Principal’s Message

Upcoming History tour of Europe – how good is that!

During the upcoming two week April vacation, intrepid History teachers and a number of students are heading for Germany, France and Italy to take in the great, important historic sites. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see, amongst other sites, the battlefields in northern France, magnificent Pompei and Berlin and all its deep history. (As an aside I do have very fond memories of all these places from the last time I was in Europe.)

Ms Katryce Nealon, Head Teacher History, is finalising the last maze of the paperwork-puzzle which I can assure you is an extraordinary feat of problem-solving and perseverance. To take students on an overseas study tour is an act of deep commitment and dedication. I know students will be very grateful of the work undertaken to ensure the tour is a successful – even life changing – experience.

Great news – money for Science

I’m delighted to inform you that the coffers have been opened and the school has received $16,000 to upgrade Science equipment. Science is important in challenging young minds so it is with enthusiasm that we accept the opportunity to expand on our resources here. Thank you to Ms Madan who lobbied for this grant and is over the moon at the possibilities that can be created.

Graffiti Alleyway – a special place

Ms Simone Read, one of our passionate Visual Arts teachers has been working since last year on graffiti art works on some portables, creating an alleyway that is lively, interesting and very definitely artistic. The student work is amazing.

The “street” in the alley is now known as Little Gillett Street, a dedication to Jodie Gillett who was much loved and is remembered fondly by the school. Ms Read, in discussions with the Gillett family, has dedicated the site to Jodie who was creative, bubbly and filled optimism. Appropriately, it’s a place of peace and vibrancy.
P&C meeting – guest speaker on Higher Order Thinking
Ms Katryce Nealon has been leading a very keen team on higher order thinking (HOT) as part of the school’s agenda for three years to empower teachers in more deeply understanding how to engage students in conceptual and problematic knowledge. It’s not easy but it’s necessarily fascinating. We want students to manipulate their work, to become problem solvers and problem thinkers in order to generate solutions. No longer is it good enough to just regurgitate information. Ms Nealon will be our guest speaker at the next P&C meeting on Wednesday March 20 at 7.30pm. We would love you to come along, hear her presentation and ask more about this important agenda item in the school.

International Women’s Day Friday March 8
As always, we celebrate IWD with a breakfast for senior students and staff, but this year, Ms Nicole Best, together with her empowerment group designed a Women’s Wall of quotes and anecdotes about women that resonate with students and teachers. I was asked to nominate a woman of influence and why I thought that. Having seen a documentary the other night on Ruth Bader Ginsberg, one of a small number of female Justices of the Supreme Court in the United States I was struck by her resilience, intellect and her desire to change the world for the better.—and so I nominated her.
In her 80s, Ginsberg had a long fight to be accepted into law school and then complete her law degree at Harvard (women were excluded in those days) and then to get a job as a lawyer (women once were not employed as lawyers). We most certainly have come a long way since then. Certainly, it has been due, in no small way, to the work of this wonderful woman that so many gains have been made. One of Ginsberg’s famous quotes from a speech she made some years ago is so powerful: “I have never expected anything from my brethren, but all I wish is for them to take their foot off my neck.”

Junior SRC Induction
We had a lovely ceremony last week to induct the new junior SRC representatives. Mr Ashok was very proud and so were we.
HILLSBUS SERVICE CHANGES COMMENCING

MONDAY 18TH MARCH, 2019

The new Rouse Hill Station Bus Interchange will be open on 18th March, 2019. All the Hillsbus services will operate via the Northwest Tway stops in Rouse Hill. Route 2590 will also be affected by the change.

A new service, Route 3509, will be provided to Knightsbridge Shops and Glenhaven.

Route 3613 will also commence four (4) minutes later.

All students are advised to check their services before travelling.

Current Hillsbus school and route services are available at the school Reception office or visit www.cdcbus.com.au
Congratulations to Libby Morris who has been selected into the 2019 Football NSW Institute Program, the official elite development program for female soccer players aged U13 to U17.

As part of this year’s program the Institute is providing the opportunity for Institute players to travel to France to experience the Women’s World Cup.

This two-week soccer and tourism experience will see the players support the Westfield Matildas during each of their group stage games in Valenciennes, Montpellier and Grenoble, while also playing some friendly matches against international elite programs.
Castle Hill High School’s Swimming Carnival

Castle Hill High School held their annual Swimming Carnival at Auburn Pool this year. We had a record number of students attending, with over 1000 participants. It was outstanding to see the school spirit on show.

