What a wonderful Education week for our students. Activities and achievements included:

Ivy Tran, Year 12 received a prestigious Regional Student award. Gabby Craven, Year 12, competed in the prestigious State final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Award. Xannie Gal, Year 8, performed at the Opera House in the Regional Music Concert with the Regional Choir. Molly Ulm, Year 8 has won First Prize, for students in the 2010 NSW State Storywriting Competition for students in Yrs 7 and 8, the inaugural NSW Story Writing Competition run by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) with her story, Behind the Cereal Box. 75 students from Years 7-11, highlighted our student’s great talent in the Performing Arts with performances at Ashfield mall from Dance, Strings, Wind, Choir and Percussion Ensembles, as well as the School Band. 7 students competed in the Regional athletics carnival and 93 Year 9’s did some fantastic Mentoring Training.

35 students, exhibited great skill and talent competing in the Bring it On Hip Hop Dancing Competition held at the State Sports Centre, Homebush. 80 Year 5 students participated in the highly sort after CGHS Enrichment program. 40 Year 8 and Year 10 Visual Arts students had their photographic work, on public exhibition, at the Red Door Gallery, Summer Hill.

Good Luck to:
CGHS Blue Dance Ensemble selected for the State Dance festival later this month at the Seymour Centre.
Year 12 students currently completing Trial HSC Exams.
Tournament of the Minds teams competing in 2 weekends. Teams are:
Team 1 – Ruby Paredes, Rosie Baxter, Kerry Buckland, Jessica Mackenzie, Ly Lien, Alison Cooper and Imogen Smith.
Team 2 – Tonni Natale, Lilly Darke, Savannah Talib, Lydia Qian, Shamima Khan, Alyssa Graf and Oriel Parfenow.

IMPORTANT REQUEST
Included in this mail out for all Year 7-11 students is an enrolment form for your students which includes the current information we hold in our school database. It is important that this information be checked, particularly in relation to HEALTH, CONTACT DETAILS, VISA-PASSPORT and CARERS information. Please return updated information to OFFICE A ASAP.

Included in this issue is also an updated Invoice for Families. Thank you to all families who continue to pay off any school costs regularly.

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Ruby Paredes, Year 9, who has auditioned and
been successful in gaining a part in the
upcoming NIDA production of the ‘Women of
Troy.’

Rosa Foti, Year 12 who took out one of four
Regional Vet Student of the Year awards.

Oriel Parfenow, Year 7 who this week was
highlighted in the Canterbury Express as Junior
Sports Star of the week.

All students who had high standard Half Yearly
reports.

The 100 students who had 100% attendance
for term 2.

Joelle El-Ereji, Year 11 who showed great
community spirit when she assisted a
Kingsgrove student who had been hit by a car.
The young man is recovering well.

All students- $514 raise for Jeans for Genes
Day.

Thank You:-
Parent and Citizens who organised and
attended the annual Trivia night- a great lot
of fun was had by all and significant funds
raised.

Parents Jo Schofield, Dimity Flowers and
Paulene Hageman for their hard work in
putting together a funding application to the
National Australia Bank to support Performing
Arts and community links.

Teachers Jo Hunter, Sarah Marquet and
Louise Flannery for time given up for the
Performing Arts camp at the end of term 2.

Parents and Citizens who organised and
attended the Photographic exhibition at the
Red Door Gallery.

Jo Hunter for her time to train and support the
“Bring It On” dancers.

Sarah Marquet for time given to the
preparation of students for the Tournament of
Minds Competition.

Debra Barford for her support of Gabby
Craven in her preparation for the SMH Plain
Speaking Competition.

SRC and Prefects for co-ordinating supper at
both parent teacher nights.

OFF TO CHINA
On the 28th of September, 12 of us (both
teachers and students) are off to China! We will
be visiting Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai. Pumped
and eager, we are all looking forward to this fun
and educational trip.

