 9 Science Engineers Without Borders

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) Australia, is an organisation which encourages change through humanitarian engineering and education. EWB ran a free workshop for students on Friday 25th November. EWB promotes engineering awareness, STEM education and provide free STEM workshops to high schools to give students an insight into engineering with hands-on engineering activities.

EWB ran 2 workshops. The first was a Biology based biomedical engineering activity where students made a ‘prosthetic leg’ out of simple, everyday materials. The second was a Physics and Chemistry based civil engineering activity where students used the concepts of buoyancy to create a structure that floated and held a weight while using minimal material. This was an excellent incursion showcasing how learning is made by doing and developing solutions to real world problems. All involved developed creative solutions, were highly engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.

Student comments:

# I enjoyed EWB because we had to think outside the box which gave a creative and challenging aspect to the workshop.
# working with the EWB engineers was really fun!
I enjoyed all the activities including making a fake leg.
# I learnt how to make a prosthetic leg and a floating house. I also learnt that engineering is not just about building bridges.
# learning about EWB was quite fun and interesting. I enjoyed solving problems and building things with everyday resources.

A SHORT FILM COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN THE INNERWEST

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Full details can be downloaded from www.beinghumanfilmfestival.com and twitter. See page 28 for more details.
Year 9 LEAPS

Year 9 LEAPS visited court at the Downing Centre to round off the year of lunch workshops with their lawyer mentors. The LEAPS graduation is coming up on December 5th. Thank you to our LEAPS coordinator Ms Naisbett for her efforts to ensure another group of LEAPS graduates complete the workplace mentoring program successfully.

Farewell Sirin!

Here are a few final pictures of our exchange student from Finland Sirin Bjoerkstam, who was part of our Year 10 cohort during her stay in Sydney. As noted on our twitter feed when she departed, Sirin was a great student during her time with us, who fitted right in to Canterbury Girls. Here we also print a copy of the handwritten note of thanks she gave to the school when she departed.

Sirin

To all the wonderful teachers and staff working at Canterbury Girls High School.

I didn’t know what to expect when I first came arrived at your school, I would have never believed what an amazing experience the three following months would become overwhelmingly amazing. Girls I have learnt a lot and have got an insight in different cultures, due to the cultural diversity in the school which is something I am very thankful for.

My experience would not though have been as wonderful if it weren’t for the people. From day one I have felt very welcome and I have really enjoyed how warm and approachable everybody have been.

Again, a BIG thank you,

Lots of love,

Sirin (Lii)
Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal’s Newsletter Report

Learning Presentations

Congratulations to every student in Years 7, 8 and 9 who gave their Learning Presentations to a parent and staff member! Presentations were of an outstanding quality, and gave participating teachers a hugely important insight into teaching and learning within the school. It is without doubt one of the highlights of the school year!

Can I strongly encourage all Years 7 and 8 parents to participate in the 2017 Learning Presentations, to be held in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4 next year?

Students and Parents as Partners for Learning

You would be aware that throughout the year, I surveyed parents and students to get their views on ways we can strengthen the role played by students and parents as partners for learning. As a consequence, we trialled a Reflection Sheet on Assessment Tasks in Mathematics, a Term Reflection Sheet in English and a Parent Reflection Sheet in relation to Student Learning Presentations. Feedback from parents, staff and students trialing these was generally very positive, so we have decided to implement these strategies across all subjects with Year 7 in 2017. The intention is to have a strong learning focussed partnership established form the time students start our school. An Information Meeting is being held on February 14 4.30pm to 5.30pm to inform Year 7 students and their parents about this initiative.

Aboriginal Education Programs

Mrs McLelland continues to work this semester to mentor our Aboriginal students and provide learning support. Mrs McLelland is currently working with Aboriginal students and families to update students’ Personal Learning Plans for 2017 to ensure every student is afforded the support needed to achieve her personal best next year.

Reports

Year 11 reports were issued several weeks ago. Reports for Years 7 to 10 will be issued following Recognition Day on Tuesday December 13. Reports not collected will be posted home the next day so it is important that every student is here for Recognition Day. If there are any issues with the reports – invariably glitches occur from time to time – please contact the school so we can address the issue and re-print the report. A reminder that all subjects 7-12 need to complete it. Students were given an hour each week during Thursday 14.30pm to 15.30pm to complete their reports, and families to update students’ Personal Learning Plans in 2017. The intention is to have a strong learning focussed partnership established form the time students start our school.

