Principal’s Message

Koomurri Educational Group Visit

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognize the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

In 2015 the theme for NAIDOC week is 'We all stand on sacred ground: learn, respect, celebrate'. The theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. It is an opportunity to pay respect to country, honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

Year 9 students are currently engaged in a project based learning activity during their Geography lessons to prepare for and celebrate NAIDOC week. The purpose of the project is for students to put forward a proposal for something Castle Hill High School could do to show lasting and meaningful recognition of Aboriginal heritage in the Hills District and Greater Western Sydney area.

To support student learning, the HSIE faculty, led by Mrs Susan Caldis, organised an educational and cultural immersion day. The Koomurri educational group offered an interactive program that designed to maximise the learning opportunities of both students and teachers. This was an experience that students described as having meaning, overwhelming, engaging and enjoyable.
Students participated in a number of activities:
- Welcome to Country
- Smoking Ceremony & Welcome Song & Dance Show Didgeridoo Show and Storytelling
- Artifacts, Weaponry, Bush Survival
- Aboriginal Face Painting
- Aboriginal Song and Dance
- Aboriginal Art (On Canvas)
- Boomerang Throwing

The day finished with a farewell ceremony incorporating an impromptu dance performance from Year 9 based on what they had been taught during the day.

Koomurri represents both Koori and Maori culture. The representatives who led the educational and cultural day had family lines and connection to Country from the Torres Strait Islands, South West QLD, North West NSW and also from the local area of Northern Sydney.

One of the most memorable parts of the day was the creation of a canvas artwork. All the stories of Year 9 2015 are represented on the canvas via their handprint and the dots making up each U shape. The artwork also tells the story of the day: 3 meeting places (large circles) - south oval, north oval and main quad; male leaders (red - to represent the land and species with blood that run on the land which men hunt; female leaders (yellow - to represent the sun as givers of life); students (white - the universal colour of representation); all who participated congregating together (U shapes in white); a windy day (wiggly lines in white).

For the Koomurri leaders this is also our story of healing between Koori and many other cultures in the school to become 1 Australia. The artwork is for the school to keep and will be displayed in a prominent meeting place for the school community. For Year 9 and the Geography teachers, this canvas also represents achievement of part of the NAIDOC week project - something to demonstrate lasting and meaningful recognition of Koori culture. The HSIE faculty are looking forward to the proposals put forward by Year 9 during Week 10 and early in Term 3.
Regional Champions
I am pleased to announce that three of our sporting teams have been crowned Sydney West Champions for 2015.

This is an outstanding achievement, one we are extremely proud of:

Open Boys' Soccer - **Coach**: Mr Terry Conistis
Open Girls' Soccer - **Coach**: Ms Lindy Jones
Open Girls’ Tennis - **Coach**: Mr Brad Tudman

Congratulations to all the students who participated and to their coaches who have guided and supported them throughout the competition.

They are now off to Albury, the Hunter Valley and Nelson Bay to compete in the next stage of the competition. Good luck to all teams in the next round.

Open Girls’ Soccer Team
Immogen Botelho
Anna Caisley
Sahrni Costello
Kate Crompton
Taryn Du Plooy
Melissa Eades
Victoria Fernandez Jones
Georgia Garnett
Brontie Geist
Khaye Celine Gray
Brie Mannah
Emily Marcos
Jayme Morige
Jessica Morige
Cassidy Williams
Brittany Wright

Open Boys Soccer Team
Rich Amevor      Todd Caisley
Taylor Cambaz    Lachlan Campbell
Josh Cramer      Damian Cupac
Jay Daynes       Liam Daynes
Brent Flavin     Kurt Garnett
Liam Gilchrist   Daniel Green
Oliver Harling   Connor Holmes
Divan Laubscher
Ruben Laubscher
Sobaih Mohammed
James Salvador
Not in Photo
Jameson Hinwood
Walter Wegmann   Ethan Zirh
Year 10 into 11 (2016) Subject Selection Process
Selecting subjects for the Higher School Certificate is an important process. It is essential that students are given all the right information and adequate time to make the right decision. This process is a critical part of a student’s success.

