Welcome to all
Welcome to the 2015 school year, in particular to new teaching staff, newly arrived students and community members.

New to the teaching staff are:
Ms Nicole Best and Ms Annie Chiv (English), Mr Lawrence Foster and Ms Catherine Kenna (HSIE), Mr Wesley Lee (Maths), Mr Matthew Carey (Science), Ms Katharine Mathews (Library) and Ms Kate Shrack (Scripture) all of whom are handsomely displayed for you below.

L-R: Mr Lawrence Foster, Ms Catherine Kenna, Ms Kate Shrack, Ms Catharine Kenna, Ms Nicole Best, Ms Annie Chiv, Mr Matthew Carey, Mr Wesley Lee
In addition to our seven new staff, over 65 students enrolled beyond our anticipation at the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015, so the start has been especially frenetic. We now have 1480 students enrolled at Castle Hill High School, making us one of the largest schools in the state. The pattern of steadily and persistently increasing enrolments, below, speaks for itself.

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Despite our burgeoning size, we will continue to work hard to personalise our service to students and their families. It is so important that relationships are valued and that all individuals have a voice. I look forward to personally meeting the many new students and their parents, in the coming weeks.

2014 Higher School Certificate
Castle Hill High School prides itself on its academic achievement and its relentless pursuit of improvement. Our 2014 HSC results reflect this commitment with students achieving results at an expected high level. We are very proud of their achievements.

The following is a snapshot of some of the many excellent achievements:

- Bethany O’Neill – 2014 dux, achieved an ATAR of 99.75. Bethany was also an “All Rounder” which means she achieved a band 6 in each of 10 units of her study, an honour that is an exceptional achievement.
- 24 students attained an ATAR over 90
- 95 students attained Distinguished Achiever status by gaining at least one band 6
- Exceptional results were attained by students in subjects whose mean was above the state by 2.0 – Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Community and Family Studies, Design and Technology, French Beginners, Hospitality, Information Processes and Technology, Modern History, Senior Science
- The following subjects were above the state percentage in the number of band 6s achieved – Biology, Business Studies, Community and Family Studies, Design and Technology, Drama, Modern History, Music 1, PDHPE, French Beginners, Japanese Beginners, Hospitality
- Congratulations to Rouzbeh Ansari – first in the state in Persian

We will be undertaking a detailed analysis of these results in the coming weeks and a report will be given at the upcoming P and C meeting.

Again, congratulations to the 2014 HSC students, a wonderful group of students who have left lasting and positive impressions.

Critical to the success of any organisation is the communication of a clear and important agenda which makes a difference. In the next three years we will be “Challenging Minds and Building Character” and in order to do that we will undertake a small number of powerful reforms to realise this direction. We will:

- Implement the highly acclaimed literacy and numeracy programs from the University of New England to assist students in Year 7 who have fallen behind with the basics in number and reading. (Last year’s enormous success with numeracy – known as RUMBLE to us - has only whetted our appetite for literacy improvement and the opportunity to work with more students)
- Continue with a whole-school approach to higher order writing, for senior students in particular, using the ALARM program
- Appoint a Head Teacher Resilience to design and implement resilience programs with a positive psychology emphasis for all students
- Embed the BYOD program
- Continue to expand teachers’ collaborative practices to learn from one another through films, feedback and critical reflection
Of course, these major programs will be completed in and around the usual array of activities that take place in a large, thriving organisation. Feedback on these exciting directions will be given to you as the year proceeds.

Outdoor refurbishments for students
The refurbishment of the outdoor area adjacent to the library and F block science labs has been completed - and looks terrific. Seating and benches were installed and gardens created in the holidays following the installation of sails and a crushed marble surface prior to the beginning of term.

Vicki Brewer
Children’s Health & Wellbeing in the 21st Century

P & C Sponsored Information Session

In November 2014 CHHS P&C organized an information evening to address the potential health risks arising from exposure to mobile and wireless electromagnetic radiation (EMR). The focus of the evening was ‘The Precautionary Approach’, that is, once we know the science we can choose to err on the side of caution - especially where our children are concerned. The information evening was well received by the more than 100 people who attended.

