Principal’s Message

Art, TAS and Music – what a week!
HSC Art, TAS and Music were on display last week on two evenings for parents, students and teachers. Bumper crowds enjoyed the spectacular displays and performances.

There is no better way to feel uplifted than to see and hear work that has been done with conviction, effort and love. Congratulations Year 12. You’ve done it again.

Below is a selection of some stunning works from Year 12 Visual Arts students.
Congratulations to our administrative and support staff

We are fortunate to be supported by 28 wonderful administrative and support staff who do everything from managing finances, enrolments, rolls and attendance, answering phones to help teachers, parents and visitors, supporting students with learning difficulties, tending to the gardens and maintenance, managing building projects, assisting in Science labs and the library… and the list goes on. We simply could not function without them.

In honour of their work, a morning tea was held on Friday September 4, to celebrate with, and thank, this terrific group of people. Thank you Winsome, Julie D, Lisa, Mary, Angela, Julie Perkins, Gail, Cathy, Michelle, Gill, Katie, Julie Poole, Sue, Julie A, Jane, Di, Tracey, Jo, Elaine, Peter, Rob, Bronwyn, Marco, Ashley, Jacqui, Lachlan, Connie and Meredith.
Next year – moving to six parent/teacher evenings

After consultation with teachers at a staff meeting and parents at the recent P & C meeting, the school will move from four 3 hour parent/teacher evenings (one Year 7, one combined Year 8 and 10, one combined Year 9 and 11 and one Year 12) to six 2 hour meetings, one for each year. This will be a trial for one year, in 2016. We will certainly seek your feedback on the new process, next year.

While it will mean extra evening time away from the family for about 30% of our staff, in the interests of possible improvement and better communication in an increasingly crowded and noisy auditorium, teachers are willing to give it a go. Of course, time will tell if it is more successful than our current arrangements.

New App for improved communication with parents

Discussions are commencing on a new app that will facilitate the distribution of notes to parents, changes to schedules and other items of communication. Parents are keen and so are we. We hope to provide you with further advice on this in the coming months.

The DONATE LIFE Network

A local of the Hills Shire, Nathan Gremmo was tragically killed in an accident in May 2015. His family chose to give Nathan’s vital organs to others to honour the legacy of Nathan’s generous personality.

Castle Hill High School’s SRC will be donating $1000 to The Organ and Tissue Authority and DONATE LIFE Network as a gesture of support to organ donation and in memory of Nathan. In addition, students were addressed at assembly on Wednesday by acquaintances of Nathan, to raise awareness of organ donation. This is such an important cause. More information can be sourced at www.donatelife.gov.au.

Students achieving high praise

Congratulations Aditya Pillai a Year 9 student who has been selected for a Highly Commended Award as part of the 2015 Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages Schools. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects Aditya’s commitment to the study of Tamil.

Congratulations also must go to Hailee Jarrett, Australian National Champion in the under 48Kg Junior Women’s Weightlifting. 2020 Olympics, here we come!

As well, congratulations to our Year 11 Drama class, whose piece “Sleep Tight” will feature at the state Drama Festival, soon. What a terrific achievement.

Vicki Brewer
HSC Industrial Technology Metal and Wood
2015 Major Projects
HSC Speaking Examinations
Our HSC French and Japanese students completed their HSC Speaking examinations in August. These are held on a Saturday and students are expected to maintain a conversation about their personal world for 10 minutes. Although this can be quite stressful for most candidates, we are confident that our students were well-prepared for the exam and many reported that the experience was ultimately quite enjoyable.

Visit of Onojo City Schools
During August our school hosted a visit from 15 students and 2 teachers from 5 schools from Onojo City in Japan. The students were billeted in the homes of their Castle Hill partners for 6 nights.

Upon arrival the Onojo students enjoyed a tour of the school, a delicious lunch and welcome party and then they entertained their partners with games and musical performances in English and Japanese.

During their stay, the Japanese students and their partners had the opportunity to participate in a variety of excursions and activities. They enjoyed a movie and pizza party at school on Friday evening. A wonderful visit to the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby provided our visitors with a chance to view and interact with Australian fauna at close range. As part of our Linkages program, Onojo students also visited Castle Hill Public School and taught the younger students origami and Japanese songs.

