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Principal's Message

Special points of interest:

- My Story
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World Teachers' Day

While our celebrations were modest, we did take the opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for their work on Friday 30 October, for World Teachers' Day. What better than chocolate and coffee! They work incredibly hard, are dedicated and a pleasure to be with. I'm very proud of them.

The Higher School Certificate

I can confirm that our magnificent Year 12 students have been very determined to "just get on with things" despite any number of distractions. Last week the Hall lights went walkabout so the very nimble deputies did a quick re - room and timetable fix to ensure that exams were on time, that all students knew of changes and that the invigilators were on track. It wasn't easy, but it was done.

Of course last Tuesday the bomb threat derailed part of the Legal Studies exam and for that many of us were extremely disappointed. Students want to show what they know and want the opportunity in the exams to showcase this. But I again want to assure students and parents that the appeals process for this extraordinary event will ensure that they are not disadvantaged. I know this is cold comfort, but I also know that many other schools were snared by this hoax so NESA will ensure that due process is fair and equitable.

We worked very hard on that Tuesday (while on the oval) to guarantee that the Visual Arts exam would go ahead - off site. Thank you to colleagues from Cherrybrook Technology HS who hand -delivered papers, while the Castle Hill Bowling Club opened up specially to accommodate the 21 students needing an exam centre. The exam was quiet, smooth and the perfect solution for all. We are also very grateful for the generosity of the Bowling Club, the persistence and cooperation of students and the flexibility of the invigilators. While frustrated by it all, we were also very relieved in the end.

Again, can I thank everyone – students, teachers and parents for their cooperation on a challenging day.



Presentation Evening – a change for 2020

While recently there have been more relaxed protocols published for large gatherings, what hasn't changed is the need for a COVID plan that ensures social distancing. You won't be surprised to know that it means that we cannot cram our very large student and parent population into the Hall, as we usually do, for a traditional Presentation Evening.

But we want to assure everyone that livestreaming will occur, so parents and other family members can enjoy proceedings as they unfold. In order for social distancing protocols to be honoured, we will stagger the event over three sessions:

- Stage 6 students will be rostered during Period 3 and 4 on Thursday 10 December
- Stage 5 students will be rostered during period 3 and 4 on Friday 11 December
- Stage 4 students will be rostered during Period 3 and 4 on Monday 14 December

Again, I realise that this is not the same, but we are trying hard to give you the best under the circumstances.

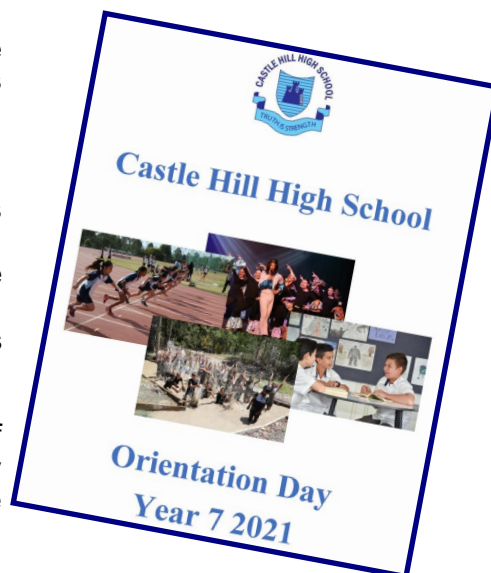
Orientation Day – Tuesday 1 December

We will welcome soon our new Year 7 students for 2021.

Of course, again, we have to plan differently to accommodate COVID restrictions. And again, some creative thinking has allowed us to do the following:

- We will accommodate 100 Year 6 students at a time in three sessions, Period 1 and 2, Periods 3 and 4, Periods 5 and 6
- We will have a virtual tour of the school with some home-made films created by our current students
- The website will be used for parents to also share in this virtual tour

Further information will be coming regarding the purchase of uniforms, payment for the Year 7 camp next year (which may or may not go ahead – but as always we are erring on the side of optimism) and other details.



