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Principal's Message

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Castle Towers Shopping Centre

The school works with businesses and staff at Castle Towers to resolve any issues that arise. Often the Deputy Principals can be seen walking around on a Thursday morning monitoring student behaviour. Generally, student behaviour is exemplary as students are eating breakfast and chatting with friends. Unfortunately, after a number of reoccurring issues throughout the year with a small number of our students, Coles at Castle Towers will no longer allow students dressed in Castle Hill High School uniform to enter the shop without a parent present including before and after school.

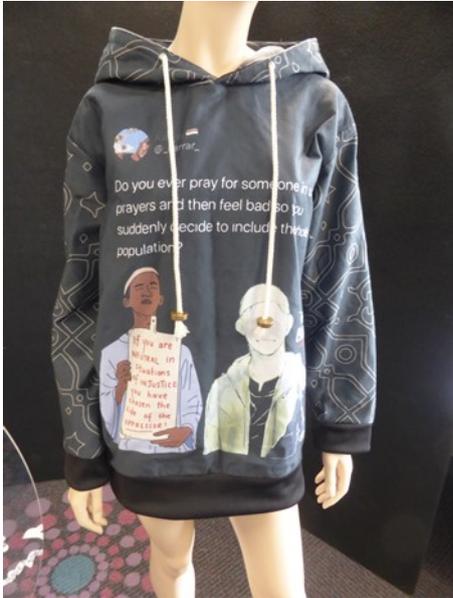
Orientation Day

On Tuesday 1 December, we had the pleasure of welcoming 320 Year 6 students who are enrolled to attend our school next year. Due to COVID, the Orientation Day had a new look as the school ran three different sessions to enable us to split the cohort into 3 smaller groups. Students were taken on a virtual tour of the school to find out what would happen in 2021. Expectant and excited, they had a terrific time meeting their Deputy Principal, Ms Jennifer Dane, Year Advisers, Mrs Courtney Tuala and Ms Jodie Llamas, Ms Karen Street Head Teacher Stage 4 & 5 and their peer support leaders who will mentor them next year. (More Pictures on page 4)



Year 12 Major Work Nominations

Suniyah Whale has been nominated for possible inclusion in Shape 2020 which is an annual exhibition of Design and Technology Projects.



Liesl Friis has been nominated for possible inclusion in Textstyle, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Textiles Projects.



Both projects if selected will be on exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum of Applied Arts and Science, Sydney from 26 February to 9 May 2021.

Presentation Assemblies

Our annual Presentation Evening recognises the achievement of students across the school in a variety of areas. Unfortunately, this year it has necessarily been replaced with stage Presentation Assemblies to comply with COVID restrictions.

- Stage 6 – Thursday 10th December (Year 11 & 12)
- Stage 5 – Friday 11th December (Year 9 & 10)
- Stage 4 – Monday 14th December (Year 7 & 8)

To continue to include the school community in celebrating our student's efforts, successes and achievements, a live stream will be available to parents each day. An email will be sent out at approximately 10:45am for an 11 o'clock start on each day.

Reports

Teachers and administrative staff are just finalising reports which will be available online in the coming weeks. The Year 7 through to Year 10 reports will be published on the parent portal on Monday 14 December.

If you need any assistance in accessing the report on Sentral, please contact the school via email.

2021 Planning

The construction of a school timetable for 2000 students and 130 staff is an extremely complex task which takes a huge amount of time and effort while considering the constraints such as access to speciality rooms. The welfare team collects and uses student information to construct new classes for next year. This is a timely process which considers the needs of all students in terms of learning and support for their learning. In this process we consider the impact and / or distractions that friends have on the learning process which can be seen through report comments on your child's yearly report. Please expect significant changes to classes for 2021 and support the school's planning with your child by encouraging the focus on learning and they will be able to continue their friendships in the playground during recess and lunch.

Uniform

During the school holidays the uniform shop will be open to parents and students for purchase of school uniforms. Please refer to the summer school uniform requirements as published on the website when making uniform purchases. Please note that the additional layers used in winter for warmth such as the white undershirt or non-uniform jumper are not part of the summer uniform. Continuing COVID restrictions means that social distancing will continue to be enforced and you may need to queue outside the shop, thank you in advanced for your patience.

Students are required to wear black leather school shoes as part of the Department's Work Health and Safety requirements. In a school environment, there are many speciality rooms which pose potential hazards which is the reason students are expected to wear black leather school shoes to protect their feet. If your child requires a new pair of school shoes over the holidays please make sure they are appropriate.

