Welcome to all our new students, families and staff—there are 679 students enrolled as of today.

**New Staff**

Mathew Parker joins as our new Band Director. Qeefaa An joins us teaching Korean 2 days per week. Lalita Venkatesan joins the HSIE faculty and Bev Hargreaves is our new School Counsellor 2½ days per week. The 2009 Counsellor Ms Jen Murray has moved to McCallums Hill. We wish her all the best.

New Staff Members: Lalita Venkatesan and Qeefaa An

- John Bailey, Head Teacher LOTE/PE has taken a temporary position at State Office and finishes up this week. We wish him well and look forward to his return.

- Mary Fitsakis who has been the School Science Assistant for 14½ years has announced her retirement. Mrs Fitsakis has been a wonderful support for students learning in Science and we wish her well in her retirement.

**NEWSLETTER by EMAIL**

Please email the school if you are happy to receive the newsletter by email. The newsletter is also on the website well before traditional mail.

- Korean Government Support

Thanks to the Korean government for funding the wages of Qeefaa for 2 days a week to allow CGHS to develop Korean as another language taught in 2010 -12.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- Year 12 2009 - Simply outstanding HSC results. A full report is on page 2.
- Karen Yu, Yr 11, who received the prestigious achievement of the Prudence Award for the Australian Mathematics Competition (highest award).
- Performing Arts student of 2009 Helen Eade.
- Sportswomen of 2009 Mary Vlachos and Priscilla Taumalolo.

- Retired Deputy Judy Playfair who finished first in her age group in the Cole Classic swim last weekend. Judy and her family also raised $30,000 towards Melanoma Research as part of the Classic and won the team’s event in the 2km swim.

- Following interviews with all 2010 Year 7 students, the school has awarded three Scholarships: Jessica Filara, Holly Consadine, Jasmine Rozier

**SCHOOL Building upgrades**

In 2009 a record amount of upgrades to facilities was completed. During the holidays a hospitality bay with commercial stoves and resources was installed. In addition the state government has just begun work on replacement of the roof on two buildings as well as the doubling of electricity capacity. This work will take up to 4 months to complete.
Thank you to all families and students who have supported the uniform changes. The new sport shorts and tailored shorts are due to arrive any day. We will SMS all families when they have come in. As well the new tracksuit is due in stock the last week of February. Senior shirts have sold out with new stock due this week.

Year 7 students in the new overblouse design

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NEW SISTER SCHOOL

Canterbury Girls High School is about to become sister schools with Gaoqiao High School in China! This school is famous for its rich experience in teaching and education with a group of quality teachers advanced educational facilities. It has also been awarded as The Garden School several times due to its care in environment and subsequently beautiful campus. This new bond of sisterhood will enable our students opportunities to partake in long distance networking, which may lead to potential overseas study, not just academically, but also in regards to China’s deep and rich cultural roots, providing perspective and the ability for girls to forge new friendships and engage in new experiences.

Students going on the China trip on October will visit the sister school. See ad on page 6.

Parent information Night for the China Trip Wednesday 24.2.10 at 6.30 p.m in Cantabrian Hall.

Outstanding Results - HSC 2009

The staff and students of Canterbury Girls High School are delighted by their outstanding 2009 HSC results and all students should be justly proud of some personal best results.

Three Year 12 students achieved first place in 3 courses across the NSW school system:
Li Gu came first in Chinese Background Speakers; Lily Nguyen came first in Chinese Beginners and Ria Andriani came first in Indonesian Background Speakers.

Li Gu is an International Student who has achieved a remarkable HSC result. The school prides itself on a highly successful International Student Program and the outstanding level of support it provides to International students. Li was Dux with an ATAR of 99.25. Many other students also gained ATARs above 90.

Special mention should be made of Ria Andriani, blind from the age of five, Ria enrolled in 2007 and has made an outstanding contribution to all areas of school life. The Premier, Kristina Keneally, in an article on the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday 16th December, praised Ria Andriani for her “truly remarkable achievements.”

The 2009 HSC result represents the school’s best performance since the introduction of the new HSC. The school had its highest number of students in the high achievement bands and a dramatic reduction of students in the lower achievement bands.

50 students achieved at least 1 or more high performance bands.
Early university entry put 65% of the 2009 class accepting university placement.
Congratulations to all Year 12 2009 and best of luck for the future.
Fees and Excursions
Thank you to all families who have begun paying fees. Invoices will be mailed over the next few weeks.
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.

Change of Contact Details
Please ensure that if address or phone number has been changed school administration is informed. A Change of Contact Details Form can be collected from Office A.

Gardening Working Bee
On Saturday 13.3.10 from 2-5 pm there will be a gardening working bee – planting 2 rows of trees at the back of the school and planting out a garden at the front of the school. ALL WELCOME.

