Congratulations to:-

- Year 12 who finish up formal schooling over the next few weeks. All the best from all members of the community for the final HSC exams. Year 12 have been wonderful role models and fantastic students. We will all miss you. And we know that you will all move on to successful adult lives. Well done to all those students who have finished practical components of courses in Drama, Textiles, Society and Culture, Music and Visual Arts.

- Newly elected School Captains 2011, - pictured below - Caitlin Jurd, Helen Eade, Chloe Smith and Debby Liman.

- Newly elected Student representative Council members:-

  **Year Seven**
  - Mirvat Assaad
  - Katie Chung
  - Jasmine Economidis
  - Ellishia Maher
  - Annisa Suprianto

  **Year Eight**
  - Torika Cakauntabua
  - Lauren Cazar
  - Lily Choi
  - Molly Ulm

  **Year Nine**
  - Sarah Ahmad
  - Susan McLeod
  - Rebecca Merrick
  - Ruby Paredes

  **Year Ten**
  - Carol Hoang
  - Christina Geogiannis
  - Cherry Nguyen
  - Lisa Tran
  - Yanisa Saengwatcharakul

- Debby Liman, Year 11, who has been in the cast of ‘At the Drive In” being performed by Shopfront Youth Theatre Group at the Hazelhurst Gallery.

- Helen Eade, Year 11, who sang at the Opera House as part of the Performing Arts Choral Week as part of her commitment to NSW Singers.

- All 200+ students who participated in MADD - a wealth of talent amongst all our students - you should all be very proud of yourselves. This was the culmination of 3 terms work for many students and was an outstanding show. Also exceptional lighting, sound and back of house work from a great production team. Talented, brilliant girls!

- All students who participated in the Winter Grade Sporting teams - CGHS played in 10 grand finals and won 3. Special congratulations to Open Volleyball team, 13’s Basketball and the 13’s Netball - all Zone winners. A fantastic effort by all.

- All our Debaters who have had a fantastic year - see page 8 for report.

- Blue Dance Ensemble who performed at the State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre this week. This was a spine chilling performance of ‘Blackbird’ acclaimed by the audience.

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Thank you:-

- Parents and Citizens - Sandra, Ian, Dimity, Susie, June, Sharni, Judy, Mark, Karin, Margeurite, Sue, Joanne, Sylvia, and students - Helen, Lucy, Caitlin, Elisha, Camilla, Kelly-Anne, Chloe, Orani, Sheridan, Kimberley, Debby, Ilana, Jenny, Jessica and Cindy for great work at the recent gardening working bee- 140 plants found new homes and some students learnt new skills about how to plant. Moral support came from parents Tim and Don.

- Staff member, Ms Mariam Kadri who has managed the HSC Trials and the Year 11 exams.

- All staff who gave up time and skill to support students at Music, Art, Dance and Drama week and the Dance, Drama and Music days which preceded this.

- Parents and Citizens for the support of MADD.

- Year 11 Prefects for operating a great canteen at MADD and for feeding the masses with a sausage sizzle.

- Vocational Education teachers - Mrs Michos, Mr Wilkins, Mrs Ormanci, Mrs Kastanias, Mrs Venkatsen, Ms Houvardas, Mrs De Rosario for doing an outstanding job when the CGHS Vocational Education program was recently audited.

- Ms Papadopalas, Ms Slattery, Ms Neves and Ms Barford for coaching and supporting our debaters.

- Parent, Jo Schofield for arranging for our students to attend breakfast meeting with Afghan human rights activist Suraya Pakzad. Suraya is the founder of Voice of Women. Further information is on page 5.

- Tim Carroll, Executive Officer, from Bankstown Youth Development Corporation for organising for a writer in residence series of workshops for students in Years 9 and 11. We hope this can be extended into 2011.

Tournament of the Minds

Congratulations to the two CGHS Tournament of the Minds teams who competed at Sydney Girls High School on Sunday 29th August. Both teams competed in the Language Literature division, performing a ten minute, entirely self-devised, play. Tournament of the Minds requires students to work in teams to solve a demanding, open-ended challenge in just six weeks. Both teams demonstrated impressive team work in producing the solution and overcoming problems throughout the six weeks and on tournament day.