Relieving Principal
Diana King

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 1 2021

During January School Holidays

Tuesday 19 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Wednesday 20 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Thursday 21 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Friday 22 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Monday 25 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Wednesday 27 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm
Thursday 28 January 2021	10:00am – 12:30pm

Week 1 Term 1 2021

Friday 29 January 2021	8.15am – 11.30am
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Weeks 2 – 10

Tuesday and Friday	8.15am – 11.30am
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Orientation Day Photos



Inspiration Artist

Guy Warren has inspired many artists with his inventive and curious approach to the landscape and human form. An Archibald Prize winner, educator and respected painter, his contribution to Australia's visual culture has been enormous.

He visited Castle Hill High School, and spoke with students about his life, philosophies and his artistic practice. Students were engaged and in awe of a man who is not only talented but witty, nurturing and intelligent. As an audience we sat and listened, trying to fathom the timeline of a life of achievement spanning 100 years.

Warren spoke with eloquence and a humble knowing of life experience. He brought along some of his Visual Arts diaries, some from the 90s, (he has Visual Arts diaries dating back to the 1930s) to show students that no matter your age or level of expertise, creating a record of practice and engaging in experimentation is paramount for growth and cultivating ideas. He spoke for two hours and at length about the experience of being an artist and answered student questions; offering insightful advice, promoting intellectual risk-taking and resilience.

Whilst walking through the school gallery he joked that he should just give up his profession now, congratulating students on their level of skill. His comments about the students and their work formed a glowing review.

This was truly a rewarding experience for all involved and it is beyond words in which we remember the day.



My Story

The series of events that lead me to a full-time position here at Castle Hill High School still feel like a fluke. I remember finally being able to apply for casual teaching positions at the tail end of my degree, printing off one resume for each high school within a 30-minute drive from where I lived. Castle Hill was the second on my list, and I just missed Ms Kenna, the person who was eventually responsible for giving me a chance. I was 30 seconds into my drive home before she called me and asked me to come back for a short interview. This turned into being booked into my first as a casual, teaching PE and food technology.

Shortly after, I was asked to come back, but this time for a 4-week stint in place of a science teacher. As soon as this placement finished, I was asked again if I would like a longer contract – this time for a whole year! I couldn't believe my luck, as I knew of teachers who spent years in casual roles before something semi-permanent came around. This one-year contract eventually turned into a permanent position after a successful application and interview, and I am still incredibly grateful for the staff and colleagues who guided me through this process.

I've always enjoyed two things: working with young people and science. It took a while before I realised that science teaching was the right job to combine these two passions, but the clues were there now that I look back. When I was in high school I volunteered in places of leadership for various youth programs, and once I left school I worked for 5 years in before and after school care, increasing in my capacity to interact, engage and manage students. I was a high achiever in high school, and jumped straight into a chemical engineering degree as soon as I could. After one year I knew it wasn't for me, but didn't know where to channel my interest in science.

A few people (family and ex-bosses) told me, independently of one another, that they thought I would make a great teacher. So, after a couple of years enjoying life in a heavy metal band, I enrolled in a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Secondary Education (Science) at Macquarie University. There I discovered through placement and job opportunities tutoring first and second year students that teaching was definitely the right calling for me.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first 2 years at Castle Hill High School and I can't thank both the students and staff for how welcoming they have been of me. I am aware of how fortunate I have been in my professional career thus far, and I am looking forward to continuing to grow here.

Jackson Grace



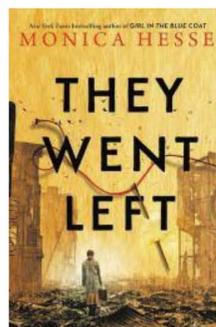
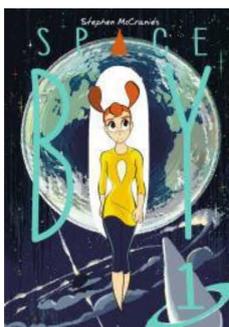
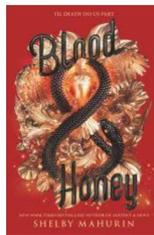
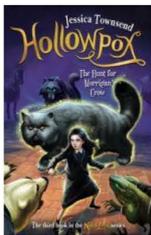
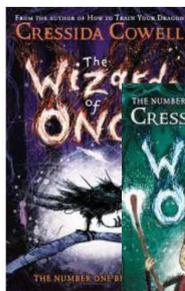
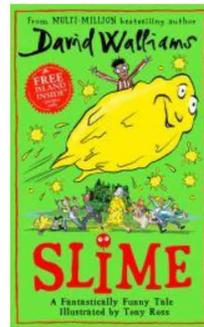
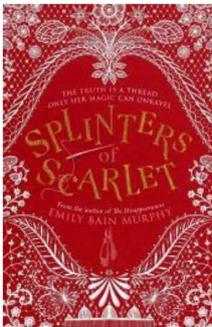
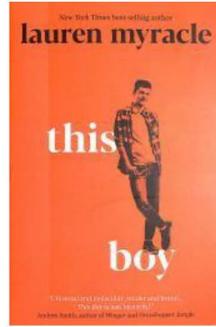
Early Leavers