Traffic Management
Parents/guardians are urged to take extra care in schools zones and comply with the road rules. Traffic offences exist to protect our children and by disobeying these rules parents are putting their own kids at risk. Police have asked all schools to remind communities about the importance of safe and lawful parking and pick ups.

Recognition Day Guest Speaker
We are honoured to have Ms Irene Baghoomions, Lecturer at Sydney University specialising in International Human Rights speak to students on 18 February at our Recognition Day.

Irene is an Armenian by birth and grew up in Iran. She came to Australia at 18, completed her HSC at TAFE and has a Honours Science degree and as well as being a solicitor and law lecturer. Irene has worked in a variety of fascinating positions and we look forward to hearing from Irene on Recognition Day.

Cooks River WIN
Congratulations to the Cooks River locals who have lobbied successfully for federal funding. The Cooks River Urban Water Initiative contains 2 elements to improve the environmental quality of the Cooks River.
- Wolli Creek Stormwater Element: Reduce the impact of urban stormwater run off on the Wolli Creek corridor by the installation of Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices to reduce litter, weeds, sediment and improve the water quality in the Creek and River. Projects include the construction of pollutant traps and bio-retention systems to filter stormwater flowing into the Creek.
- Wetlands Element: This element consists of the design and re-construction of wetland areas in both the freshwater and estuarine reaches of the Cooks River. Existing wetlands will be supplemented with restoration works such as re-vegetation and weeding. The total value of the initiative is $2 million and is funded under the Australian Government's Water for our Future program and implemented in partnership with local community groups and councils. On ground works are expected to be completed by mid 2010. More information and project news available at www.cooksriver.info

2010 sees the return of the CGHS Creative and Performing Arts Camp. This year's venue will be the picturesque Stanwell Tops for two nights in June during term two. Students will have the opportunity to participate in intensive workshops including Band, Choir, Dance and Drama activities. It is encouraged that students involved in these groups attend to extend their opportunities and capability in the arts. For further information please keep a look out in the daily notices, and please direct your enquiries to Ms Hunter in the PDHPE/LOTE staffroom.
Congratulations to all Students who received a badge under the Recognition System - these badges will be received on Academic Recognition Day – 18 February, 2010

RECOGNITION Badges 2009

Year 7
Afra Rumali
Alexandra Gal
Alicia Kelly
Angela Shiakim
Cecilia Wu
Cherry Naing
Chi Nguyen
Cindy Hoang
Claire Badart-Prentice
Cynthia Nguyen
Dayna Polley
Elizabeth Vu
Esidelva Sirri
Grace Forbes
Holly Huynh
Isabelle Robinson
Jazlyn Reynolds
Jessica Chau
Jessica Mackenzie
Jessica Nguyen
Kerry Buckland
Lauren Brett
Lauren Cazar
Lauren Solano
Lillian Darke
Lydia Qian
Marieta Katuke
Meltem Akar
Nafisa Abedin
Sabine Kamarados
Scout Eastment
Susan Su
Tara Brett
Yu Huang

Year 8
Alicia Ottogali
Alya Nabi
Amy Murray
Anastasia Pavin
Aoi Hallam
Beck Merrick
Catherine Ngam
Dear Noppasopon
Jennifer Goodwin
Jessica Folley
Julia Suh
Kasey Clarke
Kristie Vranjkovic
Lulu Tang
Maja Skundric
Manasik Siddig
Mikhala Moxham
Paige Lane
Rosana Sanchez
Rosie Schofield
Ruby Paredes
Sally Lim
Sarah Ahmed
Sarah Jeffrey
Susan McLeod
Tehina Nooapii

Year 9
Allison Wong
Aumea Framhein
Carol Hoang
Christina Gerogiannis
Gabby Noun
Gloria Lumanawu
Helen Wang
Jannah Rifai
Jasmin Mazloum
Jasmine Hare
Josephine Falesita
Justine Burgess
Karen Huang
Kathy Oo
Kia Ferrell
Lydia Vuli
Martina Bolding Ciccarelli
Michelle Flowers
Natalie Gois
Phivenee Noppasopon
Rayanne Sabouni
Rebecca Chau
Shayla Matenga
Si Ying Chen

Year 9 cont...
Clare Badart-Prentice
Jade Lo
Claire Badart-Prentice
Jade Lo

Year 10
Anne Huang
Caitlin Jurd
Caroline Badart-Prentice
Chloe Smith
Christina Schwartz
Courtney Mahoney
Eloise Jennings
Nicole Salouros
Olivia Boyd
Viviane Nguyen