Parent Teacher Nights - Assessment

I wanted to flag two Parent Nights early in 2017 to present Assessment Booklets to Years 10 and 11. Nights will commence at 6pm in the Cantabrian Hall and conclude at 8.30pm. The dates are:

- Tuesday 7 February, Year 11
- Tuesday 14 February, Year 10

I hope all parents are able to attend and receive this important information. Keeping parents informed about assessment requirements supports their role as partners in the learning process, and enables them to better support their daughters also.

Personal Best

The Personal Best program was introduced into the school in 2015 to build student knowledge and resilience about age relevant issues, and to promote positive mental health. For example, Year 7 examines issues related to bullying and friendship; Year 8 examines cyber-safety and Personal Relationships; Year 9 examines resilience and decision-making, and Year 10 examines planning for the future and mental health. Successfully completing this program leads to a positive entry being made onto both a student’s record and her yearly report. If your daughter is in Years 7-10 does not have Personal Best listed on her report, can you please follow up with her as to why this program was not completed?

Subject Selection

Years 7, 8 and 10 have successfully completed their subject selections for 2017. Students are able to change their choices up until Week 3 of next year. However, change will be dependent upon parent permission being given in writing and a vacancy existing in the elective the student wishes to change to. Please be aware of Friday Week 4, 17 February, cut-off, as no changes will be available after that.

Ongoing Issues

Travel to and from School.

There continue to be issues with students not paying attention walking to and from school - listening to iPods, talking on iPhones, and disregarding traffic signals and other safety related issues around them. Would you please continue to revisit this issue with your daughters and remind them to be alert at all times when traveling to and from school, to not have any valuables such as iPhones visible, to observe all traffic light commands and to travel on main roads and in groups where possible.

Cyber-bullying

Cyber-bullying is an extremely serious issue which needs to be eradicated from the life of every individual. Would you please ensure that you contact the police should cyber-bullying occur? Should you require information regarding this or any other safety issue, please speak to James Bottalico, Police Youth Liaison Officer, 9797 4099.

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank all students and parents for their support, efforts and dedication throughout the year – I couldn’t work with a better school community!!! I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period and a fantastic 2017!!!!

Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal

Learn to make Traditional Yoghurt and Labneh

An ideal Christmas gift for yourself or family and friends.

Learn to make your own yoghurt and labneh and how to marinate and preserve labneh over two short sessions in our CGHS fund-raising workshop in February 2017.

Make your own yoghurt and labneh and you’ll maximise the health-enhancing probiotics, calcium and proteins in yoghurt, and avoid the additives and excessive sugar found in many commercial yoghurts – while saving money too.

Workshop notes and ingredients (including milk and yoghurt starter, which you can keep using) will be provided.

The workshop will end with a yoghurt and labneh tasting and a glass of wine. Gift vouchers are available. All profits will go to CGHS P&C projects.

Workshop fee: $40

Venue: Canterbury Girls High School Kitchen

Participants will need to bring a clean wide-neck thermos or plastic (not electric) yoghurt maker (e.g. EasiYo or Hansells) to the workshop.

When: 6–8pm, Friday 24 February 2017 and 2–4pm, Sunday 26 February 2017

Further details: Pam Swithfield on 0408 862 992 or pamswithfield@icloud.com

Register and pay ($40) or order a gift voucher via the school website by 15 December 2016. The description should read: P&C Yoghurt. Following online payment please send the registration details below to Heather Finnan (Office C), CGHS P&C Yoghurt and Labneh Workshop.

Name of purchaser: ____________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________

Phone contact: _________________________________________________

If this is a gift? Voucher required? □ Yes □ No

Name of person attending: _______________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________

Phone contact: _________________________________________________
English Faculty Theatresports

For the first time this year Impro Australia extended its competition to Year 8 students. Canterbury Girls entered the competition with a talented team of Eve Byrne, Lilli Pollard, Hester Legge, Saraswati Orwin and Rebecca Thomas. Competing in two rounds of the competition here at Canterbury Girls and at Ashfield Boys, the girls performed brilliantly a range of impro games, especially stunning in the Genre Replay game. The team are looking forward to the 2017 Competition.

French News

Year 7 French classes were asked to create a drama production for their Term 3 assignment. We read a comic strip (Bande Dessinée) with all the words and phrases we are learning. The comic was about a group of friends helping the main character Quentin to buy a pet. Unfortunately they couldn’t choose because he didn’t like anything. Then, after lots of rehearsing and practising pronunciation, we acted it out to our class. We were allowed to use props and costumes and Ms Mavis arranged to have a backdrop painted for the production. By doing this we learned lots of French animals and adjectives in a fun and exciting way.