A plea to all those dropping off students or parking in Britannia Avenue and nearby streets

Could I ask the community to understand that blocking driveways in nearby streets is necessarily causing some angst for some of our neighbours. I know parking is restricted, and difficult, but if you could not park in front of driveways, and drive carefully down these backstreets, there will be many happy and relieved neighbours. Many thanks for this.

Vicki Brewer
Principal

My Story

I came to CHHS 2 years ago as a short term casual teacher and was lucky enough to stay an entire term and eventually have found a permanent home here. This however was not my first foray into teaching. In fact I had begun informally training to be a teacher around 20 years ago at the age of 10, when I was enlisted by my parents to help my older sister Kate, with her high school maths homework. Like a number of Year 7 and Year 8 students, Kate was experiencing a daunting new world of high school maths. Luckily maths was an area where my strengths lay. This new frontier required all times tables to be perfectly memorised, any complex fractions had to be simplified and new and more abstract algebraic symbols would begin replacing familiar numbers. I recall many late nights of frustration and tears as we determinedly worked together to understand these difficult homework problems. Fast forward to my time in the classroom, these experiences have always remained with me.

Once finishing high school myself, I did not immediately pursue a career in teaching. In fact I enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Economics with the intention to work at the RBA after I graduated. A few short lived careers in marketing, administration and insurance and I found myself without much passion for the world of business. I made one of the most important decisions in my life and decided to return to Macquarie University and enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts and Education majoring in Mathematics. Maths teaching would no longer be on hiatus.

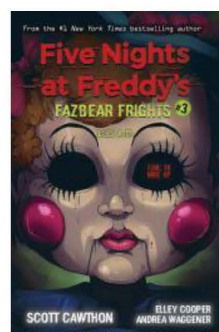
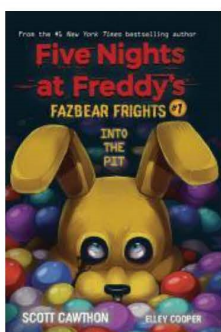
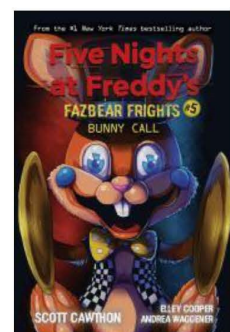
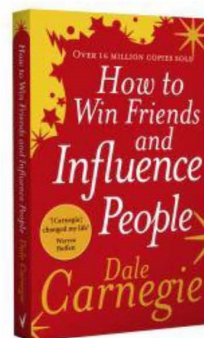
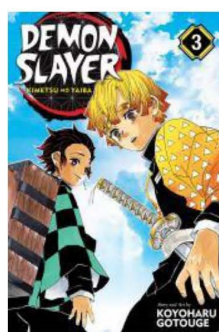
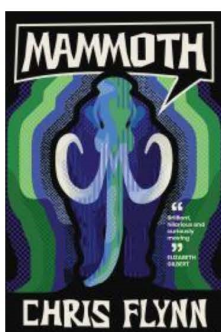
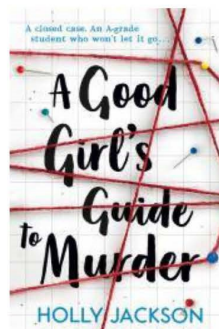
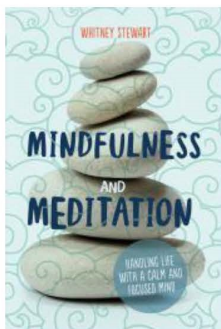
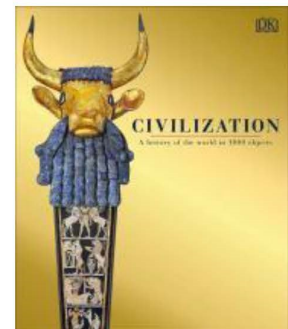
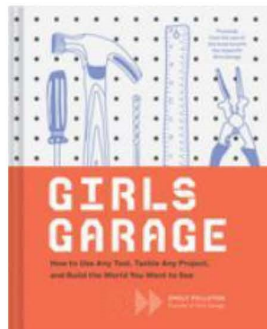
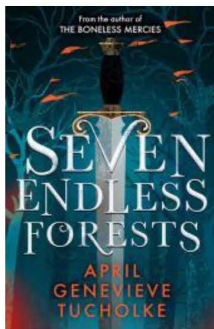
In my time training and practising as a teacher I have been embraced and mentored by amazing colleagues at CHHS. I am constantly in awe of their strength of character, their efficiency in and out of the classroom and their unwavering desire to achieve the best outcomes for our students. The students I have taught and interacted with in the community have brought a sense of purpose to my work that I craved since I was 10 years old. I feel incredibly lucky to bring fun and flair to the maths classroom.

