Congratulations – Drama in the spotlight

Congratulations to Demi McFarlane and Laura McInnes of Year 11 who have successfully auditioned for the 2014 NSW Public Schools Senior Drama Ensemble, a select group of talented student actors across the state. This group meets weekly at Lewisham throughout the school year to work with specialist tutors from the performing arts industry and will perform at different, high profile events throughout the year. This is a well sought after and prestigious achievement, one that will serve both Demi and Laura well in their creative work in and out of school.
As a consequence, if a student is seen at school with one of these drinks, the offending article will be confiscated. I hope the community is able to understand the importance of this measure as a way of assisting students with an important health and well-being issue.

In the meantime, let’s pave the way and all stop buying these things.

Postscript: I’m pleased to report that the young student is fine now, much wiser, as are all of us, after the event.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 from 13 – 15 May, 2014.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing Task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative writing prompt. However the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Essential Secondary Science Assessment - ESSA

The Science faculty at Castle Hill High School are a dynamic, highly focused group who take pride in their work and achievements. The ESSA results are again reflective of their hard work. Data for students in Year 8 who sat the test in 2013 have recently been published with outstanding results for the school. In particular, the extended response section showed our mean above that of the state and region (Northern Sydney is the highest performing region in the state) and reflects the work the Science faculty has been doing of late on higher order thinking skills in addressing short and extended response. Congratulations to all.

Vicki Brewer
Some of the boys in the mentoring group went to Woolloomooloo to provide food for the homeless with Mr Kerrigan, Mr Warren and also Mr Watson. Mr Kerrigan reminded the boys that it would be a very powerful experience and it would make the boys more appreciative of what they have. The boys left early Sunday morning on the mini bus and arrived at 8.15am. All the boys buddied up and were doing different roles to help distribute the food. On Monday morning the boys shared their experiences with the class and explained what their roles were. This experience allowed the boys to help others less fortunate than themselves and appreciate what they have.

Report written by Dayne Baker
On Monday 10 March we travelled up to Glenbrook to play in the Open Girls Water Polo Gala Day.

Our team was decimated in the week before the competition. Five of our most experienced players dropped out in the last few days. Our team went from possible regional champions (we were regional champions in the 15’s competition last term), to a team of just nine girls, where a full team is thirteen.

We played three games with just two reserves.

1. Drew with Kingswood 2 - 2
2. Lost to Blaxland 2 - 8
3. Defeated Erskine Park 6 - 1

Every player put in a fine effort against some very strong teams. We may not have won on points, but we won on attitude.

We said farewell to Anna, Soo and Shivani who have played almost every comp since Year 7.

Thank you for your great sporting commitment.

Final standings:
1. Blaxland 12
2. Hills Sports 12
3. Winnmalee 9
4. Penrith 9
5. Castle Hill 8
6. Kingswood 8
7. Nepean 5
8. Greystanes 5
9. Erskine Park 4

Blaxland were regional champions, going to the state carnival in April.

Our goal scorers were:

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Team:
Maiya Arthur, Breanna Brock, Samantha Carey (goals), Rachel Hogan, Soo Hwang, Taylor Pedler, Anna Relyea, Shivani Shah, Shannon Williams (goals).

T. Gainey - coach
Year 11 Biology Field Trip

On Thursday 20 March, Mr.Rodi and Mrs.Randall took their Year 11 Biology students on an excursion to ‘The Field of Mars’ Environmental Education Centre. This excursion included a day of fieldwork activities based on two ecosystems; sclerophyll woodland and mangrove. Students planned and performed practical investigations on the distribution of plants along a transect in sclerophyll woodland and relative abundance of crab species in mangroves using quadrats. As part of their investigation students also measured some of the abiotic factors in these areas and related them to distribution. They also went on a bushwalk to observe and infer the adaptations of plants and animals and recorded examples of interactions between organisms in these ecosystems. After the excursion students completed a Field Report which was their first assessment task of their preliminary studies.

Chess News

In one of the most testing of chess competitions undertaken in a tournament in recent years at Castle Hill High, the exciting and dramatic games played over the last few weeks have developed into an extremely close competition fought more between the enemies of the State, Anton Narkovtzev, Shaalv Ram, Jason Xu and Lucus Yeo, rather than friendly banter between chess companions. In this tournament the students do not give ground as they play each game with deep concentration, determination and in a competitive manner, while at the same time express their enjoyment in being a participant. Other players include Allistair Butler, Oscar Ford, Joshua Hall, Ryan Nicol, Darnell Pose, Ibrahim Qureshi, Joel Randell, Alex Ray and Ishaan Singh who have won various games and have a variety of points after the leaders.