By Caitlin, Mieke & Imogen, Year 7

LOTÉ Chinese Spectacular

Ms Liu with Year 9 Chinese students who have received their certificates for the 2016 Chinese Schools Spectacular.

CAPA MUSIc NEWS

Yet another jam packed month full of performances! First we had senior students, the choir and percussion ensemble play an African set of music at the Concert for Congo in the Pitt St Uniting Church which helped raise funds to purchase ducks for villages. Then only days later the same ensembles performed at the Public Education Excellence Awards which recognised teachers and the community for their contributions to education. These students performed multiple items and impressed other principals and the wider community with their professionalism and performance skills.

The next day saw all students performing original songs from Kool Skools, the string ensemble, rock band, concert band for MAD 2016. We finished off the night with combined ensemble that consisted of the band, strings, choir, percussion and dance ensembles perform “Shake it Off”. To cap off a busy month members of the choir attended many long rehearsals to perform in this year’s Schools Spectacular. There was excitement, thrills, chorography and animal years, not to mention the singing! Kate Wilson

Kool SkOols Awards Night

The following students will perform at Kool Skools Awards Night 11th December:

Naomi Agius, Stella Conlon, Xanthia Marinelli, Sofie McKeeven Ford, Alex Scouller, Franki Eastment, Abbie Holt, Maya Wood-Thomson, Oonagh Murphy, Amaari Fields-Businrye, Juanita Takapo, Honey Spence, Juliana Temple. Free Tickets available from Ms Flannery:

NSW Awards Night 2016, Sun Dec 11 from 6.30pm Nagle College PAC, 56A Orwell St, Blacktown, NSW 2148.

School Spectacular Choir & Dancers:

Sabraiyah Shamir, Lily Spencer-Tighe, Juanita Takapo, Mieke van Wel, Sarah Veltch, Helena Williams, Maddie Whereat

Dancers:

Angelina Kera, Imari Pender, Kate Roke, Lucy Rooke, Jorja McDaniel, Arame Ncoits, Emma Drayton, Eleanor Dunstan, Franki Eastment, Marie Ikonomou, Georgia, Kirwood, Milele McNamara, Evie Muir, Taylor Whereat

By Caitlin, Mieke & Imogen, Year 7

Watch out for our film clip on the school Twitter account!
Athanasia Costa, Drama Intern

A great tool to start a simple conversation with our friends and actors on the day, is how the theatre can be used as a catalyst for issues that resonate within the play. The collaborative process of putting together a live performance to the contemporary theatre community engaged in an open forum where questions were posed to the Mathematics staff. Following the performance students were also engaged in a mature and professional manner, to create “moments of contemplation” shaping our views on socio-political issues.

The refugee crisis and the role of the Australian media in informing the public is a topic that has been of particular interest to Year 12 student Nantsou. Recently, Year 8 and 9 Drama students from both Elective Drama and Ensemble classes, had the opportunity and privilege to take part in a theatre workshop run by Zeal Theatre Company at Ashfield Boys High. This workshop followed an emotional and heartfelt performance of The Lucky Country, an original play that looks at current global debates of the refugee crisis and the role of the Australian media in shaping our views on socio-political issues.

Throughout the workshop, both schools collaborated in a mature and professional manner, to create “moments of gold”, as described by Zeal Theatre Company’s Stefo Nantsou. Following the performance students were also engaged in an open forum where questions were posed to the actors about various topics, ranging from the process of putting together a live performance to the contemporary issues that resonate within the play.

I think an important take home message, reinforced by Mr Sim’s comments throughout the workshop, is the need to be here learning, working and playing together. This is a testament to the hard work of all the teaching, executive, and support staff at Canterbury Girls. They have been friendly, funny, talented, driven, diligent and quirky, but the thing that strikes me about everyone here at Canterbury Girls is that everyone is happy – happy to be here learning, working and playing together. This is a testament to the hard work of all the teaching, executive, office and support staff at Canterbury Girls.

As I am retiring I will no longer have the opportunity to work with the amazing young women who have been such a huge part of my life and so I thank you all for making the last years of my career so rewarding on every level. Thank you to everyone here at Canterbury – it has been a pleasure.

Gayle Gibson.
Summer Grade Sport
Canterbury Girls High School had another very successful Summer Grade season with a total of six Summer Grade Premiers. A big congratulations to 2nd Grade Mini Soccer team (coached by Ms Sokolovska), 2nd Grade Table Tennis (coached by Ms Liu), 15 Softball (coached by Ms Burgess), 15A Volleyball (coached by Ms Cooper) and both 14A and 14B Table Tennis (both teams coached by Ms Wirtz). All these teams will be recognised in our end of year Recognition Assembly. Congratulations to all Grade teams and their coaches for a fantastic Summer season.