Ms Liu
CONGRATS
First prize-winner of the inaugural State-wide story writing competition

Molly Ulm, of Year 8 at Canterbury Girls High, has won First Prize, for students in the 2010 NSW State Storywriting Competition for students in Yrs 7 and 8, the inaugural NSW Story Writing Competition run by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW) with her story, Behind the Cereal Box.

The winners were announced at the recent 2010 NSW Storytelling Conference with guest of honour Australian award-winning children's author, Libby Hathorn.

Students were invited to submit an original, unpublished story. Stories could be about any subject to a maximum of 600 words on any topic.

The competition, with prize money and website publication on offer, attracted entries from State, Catholic and Independent schools across New South Wales from Broken Hill in the west to the inner city suburbs of Sydney; from schools with as few as 14 students to over 1,000 pupils.

“We feel the competitions are complimentary as both telling and writing stories develop literacy and communication skills,” said Christine.

“There is a ‘heart-to-heart’ connection between the writer/teller and the reader/audience. We hope these competitions will be an annual showcase for young Australian talent.”

All the winners and highly recommended entries are published on the website of the Australian Storytelling Guild - http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au

School Band performing at Ashfield Mall

Staff Updates

We welcome Ms Bahieh Chami to the SASS team. Ms Chami brings a wealth of experience to our school and we are more than pleased to have someone of her experience join our team.

Mrs Kerri Ralph our Administration Manager is assisting in State office for 15 weeks and Ms Karen Calvaruso is relieving as Administration Manager for this time.

Ms Jayne Delmas is relieving as Head Teacher Science for the remainder of 2010. This position will be filled by Merit selection for 2011.

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who completed at the St George Zone Athletics Carnival last term.

The following students have made it through to the Sydney East Area Athletics Carnival to be held at Sydney International Athletics Centre, Homebush on 3rd & 4th August:

17yrs – Priscilla Taumalolo, Edin Akai, Courtney Mahoney
16yrs - Lydia Maiva, Pauline Kare, Vea Taumalolo
12yrs - Hana Bracken

Well done girls, and good luck for your upcoming events.

Ms Hunter & Ms Pokorny
Dance Ensembles’ Success

The dance ensembles at Canterbury Girls have worked very hard during the first half of this year towards preparing their items for the Sydney Region Dance Festival. Their performances, “Fellowship” (Gold Ensemble) and “Blackbird” (Blue Ensemble) were very well received by their audience at the Seymour Centre and both groups received very positive feedback from festival committee members.

Due to the success of their performance at the regional festival, the Blue Ensemble has been selected for inclusion in the prestigious State Dance Festival program. This festival, also held at the Seymour Centre, showcases the best items from each school region around the state. Canterbury Girls will be performing “Blackbird” on Wednesday, 8th September.

During Term 3, both ensembles will continue to rehearse for Dance Showcase Day to be held on Friday, 27th August and MADD Evening, Thursday, 2nd September. School Spectacular rehearsals will be the focus for Term 4. Canterbury Girls have been involved in combined dance at the School Spectacular for the last 3 years and have again been successful in their audition for 2010. The School Spectacular is held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, 25th and 26th of November. Congratulations to both ensembles for their success at the Regional Festival and best of luck for the State Dance Festival and School Spectacular!

Blue Ensemble: Rosie Baxter, Jessica Foley, Mikhala Moxham, Amy Murray, Barbara Nogo,

Maja Skundric, Kristie Vranjkovic, Caroline Badart-Prentice, Jessica Cox, Olivia Boyd, Helen Eade, Eloise Jennings, Natalie Martire, Christina Mitrevski, Tara Smith

CGHS GARDENING WORKING BEE

Calling on all parents and students handy in the Garden.