This week students met with Head Teachers to gain a taste of the range of subjects available for selection in 2016. A comprehensive subject selection booklet outlining the details on the HSC, assessment procedures and subjects, including VET and TAFE options, was given to students to discuss with their parents.

A subject selection evening will take place on Thursday 18th June at 6:00pm for both students and parents. This will be a comprehensive evening where information about the HSC and ATAR is communicated prior to more specific descriptions and requirements on each subject offered by the school.

In addition to this, on Monday 22nd June every student in Year 10 has been invited to a personalised interview where they will discuss their subject choices and provided with guidance and direction for their Preliminary and HSC years. We believe this process is important and welcome parents to attend the scheduled appointment. Parents can also receive feedback from individual subject teachers at Parent Teacher Night.

Parent Teacher Nights
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on the following dates:
- Years 9 & 11: Tuesday 16th June, 2015, 3:30pm – 7:00pm
- Years 8 & 10: Tuesday 23rd June, 2015, 3:30pm – 7:00pm
- Year 7: Wednesday 15th July, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Information will be emailed home when the online booking system for each year group has been activated with clear instructions on how to make bookings with classroom teachers.

Years 9 and 11 Parent Teacher Night ONLY
BOOKINGS OPEN: Monday 1st June at 9am.
BOOKINGS CLOSE: Friday 12th June at 9am.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book your appointments and enter the code below:

School event code
7WR4M Go

To book an interview with your child’s teachers enter the school event code.
Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Anna Girginis
Deputy Principal
## Winter Uniform Price List

**Girls:**
- Short Sleeved Blouse: $40.00
- Long Sleeved Blouse: $45.00
- Tab Tie: $5.00
- Royal Skirt Year 7 - 10: $65.00
- Black Tights: $10.00
- Navy Blazer: $130.00

**Boys:**
- Short Sleeved Shirt: $40.00
- Long Sleeved Shirt: $45.00
- Grey Trousers: $35.00
- Navy Trousers: $50.00
- Navy Blazer: $160.00

**Common items:**
- Jumpers are available in either wool or cotton blend
  - size 10 - 16: $70.00
  - size 18 - 24: $75.00
- Fleece Scarves: $10.00

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**Second Hand Uniforms**

Do you have uniforms your child has grown out of? Uniforms in good condition are always welcomed as donations to the Uniform Shop. They can be left at the School Reception if the shop is closed.

**Volunteering in the Uniform Shop**

Now all students are wearing winter uniform and the shop is quieter, this is a really good time to start volunteering!

Assisting families with their uniform purchases is a great way to participate at Castle Hill High School.

Volunteering in the Uniform shop can also be a great way to return to the workforce - we have given references to several of our volunteers as they successfully applied for jobs.

We have a flexible roster designed to suit our volunteers availability. If you are interested in joining our team please come in and talk to us or leave your number at Reception.

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**Opening Hours in the Uniform Shop**

Monday and Friday
8.15 - 11.30
What’s Happening in the Canteen?

CANTEEN UPDATE
The Castle Hill High School Canteen is a P&C operated canteen that prides itself in providing healthy, delicious and affordable food for all students and staff.

As the end of term fast approaches, it seems timely to thank all the amazing volunteers who donate their time to the school canteen and to remind everyone that it is never too late to join them.

Volunteering is an amazing experience. It is a powerful way to show your support and commitment to the school. Whether it be regularly in the canteen or uniform shop, or once in a while when ‘working bees’ are organized, your help is always appreciated and a wonderful “get Involved” example to your children.

For all those who have been out of the paid workforce for an extended period of time (raising a family can have that effect) being a volunteer is a great way to get back into the swing of things. Canteen volunteers have even used the canteen as referees when they apply for jobs – every bit helps!

If you would like to join the volunteer list or just ask questions on how to get involved, please phone the canteen on 96341188.

Flexischools online ordering has been a great success. Many parents and students are using it regularly. If you have any problems with placing orders or any other issues, please don’t hesitate to give us a call. Also, if you have placed an order for your child, remind them to go to the canteen to collect it. It’s a shame to waste a yummy lunch!

Joanna Sutherland
Canteen Manager
Waste – Free Lunch Day

The Hills Shire Council recently held a Waste – Free Lunch Day. Although many of the ideas and activities were aimed at primary school children, anyone who is interested in the environment and reducing waste can benefit from these suggestions.