They also attended classes with their partners in order to experience at first hand an Australian high school. The farewell party, together with final speeches and exchange of gifts, provided a fitting conclusion to a highly successful visit.

Such visits enable students to appreciate and accept the differences and similarities shared by both cultures. They are the results of months of planning and preparation. All members of the Languages staff worked hard to make this visit a success and are to be congratulated for their efforts. We are also particularly grateful to the families of Symantha Bloom, Lillian Burke, Andrew Campbell, Amren Gill, Ben Guven, Lulu Jones, Natalie Leow, Isabella Manzotti, Thomas Shaw, Ruby Sherringham, Melissa Stein, Lola Wilson and Kristin Wilson who welcomed their Japanese guests into their homes. Without the ongoing support of the CHHS community, these visits would not be able to continue. We look forward to reciprocal hospitality when our students take part in the Japan Study Tour in September next year.

Term Three has been an eventful time for the Languages Department.
Farewell Mrs Kristine Baker

Sadly, we have to bid farewell to Mrs Kristine Baker, one of our Japanese teachers. Kristine is returning to her native New Zealand after 8 years at CHHS. She is an energetic, popular and enthusiastic teacher with a great passion for her subject. While here at CHHS, she has organised and led three study tours to Japan. She introduced Extension Japanese into the curriculum and her students have achieved excellent HSC results over the last 8 years. She has also been the driving force behind the organisation and co-ordination of the annual Onojo visits. We wish her good luck with her move. Her students are most disappointed that she is leaving and we will truly miss her cheery personality, her drive, commitment and her friendship.

Donna Wood, Head Teacher Languages.

Sport News

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent the Hills Zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. The students achieved some fantastic results and very impressive performances.

The students who were selected to represent the Hills Zone were:


Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Sydney West at the State Athletics Carnival. The following students who made the Sydney West team are:

Jordan Jalalaty, Matthew Cottam, Travis Donaldson, Brent Flavin, Joel Flude, Kurt Garnett, Matthew McVey, Mitchell McVey, Vignesh Mistry, Zoe Petridis, Charlotte Sainsbury, Carly Thomas, Raaya Tiko, Matthew Vesperman, Rich Amever, Jeffrey Barrett, Hannah Eagleton, Kaitlyn Eagleton, Sofia Georgescu, Rebecca Harris, Jack Lawrence, Ashlee Shimmon, Sally Shokry and Roshan Varatharajan.

Terry Conistis

SRC NEWS

Thank you to everyone who participated in Spirit Week. $3,000 was raised for Bear Cottage.
Canteen Working Bee

Despite wet weather, the Canteen working bee went ahead as scheduled on Saturday 23 August. We all got a little damp, but still managed to get a lot of work done and we left the garden looking amazing.

The work we accomplished was weeding, clearing a fresh plot of land, building a planter, and filled the new planter bed with wheelbarrow loads of earth. Once the new planter bed was ready we then planted tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, rocket, lettuce and carrots, to name a few.

Using all this ‘home grown’ produce from the garden helps to keep the canteen prices low, as well as providing us with such a healthy and fresh menu.

Thank you to Joanna Sutherland and Catherine Carlick for all their hard work and for cooking us a much needed sausage sizzle.

Ingrid Waite - P & C President

A Great Big THANK YOU to all our hardworking volunteers at the Canteen Garden Working Bee:
Ingrid, Jed, Isacc, Jacob, Joe, Noah Waite, Catherine and Ruby Carlick, Darren Larosa, Olivia, Jacinda, Mark, Georgia Burns, Joanna and Tom Sutherland, Kent Mathieson.
A reminder for girls in Years 7 - 9 to check if they need a new summer dress for Term 4.

A reminder for Year 10 Students that they can wear the Senior uniform from Term 4. Check skirts for girls and navy shorts/trousers for boys. Stock is available in all sizes. Blouses and Shirts are the same as Year 10.