Mark Bell





BOOKS in the Library



Date
04.11.20



Dear Castle Hill High School Parents,

Kathmandu are happy to invite Castle Hill High School to an exclusive shopping promotion. We will be offering a one off COMMUNITY DISCOUNT on purchases across our entire range, as well as FREE SUMMIT CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

PROMOTION INFORMATION

We are conducting a promotional Event from :
Thursday 19th November until Thursday 26th of November.

Exclusively for Castle Hill High School, Kathmandu will provide important information on correct fittings, sleeping bag options and choosing the correct footwear and technical information on clothing and apparel. This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about what is needed for up and coming camps and ensure you will be safe and comfortable for your adventures.

HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER

Simply present this flyer at the **Castle Towers, Castle Hill, Rouse Hill** stores on the above dates to redeem your FREE Summit Club membership and gain access to your community discount.

Terms and conditions

- * Offer only valid at our **Castle Towers, Castle Hill, Rouse Hill** stores on the above dates only.
- * Purchases are strictly for **Castle Hill High School Students and staff.**
- * Discount offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or sale discount.
- * Store management may revoke or restrict the offer at their discretion.

Kind regards,

Kathmandu Castle Towers, Castle Hill, Rouse Hill stores

Kathmandu Corporate Account Code



Remembrance Day

Castle Hill High School History faculty has a long tradition of marking Remembrance Day as a school community. Unfortunately this year, in order to maintain the safety of all, we will be unable to host our traditional ceremony. In lieu of this, I would like to share my reflections, as a representative of the History Faculty.

This has been an overwhelmingly confronting year for all Australians and the world. We have faced challenges we did not anticipate. We have been made to question our values and reaffirm our stance of commitment to each other and helping fellow Australians.

I can't help but imagine that the men and women who have given all for our nation would be proud of the community spirit shown this year. Each time a person checked on their neighbour, decided against buying the extra unneeded rolls of toilet paper and gave thanks for a government system that supports our vulnerable citizens, we reflected the community values our heroes fought for.

One afternoon, mid lockdown, after a long day of online teaching and home schooling, I made my family disconnect and go for a walk. I was taken aback by how politely the community moved on the pathways and waved to each other. It is such a simple act but was a wonderful reflection of our community. I had such a feeling of gratitude that we live in such a fantastic community, within such a wonderful nation. It is easy to take the 'Hills Life' for granted but on this afternoon I really did not want to be anywhere else in the world (and for a woman with an extreme case of travel bug that is a big statement). Our safe communities are no accident. They are a commitment to be inclusive, a commitment to be kind, a commitment to look after each other. This is the Australian spirit so many service men and women have given their lives to maintain.

At so many points this year we were amused by the notion that our generations greatest sacrifice was to sit at home and watch TV. I know it was not as simple as this, however, we have not been asked to the battle fields or to personally risk all in the pursuit of a safer world. Our sacrifice was small in the grand scheme of the generations before us. The same cannot be said for our current service women and men. They were the front line workers manning so many aspects of the lockdown and quarantine process. For this, I am very thankful. Our hotel quarantine system is the envy of the world and it is only possible with those frontline workers, including so many ADF members. It allowed me to return to doing the thing I love, teaching your children, face to face in a classroom!

