



## Volume 11— 28th August 2020

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### Principal's Message

#### Special points of interest:

- Debating
- Library Books
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- P&C News

#### Year 12 activities at the end of term 3

While it has been challenging for the school and Year 12 to manage the many changes that are required for large events to occur during COVID, I am pleased to advise that the school has found solutions, based on guidelines from NSW Health and the Department of Education so that we can acknowledge our wonderful Year 12 students at the Graduation Ceremony, the Farewell Assembly and the Formal.

I have advised parents and students previously about changes via email, but to summarise:

- **The Year 12 Formal** has been rescheduled to Thursday 17 December at Oatlands House, Dundas. We are hoping that this new date will see a reduction of COVID restrictions so that all will be able to celebrate in style and comfort. Our fingers are crossed.
- **The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony** will be held on its designated date and time on Thursday 24 September in the school hall and will be for Year 12 students only. A video will be made professionally at a cost to the school and will be distributed to each student for families to enjoy at a later time. In addition, I am pleased to announce that we will be livestreaming the event so that parents and friends can view the proceedings live. Ironically, more people than usual will be able to see the graduation live as normally we are restricted to two guests per student only.
- **The Farewell Assembly** will be on its designated date and time in the school Hall on Wednesday 23 September and will be for Year 12 only. We will organise a Year 12 parade around the school after the event so that students in classes can wave and clap goodbye. Snippets of speeches and skits from the Farewell Assembly will be broadcast to classrooms for viewing by the whole school population.



## Updated information on COVID

This is a moveable feast so we need to be alert and nimble with plans to accommodate the many changes. As I write, COVID infections are becoming increasingly localised at schools relatively nearby. The following reminds us all to do the right thing.

- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents are reminded not to send their children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mild flu or cold symptoms. The school will make arrangements for students who present as unwell to be sent home.
- Students who have been absent due to flu or cold-like symptoms are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID test and are symptom free
- The school must sight the negative COVID test results before students can return to school
- In addition to the above:
- Parents, carers and other non essential visitors are not permitted on the school site without an appointment
- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort groups for all learning activities. Due to this recent new requirement, the school has temporarily abandoned its PC groups (mixed year groups) and used PC time to extend lessons throughout the day
- All camps and excursions are not permitted and are on hold
- Activities like Showcase which would have been held on the evening of Wednesday 26 August have obviously been cancelled.

In the meantime, we are all working hard to appropriately practise social distancing (in our circumstance), undertake regular use of sanitisers (several additional sanitiser stations have been purchased for use around the school) and the use of masks, while optional, is supported.

## Write a Book!

I'm delighted to inform you that 58 students from Year 8 – 12 participated in the annual Write A Book Day on Friday 28th August, hosted by our two terrific librarians Ms Roberts and Ms Mathews.

As in past years, the day was a great opportunity for students to engage in their passion of writing with kindred souls across the school.

## Debating goes on

Many things have stopped, but again, due to some perseverance and ingenuity, I'm delighted to say that interschool debating goes on. Of course, it was via zoom but apparently all done in a spirit of healthy competition in the robust art of argument and refutation. A report appears later in this edition of Drawbridge. Many thanks go to Ms Anita Cassidy from the English Faculty.

## Chasing Chasers

There is a new game show starting on Channel 7 in early September called Beat the Chaser. You may see a familiar face – one of our own - and trivia nut, someone who has already triumphed in Mastermind. Watch out on the evening of Tuesday 8 September!

Vicki Brewer

# Debating

## Zooming On - Debating and Public Speaking 2020

It was all off and then...

Students from Years 7 through to 11 have once again had the chance to participate in *The Premier's Debating Challenge* via the interactive world that is Zoom.

With so many other cancellations, the enthusiasm has been high, to say the least.

The Debating results so far are:

Year 11 - Tara Adamsons, Zac Fairnham, Trinity Loader and O'Felia Zhao won their first round debate against Turramurra High and will proceed to the next round.

Year 10 - Dominique Martin, Emilia Pang, Priya Patel and Jemma Ryan will proceed to the repechage round against Taree High next week.

Year 9 - Amalia Betts, Alisha Pillay, Nirvana Shah and Ananya Sharma won their first round debate against Hunters Hill High and will proceed to the next round against Crestwood High.

Year 7 and 8 debated each other so Castle Hill was the winner on the day! Both teams will now proceed to Round 2 and 3 where they will debate Crestwood High and James Ruse High in future rounds.

All in all, an admirable commitment and a great start to this (late) season and they will all now "Zoom on" to fight another day!