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**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
- Fleece Lined Jackets: $75.00

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**Regular Opening Hours in the Uniform Shop for Term 3**
- Monday and Friday 8.15 - 11.30

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**Term 4 opening hours:**
- Week 1: Tuesday & Friday 8.15 - 11.30
- Week 2-10: Monday & Friday 8.15 - 11.30
- Week 11: Last day for uniform shop is Monday 14/12 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.

How amazing does the Canteen garden look?!

For those of you who don’t know, the garden behind the canteen was once a wasteland, full of weeds and overgrown shrubs. Over the last couple of years, (thanks to a brave band of wonderful parents), the area has been cleared and transformed into a beautiful, productive vegetable and herb garden. Fresh produce is used daily by the canteen. This garden is simply amazing and a credit to all those who have weeded, dug, planted, raked and moved tonnes of soil. Thank you so much.

The garden is a ‘work in progress’ so if there any ‘green thumbs’ out there who would like to get involved, we’d love to see you at the next working bee which is scheduled for the end of Term Four. Stay tuned for a definite date. The more the merrier!

New items are constantly being trialled in the canteen. Students should check the ‘What’s New’ board weekly. You never know what we will come up with next.

The new summer menu is being developed ready for Term Four. Suggestions and ideas are still coming in so if you would like to have some input please don’t hesitate to call us in the canteen (96341188). We have already had some wonderful salad suggestions so keep them coming!!!

Joanna Sutherland
Canteen Manager
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Join our team of dedicated volunteers and become an integral part of your school community

Following our Annual General Meeting held in June, we still have several positions available:-

- **Office Bearer – Minute Secretary**
  We have divided the communications role amongst our executive members, so the Secretary will now only be responsible for typing up the minutes of the meetings, which are typically held once a month during term times only. We are ideally looking for someone who can touch-type at the meeting itself, although this isn’t essential. The minutes are already in a set format and the work would be minimal - only requiring attendance at the meetings.

- **Trivia Night Co-ordinator**
  Do you have a penchant for event planning? We are in need of a co-ordinator for next year’s Trivia Night. For many years Allan Schumacher has enthusiastically co-ordinated this successful event, which is always a highly anticipated fixture on the CHHS calendar, however 2015 will be his last year co-ordinating this event. We are ideally, but not essentially, looking for someone interested in shadowing or assisting Allan with co-ordinating the 2015 Trivia Night.

- **Website Developer**
  To improve communication with our community, we would like to redevelop the P&C website. We are seeking someone who has expertise with website design and development, and is willing to donate a few hours of their time to help us modernise our web presence.

- **CHHS Future Planning Panel General Member**
  With the impending development of the suburb of Castle Hill, comes the inevitable increase of the population of the school. This is a new area of interest we are keen to explore, and we are seeking interested parties to join us in investigating the impact the new railway stations, and more importantly, the development of new high-rise buildings within Castle Hill High School’s catchment area, will have on our school. These developments could substantially impact the school in many different ways and are significant concern for many parents and families, so we feel it is essential that the P&C has a voice in any future plans for the school.

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact our President, Ingrid Waite via email at: chhspc@gmail.com or Vice President, Trinity Quinn by phone on 0417 020 728.
Photography Competition “Care of Self – Care of Others”

The CAPA Faculty is delighted with the response to the photography competition which was well supported by the staff and students of Castle Hill High School.

There were twenty-four creative photography entries many displaying a distinctive interpretation of the theme.

The Year 10 students who entered digital photographs on the “Care of Self – Care of Others” are: Patrick Goseco, Chante Scheffer, Michael Kwon, Dominick Wei, Alex Limberger, Cameron Hucker, Ben Organ, Denis Hasagic, Wang Su Lee, Randall Abednego, Emma Dimech and Cici Xia.

Two students from Year 9 Anni Li and Anna Mao also entered the competition displaying their photographic flair.

The first prize was awarded to a group; Cameron Hucker, Ben Organ, Denis Hasagic, Wang Su Lee, Randall Abednego for their image of students being themselves in the playground. The photograph was taken from a high angle displaying a unique perspective and strong composition (Photo 1).