When preparing a lunch, please consider…

- Choose products with less packaging to go into the lunchbox.
- Put sandwiches and yoghurt in a reusable container
- Put nuts from a larger packet into a reusable container.
- Include fresh fruit. Peel and cores can be composted.
- Put water in a reusable container.

- Did you know, Castle Hill High School now has two refill water stations. Bottles brought from home can be refilled and reused!

- The school canteen grows much of its produce which reduces packaging and wastage. They pick only what is needed daily and scraps are composted in the worm farm.

A waste free lunch can be eaten, reused, recycled or composted. Think before packing that next lunch. Every little bit helps.
Castle Hill High School is a great place for our children’s education. As a community we are lucky that the school’s teaching and administration staff show drive and dedication to making the daily environment one of a dynamic, engaged place for learning.

The original Castle Hill High School buildings are over 50 years old. As parents and community we have the unique opportunity to assist with renovation and refurbishment. These works will benefit the current students immediately, but will also be a legacy for those students attending the school in years to come.

The P&C Building Fund donates to projects that are facilities-based, and contributions are voluntary and tax deductible. The P&C Building Fund Committee works closely with the school to identify crucial projects affecting the facilities students utilise every day, and funds projects that will be relevant to the ongoing school life.

In the past 4 years over $300 000 has been dedicated to P&C refurbishment projects at CHHS. Most recently in 2014 the P&C Building Fund oversaw the upgrade of the Auditorium toilets and change-rooms. Building Fund donations were combined with a Community Building Partnership Grant to completely renovate the tired old facilities into modern amenities that are far more suitable for use by the school and community.

The P&C are continuing the redevelopment of the hall, with renovation of the foyer our next step in the project.

We need your help!
Please donate to our tax-deductible Building Fund before June 30th 2015 and help us start moving on our foyer renovation.
Donations of $2.00 and over are tax-deductible.

How to donate:
Direct debit to: CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL P&C Assoc. BUILDING FUND
Westpac Castle Towers Branch
BSB / ACCOUNT NO: 032 173 483270
Make sure your name is included in the reference section and email us at chhspc@gmail.com so we can provide you with your receipt.

Donate by cheque or cash at Room 1 at the School.
Please consider donating to the Building Fund – and help us provide our children with a dynamic and modern environment where they learn.

Donate Now to the Castle Hill High School P &C Building Fund
Detach this slip and return to Room 1 with your donation: ☐ Cheque/ Cash enclosed ☐ Credit card
Name:_______________________________________ Amount: $______________
Address:__________________________________ Card Number: _______ _______ ________
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2015 School Knockout Baseball Review

11/5/2015

Castle Hill High 11 vs Muirfield High 2

It was a great game from the guys as evident from the score. Although there were a few unlucky plays, the Castle Hill squad stayed in control of the match for its entirety. This was due to our effort both offensively and defensively, with some shining performances in both captains Jordan McCarthy and Liam Gilchrist as well as Hayden Lyberopolous. Jordan of which was dominant on the mound pitching four innings and being inches from a perfect game if not for a looping fly ball that landed between the first baseman and the left fielder.

Liam led the offense batting 3 from 3 along with a very unlucky two baser as he hit a hard line drive which returned to the field of play after hitting half way up the fence. Hayden was solid behind the dish, calling a great game and leaving the Muirfield team guessing at what pitch they would face next as well as stopping any ball from reaching the back net, which was important to stay in control once Jordan was relieved from pitching. Apart from these performances each one of the players on the team contributed in their own way throughout the game, resulting in the win. It was a great game, a good win and we are all ready for the next round.

Cross Country 2015

Castle Hill High School held their annual cross country carnival throughout sport lessons during week 8 of term 1. The students participated in a 2.6km run around the school in which the top 10 students of each age group were selected to represent Castle Hill High School at the zone cross country carnival. Congratulations to the age champions from the school cross country carnival:

U12 BOYS: Solomon Maguire
U12 GIRLS: Matilda Donkin
U13 BOYS: Sebastian Lezon
U13 GIRLS: Olivia Burns
U14 BOYS: Ryan Duffy
U14 GIRLS: Georgia Garnett
U15 BOYS: Garrett Swearingen
U15 GIRLS: Rebekah Sefton
U16 BOYS: Kurt Garnett
U16 GIRLS: Georgia Burgess

The zone cross country carnival was held at Macquarie University Sports Field this year. The students who attended the carnival produced some outstanding results on the day. The students provided excellent support for their other team members and the behaviour of the group was outstanding as all students were very helpful throughout the day.