We all know how busy this time of year can be so if you are taking your child home early or arriving late please make sure you send them in with a note dated, timed and signed by a parent. They can use this note to get out of class and sign themselves out at the attendance office.



BOOKS in the Library



P&C News

We are hiring!

The P&C is looking for an individual for the role of Business Manager. This role is responsible for leading, managing and coaching a team of employees and volunteers, whilst being responsible for the effective and efficient operational management of the P&C canteen and uniform shop. Applicants will possess the following skills, experience and qualifications:

- demonstrated prior experience in staff management, policy development, compliance management and financial management;
- demonstrated ability to lead performance through setting clear direction and expectations, provide support and feedback and monitor ongoing performance;
- demonstrated experience in running a service including responsibility for service performance, operational and budget management;
- a proven ability to work within and build effective teams, develop culture and build relationships and strategic partnerships with stakeholders including key government, non-government and community partners;
- capacity to assess and manage risk, problem solve and be able to negotiate successful outcomes in potentially challenging circumstances;
- demonstrated ability to conduct analysis and provide advice in relation to responding to external environmental factors, business improvement and service innovation;
- highly developed verbal, written, interpersonal and negotiation skills to effectively communicate, liaise with and influence stakeholders;
- a valid (or able to obtain before commencing work) Working with Children Check - Blue Card;
- strong computer literacy in MS Suite of programs and accounting software;

Application for the position can be made [here](#).

The P&C is also in need of more staff for the canteen and uniform shop which provide precious services to our growing school. We are reaching out to the parents of CHHS students first with the opportunity to engage in a position that fits within school hours.

If you are interested in becoming an employee of the P&C in 2021, please send an email to castlehillhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au with your CV and the days/hours you are available to be a part of our established workforce.

The canteen operates Monday-Friday with working hours between 7am-3pm. These hours are set into shifts, on average 3-6 hours per day, depending on availability.

The uniform shop is currently open to students on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8am-11:30. Additional days are scheduled throughout the year in line with seasonal changes and student intake periods. All P&C positions offer flexible working hours during the school days as well as discounted food! What's not to love?!

We are looking to add to our team prior to 22/01/2021 for a start in Term 1. If you have any questions, please direct your queries to castlehillhighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au and one of our amazing volunteer board members will assist. We will revert to expressions of interest with interview dates and times that are TBD but likely to be in January - we hope you are all busy making family holiday plans with the opening of borders!

Liga Hegner (President) & Victoria Larson -George (Treasurer)

Uniform Shop News



Winter



Sports



Summer

OPENING HOURS FOR REST OF TERM 4 2020.

TUESDAY
8.15 TO 11.30

FRIDAY
8.15 TO 11.30

Items purchased have a 60-day return policy. Please keep the dockets so, the date of purchase is available.

Coming Soon: New navy sloppy joes available in 2021.
Margaret Pritchard

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Calendar

Week 9B

Monday 7th December
 Tuesday 8th December
 Wednesday 9th December
 Thursday 10th December HSC Business Studies Task (Before School)
 Stage 6 Presentation Assembly (Hall—Students Only) yr 11 & 12
 Friday 11th December Stage 5 Presentation Assembly (Hall-Students Only) yr 9 & 10

Week 10A

Monday 14th December Stage 4 Presentation Assembly (Hall– Students Only) yr 7 & 8
 Tuesday 15th December
 Wednesday 16th December LAST DAY TERM 4 for Students 2020
 Thursday 17th December
 Friday 18th December LAST DAY TERM 4 for Staff 2020

Term 1 Week 1A 2021

Monday 25th January	Holidays
Tuesday 26th January	Australia Day (Public Holiday)
Wednesday 27th January	School Development Day (Staff Only)
Thursday 28th January	School Development Day (Staff Only)
Friday 29th January	School resumes for students in year 7, 11 & 12

Term 1 Week 2B 2021

Monday 1st February	School resumes for students in all years
Tuesday 2nd February	2020 HSC High achievers assembly
Wednesday 3rd February	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 4th February	Year 7 Camp
Friday 5th February	Year 7 Camp