In our Interschool schools tournament five students, including one reserve player, have been chosen to represent Castle Hill High in the forthcoming NSW Junior School Competition, which begins early next term. This tournament is organised by the NSW Junior Chess Association and competitors will be representing schools from not only our local area but from throughout the whole of NSW. It is an open tournament for students representing schools in both the Government and Private sectors of Education. We can only wish our students good luck in the coming games which will be held during alternate weeks, either home or away on Fridays after school in Term 2.

Mr D Singer
Chess Coordinator
Update from HSIE

Term 1 is drawing to a close amidst many research assignments and assessment tasks. However, Year 11 Geography and Ancient History students have managed to experience some extra fun in their learning outside of the classroom.

On 14 March, Year 11 Geography students participated in their first external fieldwork activity at Towra Point wetlands towards the southern end of Botany Bay. The class was introduced to a variety of ecosystems within the wetland environment: mangroves, seagrass beds, mudflats and salt marshes. The day was focused on interactive learning and included the use of equipment such as stereoscopes to analyse satellite images of wetland areas around Australia; compasses to ascertain direction and bearings of key places and environments around Botany Bay; thermometers and refractometers to determine air and water temperature, and the density of salt in the water at Towra Point; sieves, scoops and nets to collect and identify species of plants and animals to determine biodiversity levels in the wetland area; and observational skills with field notes to capture our learning for the day.

We were chased by soldier crabs, deafened by the low-flying aeroplanes (we were on the direct flight path to the runway at Sydney Airport), shocked by an electric ray, covered in water, silt and mud from the mangroves and mudflats, and entertained by the variety of species living in the seagrass beds, and perhaps a little overheated by the sun. I think everyone had an enjoyable and memorable day. (Photo on next page)

I would like to thank Mr Peter Saundercock for driving us in the school bus. I would also like to congratulate my Year 11 Geography class for their excellent behaviour throughout the day and the enthusiasm with which they engaged with all the tasks.

This week, Year 11 Ancient History students are off to the Museum of Ancient Cultures at Macquarie University. The HSIE faculty are looking forward to hearing the stories from students about the hands-on experience of handling Museum artefacts and analysing them in response to course content. Thank you to Ms Divola and Ms Branagh for organising this additional learning experience for their students.

As mentioned in previous issues of Drawbridge, the HSIE classrooms are gradually being ‘decorated’ throughout the term with student work, maps and informative posters so students can become immersed in their learning term and teachers have a handy reference point to illustrate examples. Recently, Ms Divola’s History oriented classroom (A15) and Ms O’Brien’s Geography and Business Studies focused classroom (P8) were profiled. This week, my Geography centred classrooms in A Block (A11 and A14) are shown below.

Ms Susan Caldis
Head Teacher  HSIE
Year 11 Fieldtrip to the wetland ecosystems of Botany Bay (14 March 2014)

The beginning

About to measure temperature and salt density

Mangroves

Pneumatophores

The stereoscope
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

JUNIOR GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM
All stock is available.

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OPENING HOURS TERM 1
Monday and Friday 8.15am – 11.30am

OPENING HOURS TERM 2

Week 1
Monday 28 April 8am—11.30am
Tuesday 29 April 8.15am—11.30am
Friday 2 May 8.15am—11.30am

Weeks 2-9
Monday and Friday 8.15am—11.30am
## CALENDAR

### Term 1 2014

#### Week 11B

- **Monday 7 April**  
  - Year 12 Examinations  
  - CHS Swimming  
  - Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement  
  - Year 10 GATS Task

- **Tuesday 8 April**  
  - Year 12 Examinations  
  - CHS Swimming  
  - Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement  
  - Work Experience Workshop

- **Wednesday 9 April**  
  - Year 12 Examinations  
  - Celebration Assembly Years 7-10  
  - Year 10 GATS Task  
  - Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement

- **Thursday 10 April**  
  - Year 12 Examinations  
  - Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement  
  - Year 9 PASS Bronze Medallion Testing  
  - Concert Band Primary Performance Day