Year 11
Agatha Chiwawaya
Amy Lin
Anny Ly
Antonia Pilios
Ashlee Chang
Chloe Gaffey
Christina Sanchez
Danielle Karatzis
Divya Narayan
Elouise Dimech
Fiona Zheng
Gabby Craven
Georgina Crawford
Grace Kim
Hannah Wales
Helen Hoang
Sionoa Hui
Sisillia Hui

February, 2010
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How to Understand the MY SCHOOL Website

1. Background
The ACARA website has been developed to provide information to the community about a school’s average performance in literacy and numeracy examinations undertaken by Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australian schools. A school’s average performance is shown in relation to schools from similar socio-economic backgrounds, as well as in relation to all Australian schools. Much of this information has been in NSW Annual Schools Reports for several years.

2. Analysis
Based on the 2009 examinations for Literacy and Numeracy:
- In the areas of Years 7 Spelling, Year 9 Spelling and Year 9 Numeracy, Canterbury GHS is above the national and similar school averages.
- In the area of Year 9 Grammar and Punctuation, Canterbury GHS is above the national average and at the similar school average.
- In the areas of Year 7 Writing, Year 7 Grammar and Punctuation and Year 9 Writing, Canterbury GHS is marginally below national and similar school averages.
- In the areas of Year 7 and Year 9 Reading and Year 7 Numeracy, Canterbury GHS is a slightly below national and similar school averages.

3. Important Things to Note
- The ACARA website provides the first ever information for school communities showing student performance for Years 7 and 9 at Canterbury Girls HS in relation to students nationally. This information will be expanded upon in the coming years.
- The school community is extremely proud of achieving results above the similar school and national averages in Spelling and Numeracy, and is committed to improving student outcomes in all other areas.
- The website provides a picture of the average performance of Years 7 and 9 in their national literacy and numeracy examinations. However, this picture does not reflect the broad range of assessment tools used by the school in all subject areas on an ongoing basis to improve student performance. Semester reports provide far more substantial information about student progress.
- The school provides additional support to students who do not progress at the age appropriate growth rate in national literacy and numeracy examinations. Support includes participation in specialist literacy and numeracy classes, the provision of Support Teacher and ESL support and access to literacy programs such as MultiLit.
- Canterbury Girls HS has an extraordinarily diverse student population comprising international students, refugee students, students from the inner city and inner west; and students from a range of cultural backgrounds. It is extremely difficult to reflect such diversity in examination averages. This not one of the considerations made on the website.
- An extensive range of programs are implemented at the school in order to cater for individual student interests, and a high level of social support is provided to all students. Consequently, Canterbury Girls HS is an especially happy and harmonious learning environment in which the overwhelming majority of students feel strongly connected to schooling. Students’ strong connection to school is something the school community prides itself but social outcomes such as these are not reflected in the data presented on the ACARA website.
- Parents are encouraged to speak with their daughters’ Year Adviser if they require information about their daughter’s progress at any time.

Director General Michael Coutts Trotter has made a video for parents to help explain My School and how it relates to the information NSW public schools already provide.

**P and C News**

Welcome back for 2010. To all those new parents, students and staff members we know you’ll be happy with your choice of school. Our P & C meets twice a term and is kept abreast of all new policy procedures, grants and staffing by the Principal, Sue Holden.

This P & C’s main aim is to support the school and teachers in creating the best possible environment for learning and personal growth for our daughters.

Fund raising is streamlined and kept to a minimum. Our major fund-raising activity is an annual trivia night which is held in the Cantabrian Hall. Anyone with donations for prizes can contact me on munchflo@bigpond.com The money raised is usually targeted by something high on the school’s ‘wish list’.

The meetings are venues to raise any concerns or ideas you might have regarding your daughter. Someone usually can help. Many members once they join stay for the duration of their daughter’s time at CGHS.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 February at 7:30 p.m. in the Cantabrian Hall (entry via Church Street) All parents and caregivers are welcome. 

*Dimity Flowers*  
**President**

**2010 P & C MEETING DATES**

Held in the Cantabrian Hall at 7:30 p.m. (entry is via Church Street)

- 24 February
- 24 March **A.G.M at 7:00 p.m.** followed by General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- 26 May
- 23 June

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Positions Vacant**

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  

**Sub Committees:** Band, Finance, Environment, Trivia Night and Uniform

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**STUDY TOUR 2010**  
**CHINA**  
All students, TAs & staff,  
Come & join this year’s study tour to China.  