When – Saturday 28.8.10 from 2.00-5.00 p.m

Entry by Church street Gate

We will be doing new plantings as well as pruning and some clear out All Volunteers welcome.
MADD Night 2010

It’s that time of year again. Our Dance, Drama and Music students have been working very hard all year during lessons and in their own time to prepare, practice and perform their performance works. Many of our Creative Arts Ensembles have represented CGHS at various functions and festivals and would like to share their performances with the school community. Please come along to see just how brilliant the students of CGHS really are and celebrate the diversity of talent that this school has to offer.

Date: Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September 2010
Venue: CGHS MPC (entry via Princess Street gate)
Time: 7.00pm
Tickets: $5 per person, $20 family group of up to 5.
\textit{Tickets can be purchased from Office C. Allocated seating, so first in, best seats.}

Royal Navy Band Plays At Canterbury Girls

On Thursday (29/7) the Royal Australian Navy Band, consisting of 25 professional full-time musicians, performed a 40 minute set for music elective and stage 4 students. The concert featured songs performed by both a stage band and a rock band in full cargo uniform, and students were given an opportunity to conduct. Before the concert, the members of the CGHS Concert Band students got to sit amongst the Navy Band, who together played through and workshop some of the songs our band are learning. This was a well received and valuable experience for all of our music students – not to mention, very entertaining and enjoyable.

Dancing up a storm at Ashfield Mall

Science Competition Update

On Wednesday 9th June, 34 students from years 7 - 12 participated in the Australian School Science Competition. Su Ling Lee of Year 12 is to be congratulated for achieving a Distinction Certificate, as are the following students who achieved Credit Certificates: Diana Nguyen, Year 11, Mandy Chau and Jasmin Hare, Year 10, Sarah Koorey and Lydia Qian, Year 8 and Michelle Gaffey, Year 7.
All other students received Participation Certificates.

Well done to all students who gave up their time to get involved in this internationally recognised competition.
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## Debating News

Congratulations to the Year 11 Debating Team: **Orani Abeyewardene, Lucy Chen, Chloe Smith and Nina Hill-Potter** who are Zone Winners and will debate Sydney Boys High on Friday August 6th for a place in the Sydney Regional Finals.

Year 10 Debaters **Jasmine Hare, Carol Hoang, Helen Huang and Lily-Ann Nguyen** have at a this stage won two of the three zone debates and will compete on Friday August 6th against Leichhardt High School to determine the zone winners. We wish them the best of luck.

**Stop Press ZONE WINNERS**

Our Year 7 and Year 8 Debating teams have both won their first debates against Ashfield Boys and Canterbury Boys respectively.

Well done to all our debaters who have received much praise from adjudicators. **Lulu Lucas from Year 9 and Carol Hoang from Year 10** have been recommended by the zone adjudicator to try out for the regional representative team. Well done girls.

Thanks especially to **Ms Neves and Ms Papadopalas** for coaching and supporting our Stage 4 Debaters.

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**ARE YOU CGHS’ TOP NUMBER CRUNCHERS?**

Later this term, we are looking for the top 5 girls in year 7 who can answer simple maths questions quickly. There will be 5 rounds to choose the top 5 girls. They will then compete with other girls from different schools on October 26th and the top 2 will go to the final at the Powerhouse Museum. This will be hosted by Adam Spencer (from radio and television) and they will be on TV.

Do you have 2 what it takes?

Also in the competition, we will choose the person who can complete a Rubik’s cube in the fastest time and the one who can recite TT to the most decimal places. This is available to girls in any year from 7 to 12. Stay tuned for more information.

## Education Week

On August 3rd, the Dance Groups, The String Ensemble, The Band, The Choir and the Wind Quartet went to Ashfield Mall to perform in Education Week. In the morning, period 2, all performers joined together in the Cantabrian Hall to practice their items. While waiting for the other schools to finish, we stretched, got changed, tuned our instruments and set up the back of the stage. Finally, it was our turn. The band kicked off the show, followed by the Choir and then the Musical Theatre Group, which the audience loved. Then both the String Ensemble and Wind Quartet performed, as well as the Year 11 and Year 9 Elective Dance Group. We also had a special performance from the Cook Island Dance Group. Finally, the Tribal Dance...
Group and The Tap Group performed, while accompanied by the Percussion Ensemble. They finished with a bang. We would like to thank Ms Hunter, Ms Flannery, Ms Dennis, Mr Parker and Ms Cateris for teaching us these songs and dances and for taking us there. We had a great time and we really enjoyed ourselves.