ADF also kept us safe this year through bushfires and flooding. It is easy to forget that these men and women were the ones who sandbagged homes, cleared away fallen trees, provided medical help, supported other departments like the RFS and cared for burnt and injured wildlife. I can't imagine the Australian culture of mateship without their image being included.

For all current ADF members the Castle Hill High School community thank you.
For all past ADF members the Castle Hill High School community thank you.
For all those with a family history of ADF service the Castle Hill School community thank you.



To also show your respect, we ask that you take a minute's silence at 11am on November 11th to honour the sacrifices of so many men and women. Sincerely,

Mrs Katryce McKenna
Head Teacher History

News from CHHS Library

It is hard to believe that Christmas 2020 is almost upon us! I am sure that we are all aware, that this year has been particularly challenging and there are many families all over Australia doing it tough at the moment, including in our own city. To help out those in need, Castle Hill High School library is supporting the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal by running the food and gift drive again this year. We will be collecting food and gifts from Monday 9th November until Friday 27th of November so that the Salvation Army will have time to collect and prepare items for distribution to those in need at Christmas.

There will be a Christmas tree in the library to place unwrapped gifts and food, (see suggestions). Your contribution does not need to be large, just give what you can.



Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mathews- Teacher Librarians



Here are some items you might like to donate this Christmas.

Christmas items

- Puddings, cakes, mince pies, shortbread
- Long-life cream, custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolates, lollies)
- Table décor (bonbons, decorations, tablecloths, napkins)

Tinned foods

(Ring-pull tins only, please)

- Fruits in juice
- Vegetables
- Soups
- Meats or fish
- Meals (baked beans, spaghetti)

Meal bases

- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Rice
- Curry and stir-fry sauces
- Meal kits (Mexican, Asian)

Other

- Cereal
- Spreads
- Savoury biscuits
- Packet of jelly
- Liquid gravy
- Sugar
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk or juices
- Iced tea
- Baby food

Additional grocery items

- Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrush, toilet paper)
- Cleaning products (multipurpose cleaner, dish detergent, washing powder)
- Baby care (nappies, baby wipes)

For further information please get in touch with your regional Salvos representative.

GUIDELINES

- Where appropriate please ensure items have long expiry dates and are non-perishable.
- Supermarket gift vouchers make a great addition to food hampers, allowing the recipient to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables and meat at Christmas.
- Think Christmas: people will be receiving these packages as gifts. Buy brand-name products where possible, and include some special items to help people celebrate on Christmas Day.
- Pack your groceries into a washing basket, reusable shopping bag or laundry bucket that can be reused by the recipient.
- Consider providing choices that suit families with young children, people with allergies, the elderly or newcomers to Australia.
- Please donate all items as early as possible in December, or even in November to ensure that all food hampers and gifts are delivered to families by Christmas.

YOU CAN GIVE

HOPE
THE SALVATION ARMY
WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.

Food Ideas

Here are some gifts you might like to donate this Christmas.

Gift vouchers

We gratefully accept gift vouchers. They make great presents for teenagers and mean that a parent or guardian who is struggling doesn't miss out on the joy of purchasing a gift for their child.