The House Results were as followed:

1\textsuperscript{st} Durham 388 points
2\textsuperscript{nd} Windsor 331 points
3\textsuperscript{rd} Caernarvon 300 points
4\textsuperscript{th} Edinburgh 205 points

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in their respective Age Championship competition:

- 12yrs Boys- Benjamin Christlieb
- 12yrs Female- Pyper Marchant
- 13yrs Boys- Andrew Haggar
- 13yrs Girls- Esther Bosner
- 14yrs Boys- Zane Capovilla
- 14yrs Girls- Alicia Kim
- 15yrs Boys- Aiden Hawron, Thomas Jeffree
- 15yrs Girls- Jacinta Hogan
- 16yrs Boys- Alexander Weeks
- 16yrs Girls- Trinity Loader
- 17yrs+ Boys- Samuel Moeser
- 17yrs+ Girls- Eva Tatic
Zone Swimming Carnival 2019

Castle Hill High School recently attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Waves Aquatic Centre. The talented students who attended the Zone swimming carnival performed exceptionally at the event. The students provided excellent support for their other team members and the behaviour of the group was outstanding as all students were very helpful throughout both days. Castle Hill High School were crowned Zone Champions once again in 2019 which is an outstanding achievement considering how talented the other schools are in the hills zone. Due to our success at the carnival, many students also were selected to represent Hills Zone at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival. The students who made the Hills Zone team included Pyper Marchant, Ava Jones, Alina Qureshi, Alicia Kim, Sophie Turner, Jacinta Hogan, Chloe Wilson, Trinity Loader, Sophia Jamsek, Paul Turner, Alexander Weeks, Samuel Moeser, Marcello Gomez, Nathan Csizmadia, Lowani Somi, Melissa Park, Caitlin Moeser, Kayla Wong, Eva Tatic, Olivia Burns, Lillian Jamsek, Jasmine Wong.
Bonne année, あけましておめでとう and happy year of the pig!
We look forward to a fun and exciting year filled with a range of language activities. Should you have any questions about languages at Castle Hill High School, do not hesitate to contact the LOTE team on 9634 4199.

New Teachers in LOTE

Ms Jennifer Ha (Ha Sensei)
Konnichwa. My name is Jennifer Ha and I am the new Year 7-12 Japanese teacher. I have taught Japanese for four years in Adelaide and moved to Sydney recently. I am passionate about teaching and promoting Japanese. I always try my best to make the classes more interesting and engaging, so all students can enjoy learning and achieve their potential. I look forward to working with parents and students, and it is a great honour to join Castle Hill community.

Ms Lara Palma (Madame Palma)
Bonjour! I am thrilled to be the new Head Teacher of Languages at CHHS. I have moved from Asquith Girls High with over 10 years' experience in the classroom, including teaching placements in France. I will be teaching French at Castle Hill but I am also Italian and EALD trained. I am thrilled to be working in such a fabulous school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the former Head Teacher, Donna Wood for her dedication to the languages program for the past 30 years. Donna has introduced wonderful initiatives both locally and internationally and we plan to continue these traditions. Stay tuned for some great learning opportunities in LOTE...

LOTE Classes in 2019
Our classes and teachers for this year are:

Japanese
QUEE SENSEI (Year 7, Year 8, Year 10, Year 11 and 12 Continuers + Extension)
HA SENSEI (Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 11 and Year 12 Beginners)

French
MADAME WINDRIM (Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 11 Continuers, Year 12 Beginners)
MADAME PALMA (Year 7, Year 8, Year 10, Year 11 Beginners, Year 12 Continuers)
Thinking of going on exchange?
If you are thinking of going on exchange, you can find a list of Registered NSW Exchange Organisations below.
AFS Intercultural Programs Australia
Rotary International
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd
Students of the World
World Education Program Australia Ltd
Youth for Understanding Australia Ltd
For more information, please visit: https://www.deinternational.nsw.edu.au/study-options/study-programs/secondary-student-exchange
Please let us know if you are thinking of going on exchange!