**Enrichment Workshops**

75 Yr 5 primary students came this week to begin 4 days of enrichment workshops. Day 1 was centred around the theme ‘Dare to be Different’. Girls participated in collaborative activities that explored this theme. In science with the help of a sheep’s brain they explored the most complex organ in our known universe, the human brain.

With music workshops they experienced a music sequencing program its answer the question. “What elements make up a great song?” In the English workshop, media was deconstructed and the question was asked, “Who are we really?” Then the students were encouraged to project their unique selves into creating the lyrics of a song, titled ‘who is that girl in the mirror’.

The girl's journey continues next week with 2 more enrichment days. The ? in Maths the girls began looking at 2D shapes to discover how to make a trihexaflexagon which flexes to reveal 3 different pictures.

The creative buzz and excitement will be shared with their parents on the last day.

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION - RED DOOR ART GALLERY**

Congratulations to all the talented Year 8 elective and Year 10 elective art students after an exhibition night that any artist would have been proud of! The gallery was as crowded as we have seen at any other exhibition opening. Thank you to all the students, parents, teachers and community members that supported such a unique event for Canterbury Girls’ High. We are truly lucky to have such fabulous parents on the P&C who made the event possible through their vision, multiple connections and relentless hard work. We couldn’t have been more impressed seeing all your creative images on display in an art gallery. It was a great event for all. Well done!

Ms. Daniela Caprin & Ms. Caroline Texier

Past and present Presidents of the P and C, Trish and Dimity, with Jules Francois, Red Door Gallery owner and Exhibition Curator at the Photo Exhibition Opening at the Red Door Gallery
Debating Sustainability in State Parliament on Tuesday 3 August 2010
On Tuesday the 3rd of August, three brave Canterbury students set out to debate their ideas on a Sustainable Australia in State Parliament. After an exciting (irony) train trip from Canterbury to Martin Place, we managed to get through the security check except for Dana’s bangles. Then we walked into the very impressive and overwhelming environment of thick carpet, luxurious wallpaper and buttoned leather seats.

First up was Suha who stood tall and spoke strongly about how to tackle future water issues, she received some enthusiastic clapping for her efforts. Next I ran to the next room to watch a passionate Amy who spoke eloquently and engagingly about her ideas. Finally came Dana who was fearless, she looked everyone in the eye, she asked questions and they replied, she received support from the whole assembly.

The day finished with an opportunity to question some Environmental experts from the University of NSW and National parks. Finally the girls were presented with a certificate and a short talk from the Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth. All in all it was a great day and Canterbury Girls was ably and impressively represented by Suha Mohamed Khair, Amy Murray and Dana Duke. A big thank you to the Girls for the efforts they put into the day.

Mrs Jones
Plant a Tree Day 29 July 2010
Green Dear decided to participate in Plant a Tree Day 2010. We sourced some Australian natives including Banksia, native Rosemary, native Grasses and even a Guava Tree. Six students Mikhala Moxham, Amy Murray, Dana Duke, Lili Mahendran, Manasik Siddig put on their fashionable pink gloves and got down and dirty for the cause. Weeds were pulled out; very tough ground was dug up and a lovely new set of plants were put in the gardens between the canteen and the basketball courts. Congratulations to all the girls for supporting this great event. Mrs Jones (Green Dear)

Green Dear members after some work on new plantings outside the canteen.

The idea was that each of the girls had been given one topic to debate, they had two minutes to put forward their views and they represented the Government who was supporting, the opposition who was opposing or an independent who could debate any way they wanted to.

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