Visit Beijing - Xi’an - Shanghai,  
Tiananmen Square  
The Forbidden City  
The Temple of Heaven  
Olympic Games Stadium  
The Great Wall of China  
Rich & noble  
Ming Tombs  
Futian  
Entombed Warriors  
Classic Chinese Gardens  
Peopled  
Mogao  
Kung Fu Show  
School Visit  
Acrobatic Show  
... and much more

Your price includes return international flights, all entries, all meals, all accommodation, overnight train to Xi’an, domestic flight to Shanghai and taxes. See Mr Bailey for details.
WHAT IS ABW?
Canterbury Girls High School is committed to developing and enhancing the concept of enterprise education. One way we do this is by running the Australian Business Week program within the school.
ABW Enterprise Education is an intense five day education/business program, designed by a partnership of universities, businesses and school systems, and conducted at a school for all Year 10 or 11 students. The focus is to promote enterprise through education.

Students are required to form companies, elect their management teams, simulate the management of a multi million dollar company, produce a product, mount a trade display for a panel of business judges, write a company report and deliver a speech to shareholders outlining the company performance.

The program encourages students to explore a range of vocational directions, develop their skills in communication, presentation, negotiation, problem solving, time management, planning and organising, while working with others in teams.
The program will be efficiently organised and run with support and encouragement from the local business community.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO LAUNCHING THE ABW PROGRAM AT CGHS

For more details please contact the HSIE faculty

CANBERRA EXCURSION FOR YEAR 9
There will be a Year 9 Canberra Excursion/Camp to be held for two [2] days 18 – 19 March.
Start planning now to join the politicians in the House of Representatives debate climate change. Watch the Olympians of the future train at the Institute of Sport.

Experiment with the latest technology at Questacon and get lost in the past at the War Memorial.
Detailed information and permission notes will be handed out in HSIE lessons. A deposit of $50 will guarantee a position on the coach.

Ms Tranter – Head Teacher HSIE
Teacher in charge of excursion

Important Dates Coming Up
16.2.10 Yr 6 Open Night
18.2.10 Academic Achievement Assembly
19.2.10 Swimming Carnival
24.2.10 P and C meeting 7.30 p.m
24.2.10 Information Night China trip 6.30 pm
22 – 24.2.10 Yr 7 camp
26.2.10 Photo day
13.3.10 Gardening working bee

CGHS Swimming Carnival

Friday 19th February
Canterbury Aquatic Centre

Meet outside the Aquatic Centre at 8.45am
Cost $3.50 (students) $2.20 (parents & spectators)
Concludes approximately 2.30pm
Security of Valuable Items

While Canterbury Girls High School is a safe and happy one, it is nonetheless essential that students take care with their personal property at all times. Girls should take care to ensure that mobile phones, wallets, ipods etc are kept on their person at all times and never left out on tables or in unattended bags. Large amounts of money should never be brought to school, and payments to Office A should be paid by cheque or credit card wherever possible. Parents and caregivers may even like to have a conversation with their daughters about the appropriateness of bringing valuables such as ipods to school, as on the rare occasion such items go missing they invariably cause great distress to the girls and families concerned. Parents and caregivers are asked to regularly remind their daughters to secure personal items whenever they take these from home and to observe a high level of personal safety at all times.

Assessment Booklets Years 10, 11 & 12

Parents and caregivers are advised that assessment booklets have been distributed to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Assessment booklets contain essential assessment information for students and their families concerning the award of the School Certificate (Year 10), Preliminary Certificate (Year 11) and Higher School Certificate (12). The assessment breakdown for each subject is contained in the booklet, as well an outline of all assessment tasks and related information. A copy of these booklets is available on the school’s website. Students have been asked to record all assessment tasks onto a calendar provided in their assessment booklets in order to properly plan and prepare assessment tasks. It is strongly suggested that parents and caregivers read their daughter’s assessment booklets and support their daughter’s use of the assessment calendar. Enquiries relating to individual subject assessment can be directed to subject Head Teachers at any time; general enquiries relating to assessment, examinations or reporting can be directed to Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal by telephone on 9718 1805 or email, andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au.

Anti-bullying Plan

Parents and caregivers should note that Canterbury Girls High School takes the issue of bullying extremely seriously and has implemented an Anti-bullying Plan with the intention of eradicating bullying from the school community. Plans were distributed to Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 in December 2009, and to Years 7 and 11 in Week 2 of this year. A copy of this Plan is available for all parents and community members on the school’s website. All parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to read this Plan so that they are familiar with school processes for addressing bullying. A survey of Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 in late 2009 showed that the vast majority of girls felt safe at Canterbury Girls High School and in their year groups. However, if any member of the school community is aware of any bullying – or other risk to student safety – taking place, they are asked to contact the student’s Year Adviser or the Deputy Principal as a matter of urgency. Enquiries relating to the issue of bullying, or student behaviour/welfare generally, should be directed to Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal by telephone on 9718 1805 or email, andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au.