Education Perfect
We are delighted to inform you that all language students have been signed up to an online learning tool called Education Perfect. We have found that students who regularly use the program to practise their listening, reading and writing skills really do improve these skills and approach assessment tasks much more confidently.
Fortnightly reports from Education Perfect show each student’s activity and accuracy. Please ask your child to show you his/her progress. Students can access their account using the following website: https://www.educationperfect.com/

French and Japanese Festivals in February
The months of February and March in France are rich in French traditions. February is the month of La Saint-Valentin, le Carnaval and le Mardi Gras (also referred to as Pancake, Shrove or literally, Fat Tuesday). As lent is a time of fasting, the period of carnaval and Mardi Gras was a last chance to indulge in rich and decadent foods. The word carnaval derives from the Latin carnelevare (‘take out the meat’) because meat was banned during the period of Lent. During carnaval, you can expect outdoor feasts, parades, masked balls and street performances. The most famous French carnaval is in Nice, in the south of France.

While Valentine’s Day celebrations are very similar in both France and Australia, Japan tends to add a slight twist. There is a strong tradition of women giving chocolates to men on the 14th of February. There are two types of chocolates: “Giri-choco” (obligation chocolate), and “Honmei-choco”. Giri-choco is for friends, colleagues, bosses, and close male friends, whereas “Honmei-choco” is for that special someone! But the celebration does not end here! On White Day (14th March), men are supposed to give return gifts to women who gifted them chocolates on Valentine’s Day.

French Film Festival in Sydney!
From February 5 March – 10 April, you will be able to enjoy the delights of French cinema in Sydney at the Alliance Française Film Festival! Please follow the link below for film trailers, times and locations. Cinema locations are in the city, Parramatta and Avoca beach. Do not miss out! http://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/
2019 Vaccination Clinics at Castle Hill High School

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On Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March NSW Health will be running the first of three vaccination clinics at Castle Hill High School. All \textbf{year 7 students} have been issued with a letter and a Parent Information Pack which contains a consent form, and an information sheet/privacy statement. For students to take part in the program, a completed and signed consent form must be returned to Mrs Heinrich (Library) by \textbf{Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} March}. Students who did not receive a vaccination consent form must see Mrs Heinrich to collect one.

\textbf{Year 8 students} who commenced HPV vaccinations last year but did not complete the course, may be offered catch up doses at these clinics. Students who received their first HPV dose at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Vaccination consent forms for students in \textbf{Year 10} will distributed in Term 2.
All our Year 10 – 12 students receive Careers Newsletters and Job Jump NEWS via their Department email addresses as do all parents and carers who have daughters and sons from Years 9 – 12.

Year 10 students and their parents and carers will receive information about The Work Experience Program over the next few days and this provides our students with a very unique learning opportunity so please look out for these emails. Partaking in work experience should greatly increase awareness of the demands of the “working world” and gain valuable insights into their chosen career area, employment opportunities and their personal abilities.

The next Work Experience INFO session will be at Lunchtime on Tuesday 19th March in The Cave/Careers area of The Library.

The upcoming Year 10 Careers Day/s on Friday 5th April and Monday 8th April should provide some great information. We are having speakers throughout the day and a Careers EXPO type situation from lunchtime where there will be an impressive and diverse array of exhibitors – all the local Sydney area Universities, Private Colleges, TAFE and other organisations.

As with all things “Careers”, ALL the Castle Hill High School Community – parents, carers and staff are welcome to attend and, of course, we hope that Years 11 and 12 students take time out to attend the Expo type situation on either – or both days.

Jane Curran
Careers Adviser
**WHAT’S COOKING @ THE CANTENE?**

We would like to announce some important changes to what to do if a student has forgotten their lunch.

The student is to go to Reception and speak to the office staff who will issue them with a note (maximum $5) which will allow the student to get a choice of a Cheese & Tomato OR Vegemite Sandwich and a piece of fruit OR 600mL bottle of water (if required). The student is to take the note to the canteen where they will have their lunch organised for them.

Payment for the supplied lunch is to be paid on the next school day.

Students who order their lunch over the counter should do so BEFORE school starts, not at Recess.

Flexischools is a fantastic way to order your lunch and this can easily be done via an app or online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). The Flexischools app is available on the App Store or get it on Google Play. Flexischools also gives you the option to order bespoke salads, sandwiches and rolls made just how you like them.

If you are already ordering through Flexischools, please remember to place your order BEFORE 9am.

Collecting your Flexischools lunch orders is easily done by lining up in year order to the side of the canteen- you’ll see our tables set up out the front of the canteen at the start of Lunch for collection of your orders.
If you ordered over the counter before school and were issued with a number token, please come directly to the canteen window where you placed your order, to collect your lunch.