- **Friday 11 April**  
  - Year 12 Examinations  
  - Open Girls’ Basketball 7am Penrith  
  - Year 11 VET Hospitality Work Placement  
  - Last Day Term 1

### Term 2 2014

#### Week 1A

- **Monday 28 April**  
  - Staff Development Day

- **Tuesday 29 April**  
  - Students Resume  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 10 Work Experience Workshop

- **Wednesday 30 April**  
  - Assembly Years 7-12  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional

- **Thursday 1 May**  
  - Australian Defence Force Recruiting – Careers  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional

- **Friday 2 May**  
  - Year 12 Riverside Drama Excursion 11am  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 12 Riverside Drama Excursion

- **Saturday 3 May**  
  - Relay for Life

#### Week 2B

- **Monday 5 May**  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 8 Examinations – In Class

- **Tuesday 6 May**  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 8 Examinations – In Class

- **Wednesday 7 May**  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 8 Examinations – In Class  
  - Zone Cross Country

- **Thursday 8 May**  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 8 Examinations – In Class

- **Friday 9 May**  
  - Year 11 Half Yearly Examinations – Optional  
  - Year 8 Examinations – In Class
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AND ADVERTISING

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Percussionists/Drummers/Keyboard Players Wanted
Do you play drums, percussion, piano or keyboard? CHHS Concert Band is preparing for several high profile community performances and needs additional players to assist in the percussion section of the band. Prior experience in Concert Band is not essential.
Non-percussionists who play keyboard, piano or violin are also invited to join the band playing auxiliary percussion, concert percussion and timpani. No prior experience is required, instruction on correct playing technique will be provided.
For further information email Mr Steven Lavis, CHHS Band Director (steve@teachingservices.com.au) or to meet the Concert Band members and staff come along to rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon in week 10 or 11.

Steven Lavis
Music Director – Teaching Services Australia

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14th May
4th June

Lunch Café
1st May
11th June

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7th April
28th April
5th May
12th May
19th May
26th May
2nd June

The restaurants we offer in 2014 have changed to include different service styles to meet industry and student requirements. Some menus have items which are priced individually.

We may appear different but our standards are the same and we are looking forward to serving you.
Please note: restaurants may be subject to change

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Showground Road Upgrade – between Carrington Road and Old Northern Road, Castle Hill

The review of environmental factors and concept design for Showground Road at Castle Hill is on display for community comments until Friday 2 May 2014.

Background
Showground Road runs between Old Northern Road and Windsor Road.

It is one of the main access roads to the Castle Hill town centre, which includes the Castle Towers Shopping Centre (Castle Towers). The proposal is needed to address the existing congestion experienced by motorists, especially during peak times and Saturdays. It is also needed in response to the projected growth in local and regional traffic, as well as the additional traffic generated by new developments in the Castle Hill centre, which includes the expansion of Castle Towers.

Project features
The key features of the proposal include:

- Widen and upgrade about 1.5 kilometres of Showground Road from a two-lane partially divided carriageway to a four-lane divided carriageway, to connect with the existing four-lane section west of Carrington Road and east of Pennant Street
- Modify the intersections of Showground Road with Britannia Road, Rowallan Avenue, Cecil Avenue, Kentwell Avenue/Chariton Avenue and Pennant Street
- Provide left in/left out restrictions at the intersection of Showground Road and Britannia Road and Rowallan Avenue
- Provide a new set of traffic lights at the intersection of Showground Road and Kentwell Avenue/Chariton Avenue
- Modify the existing signals at the intersection of Showground Road and Pennant Street
- Provide bus priority measures in the eastbound direction at the intersections of Showground Road with Rowallan Avenue, Kentwell Avenue and Pennant Street
- Construct a 2.5 metre wide shared footpath and cycleway along the northern side of Showground Road between Carrington Road and Pennant Street
- Construct a 1.5 metre wide footpath along the southern side of Showground Road
- Construct a median with varying width

Project benefits
The beneficial effects of the proposal would include:

- Reduced travel times and congestion
- Improved intersection performance
- Improved road safety for all road users
- Better facilities and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

This document contains important information about road projects in your area. If you require the services of an interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call the project team on (02) 8840 2465. The interpreter will then assist you with translation.