EMR emanates from telecommunications towers, Wi-Fi routers, mobile/smart phones, cordless phones, and wireless enabled laptops/tablets. Radio Frequency Microwave Radiation has been classified as a ‘2B Possible Carcinogen’ by the World Health Organisation’s (WHO) International Agency for the Research on Cancer (IARC).

There is significant scientific uncertainty surrounding EMR and the P&C believe assisting parents to understand the scientific knowledge/research that is developing will be vital to help them to educate their children for 21st Century learning, minimising any potential health risks.

Some of the tips given on the evening for the safer use of technology were:

- Mobile/smart phones/tablets – not designed to be carried on your person or used directly against your head. Use a wired headset or speakers.
- Deactivate Wi-Fi and Bluetooth functions on devices – this cuts down EMR emissions
- Activate Airplane Mode whenever as possible – this stops almost all EMR
- Turn off Wi-Fi routers and all devices when not needed especially at night.
- Connect by a cord/cable where possible i.e. use wired connections.
- When playing downloaded apps or videos keep in Airplane Mode.
- Mobile/smart phones/tablets – check device instructions for safety guidelines and use speaker/text where possible.

Keep calls brief

Modems/routers, charging devices, cordless/mobile/smart phones are best kept away from bedrooms.

Source: Environmental Health Trust – Safer Tech Tips

Parent to Parent

Did you know?

Absence From School— after a student is absent from school their parent or guardian must provide a note on the first day of the student’s return.

This note must show the days and dates of absence and give a clearly stated reason for the absence. The parent or guardian must sign the note, as well.

These notes are given to the student’s Pastoral Care class teacher at school.

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## Uniform Shop Update

**Deliveries on their way**

The uniform shop has been receiving new deliveries of uniforms these past few days. You may place orders for the sizes you require of any current out of stock items.

Please note: there is a delay in the delivery of smaller size jumpers - back in stock end of March and before the expected cold season!

We are excited to be receiving our first shipment of all weather jackets in latter March and will let you know when orders can commence.

### Uniform Shop Term 1 Opening Hours:

8:15—11:30
Mondays and Fridays

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Junior Uniform Prices**

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**Senior Uniform Price List**

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Second Hand Uniforms - do you have uniforms your child has grown out of? We would love you pre-loved uniforms as we are running very low, (jumpers in particular). Please send in parcel to our uniform shop or leave at School reception.

**Update on Mrs Pritchard, Manager of the Uniform Shop**

We would like to let our school community know Margaret Pritchard, Uniform Shop Manager, had an accident during the school holidays.

She is now home convalescing. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back soon! Thank you to Paula O’Dowd for stepping in and running the Uniform shop at this busiest time of the year and also to Linda Wallis, Catherine, Amy, Lara, Sarah and Nikki who have provided invaluable help.
What’s Happening in the Canteen?

The CHHS Canteen has had a fabulous start to 2015. Thanks to some “beyond the call of duty” effort during the holidays (thanks, once again Catherine and Richard) our canteen garden is looking great. Already, we are able to harvest fresh produce for use in our sandwiches, salads and sauces.

The new volunteer roster has been sent out and we are anxiously awaiting the return of our existing helpers and the start of our new volunteers. Please phone the canteen (9634 1188) or the Manager, Joanna Sutherland (0434 892 807), if you haven’t received your roster or if you would like to volunteer. It’s never too late! We are especially looking for help on Thursdays and Fridays but assistance on any day of the week is most welcome.

If any parents have any questions concerning the canteen—volunteering, the foods we serve, special dietary needs etc—please don’t hesitate to give us a call or drop in for a chat.

Joanna Sutherland
Canteen Manager

The Canteen crew are a fun and enthusiastic bunch and are always looking for new faces. If you are interested in lending a hand just give the canteen a call on 9634 1188.
CASTLE HILL HIGH CONCERT BAND 2015

The school Concert Band is an exciting opportunity for musicians across the school. In 2015 we are looking to extend both the membership of the band as well as increase performance opportunities for this talented group. All are welcome.