If you have ordered your lunch via Flexischools but happen to be absent from school (or on an excursion/school business), your order can be cancelled by simply contacting us at the canteen- preferably before 9:30am.

NEW PRODUCT

Crispy Fruits ... $1.50

We now have a new FREEZE DRIED Fruit product in the canteen. This is a great mess-free way to eat Strawberries, Mango, Pineapple or Apples year long.

Crispy fruits are 100% Vegan.
They do NOT contain sulphur, nuts, gluten, dairy, added sugar or preservatives so they are a great snack for enjoying.
DAILY SPECIALS

Monday: Pasta Bolognaisne $4
Tuesday: Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps $4.50
Wednesday: Beef Sliders $4
Thursday: Stir Fry Noodles with Vegetables $4
Friday: Nachos $4.50
P&C UPDATE

The P&C had its first general meeting recently on the 20th February, with a great enthusiasm from our community with nearly 40 attending the meeting.

There were couple of issues arising from the previous meetings back in 2018:

Toilets – The issue of the lack of toilets for the student population was addressed. Action was taken by the P&C after the November 2018 meeting and Vicki Brewer reports to us that the wheels are in motion. An initial offer of demountable toilets has been rejected but it may still be possible to convert the unused change rooms into more toilets for our students. Watch this space!

New building – Unfortunately, we won’t get a new building in the foreseeable future. Ray Williams MP has promised extra money for Science Labs? We note with interest that other schools are getting new buildings – Mosman and St Ives. Out of Area numbers is quoted as a reason not to provide a new building although other schools which are getting a new building have a higher percentage of out of area enrolments. Therefore, at this stage CHHS will maintain the status quo with respect to accepting out of area students unless told otherwise by the Department of Education.

The principal, Vicki Brewer, provided a breakdown of last year’s HSC results – something parents always look forward at the first P&C meeting every year. Our CHHS ranked 83rd in the state – 7th highest comprehensive school in the state (Cherrybrook Tech was 81st).

The finances for the 2018 calendar year are being finalised and the treasurer, Claire Mawn presented the draft financial report.
The P&C approved funds last year to upgrade some of the commercial equipment over the summer break, but unfortunately we had to incur some unexpected costs due to power outages during the storms.

As you may be aware, the RSL has proposed 55+ lifestyle development at Castle Hill RSL. The school and the P&C are closely working with the RSL on this matter to ensure that issues such as traffic, parking, dirt, dust and noise during construction won’t become a hindrance.

The P&C will continue to pursue every option to ensure that the school will be able to secure funding for toilets and a new school building whilst ensuring that it will not be disadvantaged with the RSL development.

Our first 2019 meeting ended with great optimism and vigour and this seems to be the year that will change the landscape of CHHS both metaphorically and literally.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next P&C general meeting on Wednesday the 20th March.

Regards,

Ishan Galapathy – P&C President
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter

Sports

Summer

TERM 1 OPENING HOURS

Weeks 2 – 11:
Monday & Friday – 8:15am to 11:30am

ONLINE ORDERS

The online ordering system is working smoothly and
changes to the website have now made it easier for parents to access. You can find the online uniform shop at: www.chhspc.myshopify.com

Orders can be collected from the uniform shop at recess on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that students allow plenty of time when collecting orders and not to leave orders uncollected for too long. You can find a copy of the uniform shop price list on the webpage listed above.

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform is now available for both boys and girls.

We now have boys pants available in size 10.

Margaret
CHHS Uniform Shop Coordinator
School Calendar

Week 7A

Monday 11th March  
Monday 12th March  
Wednesday 13th March  
Thursday 14th March  
Friday 15th March  
Sydney West Swimming Championship  
Year 12 Meeting Hall  
Year 7 Vaccinations

Week 8B

Monday 18th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Wednesday 20th March  
Thursday 21st March  
Friday 22nd March  
School Cross Country  
Year 12 standard English Excursion  
Year 7 2020 G&T Exam 1pm-4pm  
Harmony Day  
P&C Meeting  
Year 8 Scripture  
Glasser Training (Plus Saturday)

Week 9A

Monday 25th March  
Tuesday 26th March  
Wednesday 27th March  
Thursday 28th March  
Friday 29th March  
Hospitality Work Placement  
Hospitality Work Placement  
Year 9 YPLO Seminar—Hall 9.30  
Hospitality Work Placement  
Year 7 Scripture  
Hospitality Work Placement  
Celebration Assemblies