Many of our students were selected to represent Hills Zone at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. The following students who were selected include:


A special mention for Matilda Donkin who was awarded the title of Zone Age Champion. Well done to all students who competed at the carnival.
What is your name?
Pheebe Watson
Alexis Lyberopoulos

What is the sport you play/ participate in?
Baseball

Do you have regular tournaments that you compete in or is it more so just for enjoyment?
Both, we both have regular tournaments but we also enjoy it

Where do you play/participate? (one set location, various different locations?)
We play for Castle Hill Knights for club and we have both represented Hills District, NSW and Australia.

What level have you performed at for this sport? (If unusual, what does that mean e.g equivalent to state, including your achievements)
Phoebe – Hills Jag series (3 Years), U/15 NSW (2 Years), Women’s Kookaburra and Women’s Aussie Hearts (Australia)
Alexis - Hills Jag series (3 Years), U/15 NSW (3 Years), Women’s Kookaburra (2 years) and Women’s Aussie Hearts (Australia) and Little League series (2 Years)

Do you have other interests/hobbies?
Phoebe – I play netball
Alexis – I play soccer

Do you train for your sport, if so what type of training is involved?
Our training includes; fielding, catching, pitching, running and batting.
Our training focuses on learning the techniques to allow us to perform these certain skills to our maximum potential, especially in game situations
## CALENDAR

### Term 2

**Week 9A**

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| Monday 15 June        | International Student Excursion  
                        | Year 9 PASS Y-1 Coaching Clinic-1.10am – in class                    |
|                       | Careers UTS Lunchtime Info Session                                   |
|                       | Year 9 PASS Z-1,Z-2 Coaching Clinic - class                          |
| Tuesday 16 June       | ICAS Spelling  
                        | Year 9 PASS X-1 Coaching Clinic - in class                           |
|                       | Years 9 & 11 Parent Teacher night 3.30pm                             |
| Wednesday 17 June     | Celebration Assembly Years 7-12  
                        | P & C Meeting 7.30pm Common Room                                     |
| Thursday 18 June      | Year 7 Scripture Seminar                                             |
|                       | Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Subject Info Night 6pm                   |
| Friday 19 June        | Multi Cultural Day and Mufti Day  
                        | ICAS Writing Competition                                             |
|                       | Western Sydney Careers Expo                                          |
|                       | Year 12 ELC Economics Conference                                     |

### Week 10B

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| Monday 22 June        | Year 10 into Year 11 Subject selection interviews  
                        | Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement                                   |
|                       | Year 9 PASS Z-1,Z-2 Coaching Clinic – in class                        |
| Tuesday 23 June       | Year 10 into Year 11 Subject selection due online  
                        | Year 8R & 8G French Restaurant Excursion                              |
|                       | Years 8 & 10 Parent Teacher Night 3.30pm – 7pm                       |
|                       | Rugby League – Home game – Marion College                            |
| Wednesday 24 June     | Celebration Assembly Years 7-10  
                        | Years 9-11 Drama Excursion                                            |
|                       | Year 8B & 8H French Restaurant Excursion                              |
| Thursday 25 June      | Concert Band Community Performance                                   |
|                       | Year 9 Pass Y-1 Coaching Clinic in class                              |
| Friday 26 June        | Last day of Term 2                                                    |

### Term 3

**Week 1A**

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This is a three-hour interactive seminar on how to effectively communicate and set boundaries with your teenager.

Parents of teenagers will learn:
- to feel more confident in raising teenage children
- about normal adolescent development
- skills to communicate and negotiate with teenagers

Tuesday, 23 June 2015
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Cost: $25 (Concession $15)
Venue: Interrelate
Suite 423, 14 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista NSW

Bookings essential – Phone 8882 7850

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WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS
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Residential Kids’ Camps include:
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- Meals
- Supervised transport
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- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

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