Meanwhile, Alina Asad and Jessica Dommersen of Year 10 were successful at audition and entered their speeches into *The Plain English Speaking Award* via video submission and both students received favourable feedback on their well written and well presented speeches.

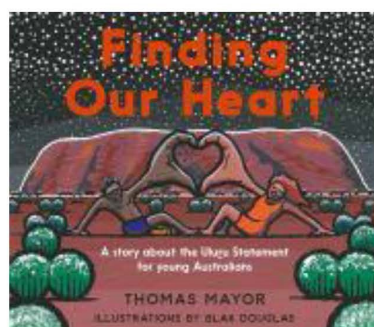
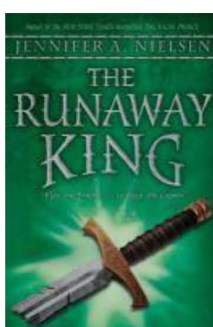
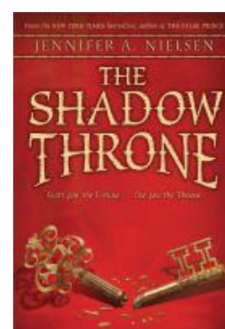
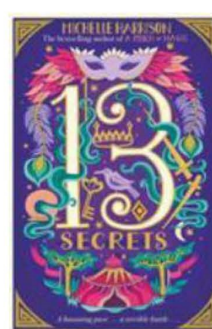
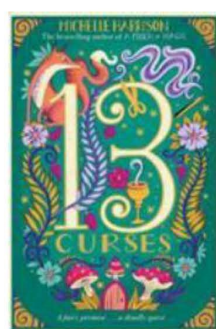
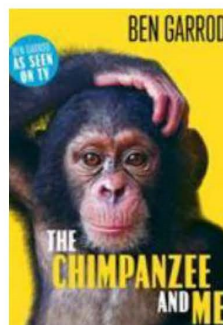
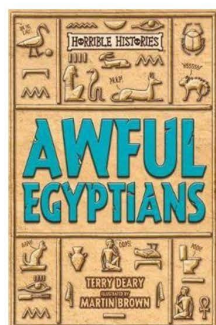
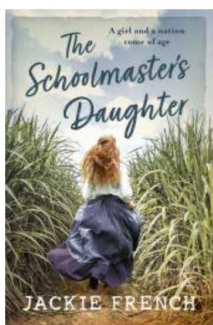
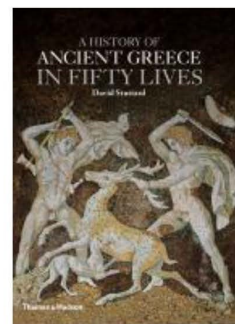
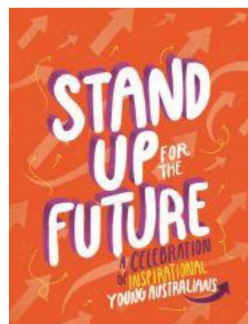
Next up is *The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award* where Sria Gurie and Diya Shah of Year 9 will participate, once again, in the online world.

I would like to thank all students for their continuing commitment and support. It is a pleasure to give them the opportunity to speak on important issues and I am always so impressed by their intelligence and confidence!

Ms Anita Cassidy



# NEW! BOOKS in the Library





# IMMUNISATION CLINIC

**FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

The third and final immunisation clinic at Castle Hill High School will be held on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

At this clinic **Year 7 students** will receive their second dose of the HPV vaccine, as well as any vaccinations missed at previous clinics. A small number of **year 8 students** will also receive catch up vaccinations.

Any **Year 10 student** who did not receive the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination at the June Immunisation clinic, and would like to receive it at this next clinic on Friday 18th September, please see Mrs Heinrich in the library for a consent form ASAP. Consent forms must be returned by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> **September**.

Wendy Heinrich

# Uniform...Uniform...Uniform

We have seen an increase in students borrowing emergency uniforms. Parents could you please review your child's uniform pieces and have them return the borrowed items. These will have CHHS in black texta on the tag.

We have also had a lot of lost property handed in, and there are no names on the items. Could you please ensure that names are put on your child's clothing so we can return them.

If you have any uniform items you would like to donate to the emergency pool, these would gladly be accepted at the Payments Office.

Your assistance is appreciated.