Second prize was awarded to Emma Dimech (Photo 2), Third Prize to Dominick Wei and Fourth Prize to Alex Limberger. Congratulations to all the prize winners for an excellent effort.

Student Awards

1. First Place: Cameron Hucker, Ben Organ, Denis Hasagic, Wang Su Lee and Randall Abednego

2. Second Place: Emma Dimech

3. Third Place: Dominick Wei

4. Fourth Place: Alex Limberger

Students Entries

Patrick Goseco

Yuhea (Cici) Xia

Rachel Posnall

Anna Mao
The Staff Competition

The staff entries for our photography competition were of a very high standard, individual in their approach and conceptually creative.

First place was awarded to M. Jones for a black and white digital image showing interlocking hands representing strength and

Second place went to the PE staff for their powerful image supporting Red Nose Day 2015 - Sids and Kids. In third place T. Gainey presented a poignant photograph of friendship while in fourth place the photographed hands are a symbol for gesture and communication of friendship. Congratulations to all competition entrants.

Photograph of the Month

Photograph of the month for the month of August goes to the winners of “The Care of Self - Care of Others” competition - Cameron Hucker, Ben Organ, Denis Hasagic, Wang Su Lee, Randall Abednego.

Their combined creative effort produced an inspiring digital image that presents a bird’s eye view of students sitting together in the playground.
2015 - 2016 Year 12 Mentoring For Boys

I am writing this letter to all the parents/guardians of boys who are about to start Year 12. I am in the process of selecting a new Year 12 boys’ mentoring group. I have given the boys the opportunity to apply for this new group, but with boys being boys, they may not seek out this information and/or pass it on to you, and hence this letter. I am looking at selecting an initial group of 20-24 boys in each class and then working with them to improve their HSC results. We endeavour to do much more than this by showing the boys just how good they can be and then using it as a springboard to take on further challenges.

It will mean that the boys will have to change their Pastoral Care class and meet with me each day in Pastoral Care. They will have to organise a fortnightly personalised interview time with me from their study periods or before or after school. I will be conducting a parent information evening for all successful applicants. We will start this group after the Year 11 reports have been distributed. The boys need to have a commitment to working hard and the desire to be the best student they can be. I will help them to work harder and smarter. You are welcome to contact me on the email address or telephone number below if you have any questions.

Peter Kerrigan
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## CALENDAR

### Term 3

#### Week 9A

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| Monday 7 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- Year 10 Visual Arts Assessment Task due  
- Year 10 Information and Software Technology Assessment Task due  
- UWS College Lunchtime INFO session |
| Tuesday 8 September| - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- VALID Stage 5 Science External Exam  
- Year 9 PASS Coaching Primary Schools 1pm  
- Design and Technology HSC Opening Night 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 9 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- Year 10 Information and Software Technology Assessment Task due  
- Celebration Assembly Years 7-12 |
| Thursday 10 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams |
| Friday 11 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- Year 10 Metal/Wood Technology Assessment Task due |

### Week 10B

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| Monday 14 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- Year 10 English Assessment Task due  
- Year 10 Science Assessment Task due  
- Year 10 Geography Assessment Task due |
| Tuesday 15 September | - Year 11 Yearly Exams  
- Year 9 PASS Coaching Primary Schools |
| Wednesday 16 September | - Year 12 Farewell Assembly – Session 2  
- P & C Meeting 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 17 September | - Year 12 Graduation  
- Year 12 Formal |
| Friday 18 September | - Year 10 PDHPE Assessment Task due  
- Last day of Term 3 |

### Term 4

#### Week 1A

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| Tuesday 6 October  | - Twilight HSC Tutoring  
- Year 10 Textile and Design Assessment Task due  
- Year 8 Music Listening Exams in class |
| Wednesday 7 October | - Year 8 Music Listening Exams in class  
- HSC Information Night for Incoming Year 12s  
- Assembly Years 7-11 - 10.20am  
- Primary School Linkages Workshop Day - 11am |
| Thursday 8 October | - Year 8 Music Listening Exams in class  
- Mitchell Youth Group Camp |
| Friday 9 October   | - Year 8 Music Listening Exams in class  
- Mitchell Youth Group Camp |
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