The band currently consists of Flutes, Clarinets, Alto, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones, Trumpets, Trombones, French Horns, Tuba, and Drumkit. There are also opportunities for a Bass Guitar and Percussion.

The band rehearses on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00pm. It is conducted by Mr Steven Lavis.

Band fees are $10.00 per week, which is invoiced each term and paid to Room One. The fees cover the conductor’s wages, instrument repairs and new music.

Ms Amy Danckert

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer vaccines through the ‘School Vaccination Program’. In 2015 the Immunisation clinics at Castle Hill High School will be held on the following dates.

Friday 20 Feb 9am Year 7 – 1st dose HPV and dTpa
Friday 12 June 9am Year 7 – 2nd dose HPV
Friday 14 August 9am Year 11 – 1st dose MMR
Year 12 – 1st dose MMR
Tuesday 17 Nov 9am Year 7 – 3rd dose HPV and Varicella

A number of instruments can also be hired through the school for a fee of $150 per year.

Plans are underway for this year’s activities. We will have performances in the community in addition to our regular school-based performances such as Showcase, Year 6 Orientation Day and Presentation Day.

Students who are interested in joining the band or even just getting more information can come and see Mrs Danckert or Ms Babington in the

This week, Year 7 students received a ‘Parent Information Kit’, which contains an information sheet, a consent form and a privacy statement. To take part in the Vaccination Program each student must return their consent form – completed and signed by a parent/guardian. Consent forms can be returned to Mrs Heinrich or placed in the labelled box outside the Welfare Room (upstairs A Block). As the first clinic is only a fortnight away, Friday 20 February, a prompt return of Consent Forms would be appreciated. Any questions regarding the clinic can be directed to Mrs Heinrich on 9634 4199.
## CALENDAR

### 2015 Term 1

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PARKING RESTRICTIONS

For more information please contact
The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145
PARKING UNSAFELY PUTS CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK!

Please obey all the parking signs around your school!

Packing illegally, even for a short time, is dangerous to children at your school. You can be fined up to $415 and lose up to 4 demerit points. If you park illegally around your school.

The Hills Shire Council
Phone: (02) 9843 0555
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PARKING ILLEGALLY PUTS CHILDREN’S LIVES AT RISK!

Did you know that it is illegal to park:
• On or near the school crossing
• In the school bus bay

Please obey all the parking signs around the school - they help keep children safe!

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What do the parking signs around my school mean?

No Parking means No Parking

You can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 mins to drop off or pick up passengers. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. You cannot leave your car!

The penalty for parking in a NO Parking zone is $147 and 2 demerit points.

The Hills Shire Council | Ph: 9843 0555 | www.thehills.nsw.gov.au

PARKING AROUND MY SCHOOL

• Observe all parking signs around the school - they are planned with children’s safety in mind.
• Park safely & legally even if it means walking further to the school gate
• NEVER double park - it puts children at risk by:
  Blocking vision of other drivers
  Forcing children onto the road
  Obstructing traffic flow

The penalty for double parking in a school zone is $311 and 2 demerit points. Council’s Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school!

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PARKING

PARK SAFELY & LEGALLY EVEN IF IT MEANS WALKING A LITTLE FURTHER TO THE SCHOOL GATE

Meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate.

NEVER call your children across the road to meet you

Be a good role model for your children - when crossing the road use a pedestrian crossing or traffic signals when possible.

Making an Illegal U Turn in a school zone can result in a $355 fine and 4 demerit points. Council’s Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking restrictions at your school!

The Hills Shire Council
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There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

**No Parking**
You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

- **Penalty**: from $173 and 2 demerit points

**No Stopping**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

- **Penalty**: from $311 and 2 demerit points

**Bus Zone**
You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

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**Fines current as of July 2014**
For a complete list of School Zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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Parking Rules & Penalties Fact Sheet

**FOOTPATHS**

You must not **STOP** your vehicle on the footpath or nature strip at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**SCHOOL ZONE**

- **Penalty**: from $173 and 2 demerit points
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.
You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $173 and 2 demerit points

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You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods
and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes
and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle
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