Congratulations to the U15 A volleyball team who defeated Kogarah High in the final for the summer competition. The game showed off the skills of both teams, with some spectacular volleys and serves. The game went to 3 sets in the end, our team winning 2 sets to 1. Well done also to the B team who just missed out playing in the final during their semi final. Mrs Cooper is very proud of the determination and commitment of both teams, (who trained consistently throughout the year in their lunchtime.)

St George Zone Recognition Day
Six students from Canterbury Girls High School were recognised for their sporting achievements at the annual St George Zone Presentation Day which was held on Friday 11th November 2016. Alison Anae (Year 12) and Louisa Taukeiaho (Year 12) were both awarded a Zone Sporting Blue for Volleyball. Elena Costas (Year 7) was named 13 years swimming age champion while Jemma Nguyen (Year 10) was awarded the 15 years swimming age champion. Jenny Nguyen (Year 12) was awarded the 17+ years swimming age champion runner up. In cross country, Ada Kelly (Year 7) was awarded the 13 years cross country age champion. Congratulations to all students for an outstanding effort this year.

FACS High School Scholarships
Will you be studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2017?
If you’re living in social housing, out-of-home-care or crisis/supported accommodation, receiving private rental assistance or on the NSW Housing Register, you may be eligible.
Applications will open in early 2017.
Find out more at www.facs.nsw.gov.au/education

Would a $1,000 scholarship help with your studies?
Global Dignity Day

On Friday 21st October, two of our Year 10 students represented Canterbury Girls High School at the Parliament of New South Wales for Global Dignity Day, an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their self-worth and goals. Michaelie Trenbath and Paloma Jackson-Vaughan participated in the day which included a thought provoking address by the keynote speaker, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Tim Soutphommasane. They also worked in groups with many students from other schools discussing what dignity means and the many impingements on dignity people endure in our country. The day finished off with students sharing their stories of discrimination they have suffered which our students found very stirring.

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Our school community was thrilled to receive the following letter from the National Disability Awards Team honouring our senior student Pearl Joseph who was nominated for The Lesley Hall Award for leadership.

I am writing to congratulate you on being nominated for the 2016 National Disability Awards.

Your nomination demonstrates that you are making an important contribution towards improving the lives of people with disability.

The Awards serve to highlight the achievements of individuals and organisations that have actively improved outcomes for people with disability. They highlight best practice that can be replicated nationally in improving mainstream responses from individuals, organisations, businesses and governments. It is important that as a society, we are all encouraged to start thinking in terms of an inclusive, non-segregated, rights-based Australian community.

The judging panel particularly noted the high calibre of the 23 finalists and winners in demonstrating exemplary inclusive best practice, as well as their extraordinary drive to go above and beyond in their day-to-day roles and their own personal achievements.

I would encourage you to continue your important work in striving for greater inclusive practices where people with disability are included in all aspects of social, economic, sporting and cultural life alongside people without disability.

The Awards are a major part of the Australian Government’s celebration marking International Day of People with Disability and are open to individuals, groups and organisations working to create a more inclusive and equitable world for persons with disabilities. IDPwD event registrations are currently open – to register an event, go to http://www.idpwd.com.au/celebrate/event-registrations/. To ensure you receive your free promotional products in time for your event, you must register by Friday, 18 November 2016.

Congratulations once again on being nominated for the 2016 National Disability Awards.

Pearl has been a great leader in our school in general and leader advocate for students with disabilities in our school and wider community. Pearl has volunteered at numerous school and community events and when a job needs to be done Pearl is the one who sees it and gets the job done.

Pearl has led her fellow students as Sports Captain, SRC Representative and SRC Vice Captain. Pearl devised and leads the Autism Peer Support Group in our school. She represented our school at a Leadership Conference for Students with Disabilities and addressed the assembly at International Day of People with a Disability and generously shared her story and was an inspiration to all. She addressed our assembly at International Autism Awareness Day. She was the proud recipient of the Zonta Citizenship Award and again championed the cause of Autism Spectrum Disorder in her acceptance speech. She is the director of our film exploring experiences of disability in our school. Pearl works tirelessly for our school and disability advocacy as she studies for her HSC. We are proud to nominate Pearl for a National Disability Award.