- Movie gift cards
- Sporting store gift cards
- Shopping centre gift cards
- Electronic store gift cards
- Department store gift cards
- Hardware store gift cards
- Visa gift cards
- Netflix gift cards
- iTunes gift cards

Outdoor equipment

- Beach towels, sunglasses, body boards
- Netballs, footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, cricket sets
- Skateboards, scooters, helmets
- Camping equipment
- Bicycles
- Gym gear, sports towels

Activities

- Books
- Puzzles and board games
- Lego, Meccano, Mega Bloks
- Art and craft packs
- Stationery
- Science kits
- Toy cars
- Music instruments

Accessories

- Baseball caps
- Jewellery, hair clips, watches
- Make-up, perfume, aftershave, nail polish
- Backpacks, wallets, handbags

Electronics

- Netflix gift cards
- Console games (PlayStation, Xbox)
- Hair dryers, hair straighteners
- MP3 players, speakers
- Headphones
- Cameras

GUIDELINES

- Please only donate new items. Sadly, the gift you donate may be the only present someone receives this Christmas. We know Christmas isn't only about receiving gifts, but this is one way we can help families feel special. Your nearest Family Store or Salvos Store will gladly receive your good quality pre-loved gifts.
- We gratefully accept gift vouchers. They are ideal gifts for teenagers - and we are always short of gifts for teenagers - and also give a parent who is struggling the joy of purchasing a gift for their child's unique personality and interests.
- Please consider older age groups when donating gifts. Every year we are overwhelmed with gifts for younger children but always run out of gifts for teenagers and parents.
- Please do not wrap gifts. This allows parents the dignity of choosing gifts for their child from among the donations and also gives them the special experience of wrapping gifts for their child. Feel free to include some wrapping paper or a gift bag for parents to use.

Gift Ideas

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Uniform Shop News



Winter



Sports



Summer

OPENING HOURS TERM 4 2020

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY 8.15 TO 11.30AM

CHECK SKIRTS FOR GIRLS GOING INTO YEAR 11 2021 ARE AVAILABLE and can be worn in TERM 4.

THE BLOUSE IS THE SAME AS YEAR 10

BOYS May purchase BLUE SHORTS AND/ OR BLUE TROUSERS FOR YEAR 11 2021 AND CAN BE WORN IN TERM 4.

The SHIRT is the same as YEAR 10

Some smaller sizes in BOYS BLUE SHORTS will be available in a few weeks. The stock we were sent was incorrect and had to be returned and remade.

GIRLS IN YEARS 7-9 NEED A SUMMER DRESS.

BOYS SHORTS OR TROUSERS IN GREY AND THE SAME SHIRT.

ONLINE ORDERS

Available to pick up at Recess on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Margaret Pritchard

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN – SUMMER MENU 2021

ROLLS & WRAPS	
½ wrap - Ham Cheese & Salad	\$3.50
½ wrap - Chicken Avocado & Rocket	\$3.50
½ wrap - Salad	\$3.00
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo Roll	\$4.20
Salad Roll	\$3.70
Buttered Roll	\$1.00
Unbuttered Roll	\$0.80
SANDWICHES (White/Wholemeal/Multigrain)	
Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Leg Ham	\$3.00
Chicken	\$3.50
Salad (lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cucumber, carrot)	\$3.50
Tuna & Lettuce	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Egg / Curried Egg	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Ham and Cheese	\$2.50
RICE PAPER ROLLS: (Beef/ Chicken/ Vegetarian/ Tuna / Prawn)	\$3.50
SUSHI ROLLS: (Chicken/ Beef/ Vegetarian/Tuna/ Salmon (\$4))	\$3.50
BREAKFAST – from 8.15am	
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Cheese Toastie	\$2.00
Toasted Banana bread (Full) /Half	\$1.50
Raisin Toast – per slice	\$1.00
Toast and Vegemite – per slice	\$0.50
Smoothies – Berry / Mango	\$3.00
SALADS / FRUIT	
Seasonal fresh fruit	\$1.00
Watermelon Tub	\$2.00
Fruit Salad Tub	\$3.00
Frozen Fruit	\$1.00
Bespoke Salads (order only). Various ingredients listed on Flexischools. Prices vary according to selection.	varies
Green Mixed Salad	\$4.50
Caesar Salad	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Vegan Bowl (Salad, Pumpkin, Pepitas, Black Bean, Sweetcorn, Sauerkraut)	\$5.00
Chicken Pasta Salad w Salsa Verde	\$5.50
MILK	
Ice Break Coffee 500ml	\$3.50
500ml Large Milk (Chocolate / Strawberry)	\$3.50
300ml Oak (Chocolate / Strawberry / Coffee/Vanilla)	\$2.00
250ml Up & Go (Choc / Strawberry /Vanilla)	\$2.00
Plain Milk 600ml	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.00
ICE CREAMS	
Paddlepop Shaky Shake (Chocolate)	\$2.50
Juicies (Tropical / Wild Berry)	\$1.00
Coconut Juicies (Mango/Strawberry)	\$1.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt ` (Vanilla & Choc/Strawberry)	\$2.50
Paddlepop (Chocolate / Rainbow)	\$2.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cups	\$1.50
Paddlepop Icy Twist	\$1.50
Sorbet in Fruit Shell	\$3.00
Quelch Fruit Juice Stick	\$0.50