S Marquet, CGHS Co-ordinator

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TOM Team 2: From left to right: Shamima Khan, Savannah Talib, Lydia Qian, Lilly Darke. In front: Alyssa Graf

TOM Team 1: From left to right (back) Ruby Paredes, Rosie Baxter, Alison Cooper, Imogen Smith, (front) Kerry Buckland, Jessica Mackenzie, Ly Lien
ROAD SAFETY - Information from Canterbury Council

In 2007 over 2000 children were killed or injured on roads in NSW. We want to ensure that no child is hit by a car at any time, and especially when going to or from schools in Canterbury LGA. You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Safety tips for drivers around school zones.

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
- Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Make sure everything is organized before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.
- Ensure items in the car are safely on the floor or in the boot.

Roads and Traffic Authority Free Parent Workshop

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Ashfield area. Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Ashfield Council on Thursday November 4th at the Cadigal Room (next door to the Ashfield Aquatic Centre in Elizabeth Street) from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Early bookings are essential Ashfield Council on 9716 1843 now to reserve your place, or email camillec@ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Facebook and your child’s privacy

Some tips

- Google your child’s name, then search for them on Facebook. See who has access to what information.
- Make sure your child sets their privacy options so only genuine friends can find them on Facebook. The new privacy settings aren’t as complicated as before.
- Having hundreds of Facebook friends isn’t proof of popularity.
- What goes on Facebook can become public and permanent - the good, the bad and the soul-destroyingly embarrassing.
- Future employers will probably look for your child’s name on Google and Facebook.
International Youth Day Forum
On the 12th August 2010 a group of Year 9’s and 10’s went to Petersham Town Hall to participate in the International Youth Day Forum, hosted by Marrickville Youth Council. The day was all about youth and what we had to say about issues that affect us. We joined up with other schools from the Marrickville and Canterbury district.
During the course of the day we went to selected workshops. These included:

- Positive relationships
- Harm caused by alcohol and other drugs
- Legal rights and responsibilities
- Living on the edge
- Where do you go when you’re feeling down
- Setting up a youth friendly facility

We broke up into our groups and joined the youth leaders who were in charge of the workshops. We were all involved in a range of activities that helped us understand the issues. We learnt about what rights we have and that with those rights come responsibilities. We also learnt about the harm that alcohol and drugs can cause and the affects that they have on you and your loved ones. We learnt about gaining and keeping positive relationships and where you go and who to talk to when you’re down.
Overall it was an interesting and fun filled day and a great way to learn that we actually do have a say!

Catherine Davey and Rosana Sanchez Year 9

On 12th of August 2010, I was a part of an International Youth Day Forum, which was held at Petersham Town Hall. I went with twenty nine other Year 9 and 10 students. On that day we all learnt something new about the consequences to the decisions we make in our lives. We were put into groups with other schools and at least two youth workers. The group that taught me something new was the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs. This group taught me how to save-a-mate or anyone who is in danger as a result of using some type of drug. I was made aware of what physical position to put them in and how to save them.

I believe that everyone has a right and this Forum proved that when we teenagers speak we can actually be heard.

Jennifer Khan Year 9

CALENDAR UPDATES
Please check the calendar on the school website for regular updates

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Sydney University Teacher Education Links

12 months ago CGHS agreed to develop an exclusive teacher training partnership with Sydney University.

12 months on and over 30 students have completed pre service practicum experience at CGHS.

This has been possible due to the great willingness of CGHS teaching staff to share their knowledge and expertise combined with the drive and energy of our former Deputy Judy Playfair who is the University funded Mentor for all practicum students. Thanks to Judy, our teaching staff, our Deputy Principal, Andrew Anderson for co-ordinating and our great students for allowing the teachers of the future to have such a rewarding learning experience at CGHS.