The staff and students at our school learn a great deal about awareness and understanding of ASD and disability through Pearl’s advocacy. The visiting student teachers had their experience of teaching greatly enhanced by hearing Pearl address our assembly. The younger girls with ASD are finding their voices through Pearl’s example.

At our yearly reviews students with disability and their parents often mention the positive impact hearing this advocacy has on them. Teacher programs and teaching are enhanced by the awareness that Pearl’s advocacy brings. The wider community is also greatly impacted by this raised awareness and this leads to greater acceptance and automatic inclusive practices.

We are very proud of all Pearl has achieved and privileged to have her in our community.
**Bus to Beach**

The City of Canterbury Bankstown is providing free buses to Cronulla Beach for young people and their parents/guardians on the following days:

- **Tuesday 10 January 2017**
- **Thursday 12 January 2017**
- **Tuesday 17 January 2017**
- **Thursday 19 January 2017**

All buses depart Cronulla Beach at 8am SHARP and return to the pick up points as above. Bookings are not required; the program operates on a ‘first come, first served’ basis.

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**Calling All Girls 5-15!**

**GLEBE GREYHOUNDS INVITES YOU TO KICK-AND-TRY AFL FOOTY**

FRI 9 DEC 5PM-7PM

- Free BBQ
- Fun & friendly social club
- Accredited coaches
- Did we mention? GIRLS ONLY!

Two teams: Under 12s and Under 15s

Jubilee Oval Glebe (right next to the Light Rail station)

www.glebejafc.org.au
A SHORT FILM COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN THE INNERWEST

A P&C INITIATIVE | CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

BEing Human shortFilmFestival

Explore and celebrate what we all have in common: Being Human

Enter your 1 to 5 minute film for a chance to win great prizes and your film could be shown in New York at a special screening of finalists in support of 108lives.org

Entries Close 6 March 2017

RED CARPET INTER-SCHOOL GRAND FINAL
6 April 2017 at Canterbury Girls High School

How to Enter
Go to: www.beinghumanfilmfestival.com

1. Read the terms and conditions and guidelines then make your film
2. Upload to YouTube or Vimeo
3. Complete the online registration form

1st and 2nd place winners from each school’s mini festival go into the grand final to be held at Canterbury Girls High School on 6 April 2017

email info@beinghumanfilmfestival.com

www.beinghumanfilmfestival.com

DATES FOR THE FRIDGE

- Monday 5 Dec – Friday 9 Dec: Year 10 Work Experience, Year 12 Hospitality work placements
- Tuesday 6 December: Year 7 2017 Orientation Day
- Thursday 8 December: Friday 9 December - 2017 Musical Pre-Production Days
- Monday 12 December: Year 7-10 Drama & Ensembles
- Tuesday 13 December 2016: Recognition Day
- Wednesday 14 December: CAPA excursion to Aladdin musical
- Thursday 15 December 2016: Picnic Day
- Friday 16 December 2016: last day of School
- Friday 27 January 2017: Staff Development Day 1 - staff return
- Monday 30 January 2017: Years 7, 11 and 12 return
- Tuesday 31 January 2017: Years 8, 9 and 10 return
- Tuesday 14 February 2017: Year 10 assessment Evening
- Thursday 16 February 2017: High Achievers Assembly
- Friday 17 February 2017: School Photo Day
- Wednesday 22 February 2017: P&C Meeting
- Friday 24 February 2017: School Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 28 February 2017: Year 7 2018 Open Night
- Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 March 2017: Zone Swimming Carnival
- Tuesday 7 March 2017: Prefects Grip Leadership Excursion
- Thursday 16 March 2017: Years 7 to 12 Field Study Day
- Friday 17 March 2017: National Day of Action Against Bullying
- Wednesday 22 March 2017: P&C Meeting
- Tuesday 28 March 2017: Year 7 vaccinations round 1
- Tuesday 4 April 2017: Years 7, 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Evening 3.30-6.30
- Wednesday 5 April 2017: School Cross Country
- Thursday 6 April 2017: P&C Film Award Night
- Thursday 6 and Friday 7 April 2017: School Production Preparation day
- Friday 7 April 2017: last day Term 1

We wish all families a safe, happy, restful holiday season!! See you in 2017

Dates for the FrIdge

CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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.

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

Parents and Citizens Association

2016 P&C EXECUTIVE
President: Jennifer Childs
Vice Presidents: Heather Veitch & Gemma Haig
Secretary: Lynne Scouller
Treasurer: Shane McCardle

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month
Wednesday 22nd February, 2017.
Wednesday 22nd March, 2017.
Cantabrian Hall, entry via Church Street.

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