HOT FOOD	
Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Classic Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Chicken nuggets includes sauce	\$3.00
Four-N-Twenty Traveller Pie (Pepper)	\$3.50
Mrs Mac Pie (Beef)	\$3.50
Mrs Mac Potato Top Pie	\$4.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$3.50
Pork Dumplings with Soy Sauce (x4)	\$3.00
Hot Cheese Roll	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Garlic Bread (small)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread (large)	\$2.50
Lasagne	\$4.50
Cheese Toastie	\$2.00
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$2.50
Vegetable Pastie	\$3.50
Sauce sachet (Tomato or BBQ)	\$0.20
DRINKS	
Pump Water 750ml (Plain)	\$3.00
Flavored Pump Water 750ml (Lime/ Lemon)	\$3.00
Water 600ml	\$2.00
Nippys Fruit Juice 250ml (Orange/Apple/Tropical/B/currant)	\$2.00
Iced Tea (Peach/ Mango/ Lemon)	\$3.00
Glee (Bubblegum/ Raspberry/ Blackcurrant/ Tropical)	\$2.00
Nippys Fresh Juice 450ml (Apple / Orange)	\$3.50
Waterfoods Lite & Fruity Sparkling Water	\$2.50
EXTRAS	
Chips (Honey Soy, Sea Salt, Salt & Vinegar)	\$1.50
Plain Popcorn 20g	\$1.30
Mamee Rice Sticks (Cheese)	\$1.00
Mamee Noodle Snacks (Chicken)	\$1.00
Piranha Vege Crackers (BBQ or Honey Soy)	\$1.00
Delites (Salt and Vinegar, Sour Cream and Chives)	\$1.00
Eucalyptus Drops 25g	\$1.00
Crispy Fruits (Mango, Pineapple, Apple, Strawberry)	\$1.50
Chocolate Mousse	\$1.00
Finger Buns	\$2.50
Homemade Choc-Chip Cookie	\$1.00
Homemade Raisin Cookie	\$1.00

Daily Specials

Mon: Pasta Bolognese	\$5.00
Tue: Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap	\$5.00
Wed: Beef Sliders w Relish	\$5.00
Thu: Japanese Chicken Curry w Rice	\$5.00
Fri: Nachos	\$5.00

**GLUTEN FREE MENU
AVAILABLE
ORDER ONLY**

Calendar

Week 5B

Monday 9th November
Tuesday 10th November
Wednesday 11th November
Thursday 12th November
Friday 13th November

Year 7 Exam Week
HSC Written Examinations conclude

Year 12 Clearance Day

Week 6A

Monday 16th November
Tuesday 17th November
Wednesday 18th November
Thursday 19th November
Friday 20th November

Year 10—My strengths wellbeing seminar Day 1
Year 10—My strengths wellbeing seminar Day 2
P&C Meeting

Week 7B

Monday 23rd November
Tuesday 24th November
Wednesday 25th November
Thursday 26th November
Friday 27th November

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