Sydney University Science Teaching intern Eric Tan with his teaching Mentor Biologist Tracy Jones

People’s Choice Voting 2010 Art Show Winners

Year 1
Self Portrait in Oils - Tess Vu

Year 12
“Natural Girl” - Susie Liu

2010 Best Art Work Award
“Which Season are You?” - Lucy Abdallah

TRIVIA Question
Which Cantabrian secret society is leading the competition in the ‘Shining Light Workplace Health and Challenge Competition?’

Chloe Brotherton, Year 12 on MADD Night, being accompanied by Andrea.
Suray Pakzad  
Voice of women Afghanistan

Catalyst Australia with Voice of Women (Australia) and Amnesty International hosted a breakfast event featuring Afghan human rights activist **Suraya Pakzad**. Suraya is the founder of Voice of Women. From a humble start with one small classroom in Suraya’s home, VWO grew into a network of underground girls schools across Kabul which ran until the Taliban government fell in 2001 and girls could be finally educated in public.

Suraya is known both within and outside Afghanistan for her commitment to protecting the nation’s women. She has received numerous international awards, including the Women of Courage 2008 Award and was recognised last year as one of the world’s 100 top influential people by Time Magazine. In September she will receive yet another prestigious award - the Global Citizen Award from Bill Clinton.

At this breakfast event, Suraya spoke about her ongoing work with Afghanistan's most disadvantaged women in villages, prisons and shelters. She explained how this work continues to face extraordinary obstacles and how Afghan women have not significantly progressed in practical matters since the foreign intervention despite massive amounts of aid being directed to the country. More Information at [www.unisa.edu.au/.../events/.../SurayaPakzad_Afghanistan.asp](http://www.unisa.edu.au/.../events/.../SurayaPakzad_Afghanistan.asp)

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**Scout Eastment Year 8 on Music day**

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Evaluating the School’s Anti-Bullying Plan

Bullying is a serious issue which impacts on all Australian schools. At Canterbury Girls High School, every attempt is undertaken to eradicate bullying and make school a happy and inclusive place for all students. Each Year group has been issued with a copy of the school’s Anti-bullying Plan, and a copy placed on the website for parents and caregivers to access.

The School is committed to evaluating this Plan on a yearly basis in order to ensure the issue of bullying is being effectively managed. Students, staff and parents/caregivers will be asked for their views in relation to school procedures for addressing bullying. If you would like to provide feedback on the school’s Anti-Bullying Plan, or on the issue of bullying generally, please contact Andrew Anderson, Deputy Principal, by telephone on 9718 1805 or email at andrew.anderson@det.nsw.edu.au. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Appropriate Content on Student Netbooks (Laptops)

The School is currently developing guidelines regarding the appropriateness of materials students download onto their netbooks. The NSW Department of Education and Training advises schools in relation to the appropriateness of films, videos, games etc. students are able to access. As a rule, students in Years 9-10 should not be downloading any video / film / game etc. other than those which carry a ‘G’ or ‘PG’ rating; students in Years 11-12 should not be downloading materials above an ‘M’ rating.

Parents are asked to monitor the content their daughters are downloading onto their netbooks, and to support the school in ensuring Departmental censorship ratings are observed.

INDIVIDUAL NAPLAN RESULTS

for

Year 7 and Year 9

Have been mailed to families

Jazz ensemble on MADD night

Blue Dance ensemble ‘Blackbird’ on MADD night

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Debating Update

Congratulations to all our debating teams in 2010. Canterbury Girls has won all zones in which they were entered, in this year’s Premiers Debating Challenge Stages 4, 5 and 6. The girls debated topics ranging from taxing fatty foods to banning poker machines and making weekend sport compulsory, displaying a general knowledge and confidence beyond expectation. All adjudicators commented extremely positively on the confidence, knowledge and communication style of our debaters. Particular congratulations must go to our Year 7 team who had never previously debated and who won two of the three debates in their zone. Year 10 also reached the regional semi-final being defeated by Sydney Girls in a very engaging and close debate.

J Slattery, HT English