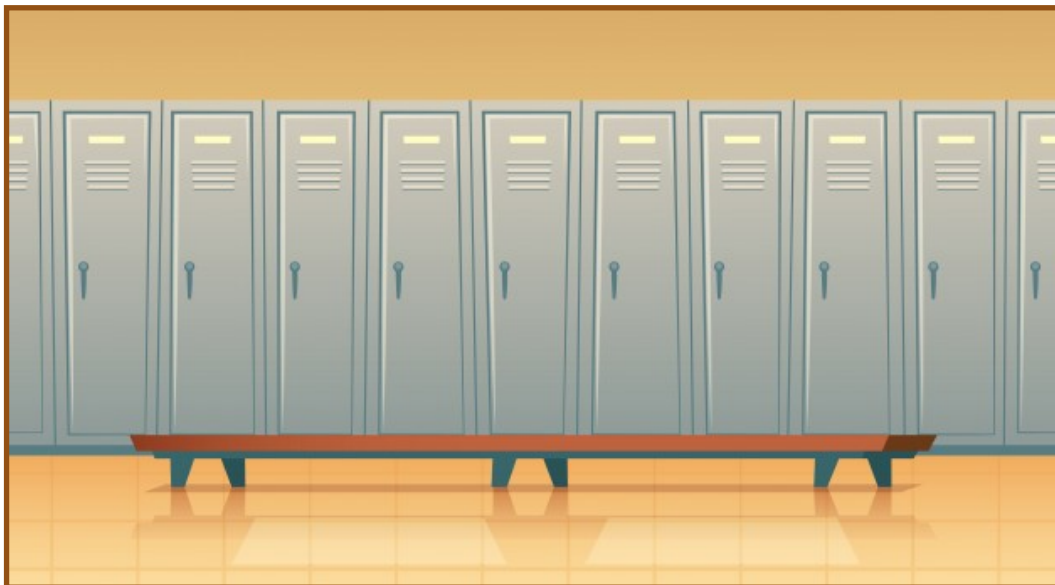
# Year 12

## Do you have a locker???

It is time to start thinking about clearing it out and returning your key/lock to the Payments Office.

All lockers are to be emptied and key/lock returned by Wednesday 23rd September. If you wish to transfer the locker to a sibling, please advise the Payments office to transfer ownership.

Your assistance with this is appreciated.



## Day 1: Write A Book In A Day (WABIAD) 2020 in the Library

Today is the first day of WABIAD 2020 at CHHS in the Library. Today, 7 teams of 10 students will work all day to write a book of 4000 words and create illustrations for every page. Teams have hit the ground running at this morning have planned and started creating their book. They are all on track to have a great day of creativity, problem solving, hard work and fun.



The Disciples of the United Memembership of the  
Brotherhood (D.U.M.B.)



Testidumes Infantes (Little Turtles)



The Disorganised Group



Team 14



The Pencil Samurai's



The Dream Meme Team



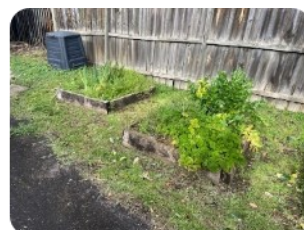
## P&C News

Happy SASS week!

The P&C community would like to say thank you to all the administrative and support staff. You are such a vital asset to the school and we greatly value you and are very appreciative of everything you do for the parents and students of our school.



Our canteen vegetable garden needs a bit of a zhuzh. Please let me know if you can lend a hand at all.



Liga Hegner  
President

## Uniform Shop News



*Winter*



*Sports*



*Summer*

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS TERM 3

TUESDAY 8.15-11.30AM

FRIDAY 8.15-11.30AM

CHECK SKIRTS FOR GIRLS going into year 11 in 2021 are available and can be worn in TERM 4

The blouse is the same as Year 10.

BOYS MAY PURCHASE BLUE SHORTS AND BLUE TROUSERS FOR YEAR 11 AND CAN BE WORN IN TERM 4.

THE SHIRT IS THE SAME AS YEAR 10.

GIRLS IN YEARS 7-9 NEED A SUMMER DRESS

BOYS SHORTS AND SHIRT or Long Trousers in Grey

Orders are available to pick up at Recess on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Margaret Pritchard

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

# Calendar

## Week 7 B

Monday 31st August

Textile and Design Projects NESA Due  
HSC Textiles & Design Major Project Incursion Day

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Write a Book in a Day

## Week 8A

Monday 7th September

Music Submitted works to NESA Due  
Music 1 HSC Performance sound check day

Tuesday 8th September

Celebration Assemblies  
Music 1 HSC Performance

Wednesday 9th September

P&C Meeting

Thursday 10th September

D&T Major Project NESA

Friday 11th September

## Week 9B

Monday 14th September

Year 11 Yearly Exams (All Week)

Tuesday 15th September

Visual Arts HSC DUE

Wednesday 16th September

Year 12 VA Evening

Thursday 17th September

Year 12 Meeting (Gym)

Friday 18th September

Year 7 Vaccinations