



CHESSO NEWS

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Principal's Report

50th Anniversary

At the time of writing, preparations for our 50th Anniversary celebrations are well underway. We will be celebrating this happy event on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September. The Friday is for students and staff and the Saturday for ex-students and community. On the Saturday the school will be open from 10:00 to 2:00pm. There are many events planned such as tours of the school, displays of archives, videos and photos. Already our website is displaying some of these memorable moments. Our History museum will be open and there will be classroom displays, cultural dances, performances, multicultural food stalls. A number of specific commemorative projects have also commenced such as the Kenward Ave Garden and our 50th Anniversary mural which will be displayed alongside the container outside 'C' Block. There will be memorabilia such as a 50th DVD for sale (cash only).

One of the events leading up to this day was a special photo taken of the whole school in the shape of a '50'. Every student and staff member will receive a copy of the photo as a special souvenir of the occasion.

The Saturday celebration will be followed by a Reunion Dinner at the Fairfield RSL club starting at 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold prior to the evening and you will need to check our website for further details.

Flag Day

Once again, CHHS turned on a magnificent performance on Flag Day. The combined efforts of our students delighted the large crowds who flocked to the four performances. For the first time this year, all our Primary Partner schools were invited and they sent along their Yr. 5 & 6 students to enjoy the spectacle and celebrate our multicultural identity. The performance and support crew had over 400 students participating which, in itself, is testimony to the sense of belonging that our students feel.

There are not enough superlatives to describe the quality of **Mrs Fields'** directorship of this event. I would personally and publically like to congratulate all involved as they bring great honour to the school. Your efforts significantly contribute to the good reputation our school enjoys in the community.

Article in the Australian Newspaper

As a result of the publicity that Flag Day generated, I was approached by the

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Australian newspaper to do a feature article on Chester Hill HS and our multicultural community especially looking at the schooling experiences of refugees. Two of our Yr.11 students, **Amina Mossavi** and **Mallam Sankoh** were interviewed about their experiences of schooling at CHHS. These students have represented the school with distinction previously. At CHHS, we have about 120 refugee students or students who have 'refugee-like' experiences. Over the years many of these students have done very well academically, finishing in the 'top 10' Cheso performers. We are proud of our record of social justice here at CHHS and welcome the chance to give these students every opportunity we can in their new country. The students and the school deserve to be recognised for this harmonious work with our community. I hope that the article represents our situation in the positive most way.

High Achievers List

This week we will be celebrating the achievements of the students who received a Principal's award for their Semester 1 reports. To receive a Principal's award, students need to have reports where they either finish in the top ten rank of their subject for a majority of their subjects (Yrs. 12 & 11) or achieve an 'A' in the majority of their subjects (Yrs. 7 – 10). This means that the students who receive this award are genuine all-rounders, performing well across a wide range of subjects. Congratulations to the award winners below, they represent approximately 8% of our student population.

Yr. 12

Bilinda Akdag, Donna Biberovik,; Andrea Huang, Zana Muljeskovic, Widad Nahhas, Vincent Ngo, David Nguyen, Tamara Perry, Anthony Quang Phan, Katie Kieu Phan, Michael Phan, Jenny Da Som Song, Cindy Tran, Phuong Trang

Tran, Quynh-Anh Lucy Tran, Shaw Tran, Linh Huyen Linnie Trinh, Mimi Trinh,

Yr.11

Mary Bagdesar, Omar Barbar, Paige Casacchia, Binfang Julie Hong, Veronica Le Claire, Xuechun Cherry Liu, Tuyet Emily Luu, Francis Xuan Nguyen, Jason Pham, Yingyu Linda Ruan, Nagham Suleiman, Alice Nhu Khue Tran, Wen Yan Stella Wei

Yr.10

Chelsea Fisher, Delian Kotevski, Timothy La, Jaclyn Lim, Jessica Mendis, Phoebe Percy, Muhammad Hassan Raza, Anika Synthi, Nina Tran, Savannah Tran, Christina Vuong

Yr. 9

Deborah Pui Kuan Chan, Cindy Quynh Chau, Mohamed Malas, Kevin Manh-Kha Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Minh Chau Pham, Ngoc Anh Pham, Yazan Suleiman, Kristina Tato, Kristine Tran, Laura Tran, Aimee Truong

Yr. 8

Monique De Freitas-Antoine, Jocelyn Huang, Adrian Kotevski, Ravin Kumar, Elise Le, Rhiannon Minett, Minh Hoang Nguyen, Quinton Nunez, Alina Ta, Priscilla Tato, Christine Khanh Nhi Tran, Sally Tran

Yr. 7

Shelley-Anne Ahipene-Ruru, Taylah Bailey, Queenie Bui, Jodie Chan, Brendon Ngoc Thanh Chau, Rhianna Dalglish, Khanh Linh Lisa Huynh, Zena Mousa, Sharon Park, Courtney Perry, Kirsty Stones, Christy Tran

Yr. 10 Interviews

In Week 2, all Yr.10 students and their parents or caregivers completed a very

thorough process of subject selection that started in Term 2 and concluded at the beginning of Term 3. This process has involved creating a resume, attending a mock interview, attending the Decision Time information session and then discussing subject choices with an executive teacher. The process is aimed at providing the best possible advice in terms of Stage 6 and beyond. I would like to thank all staff who generously donated their time but I would especially like to thank **Ms Pikoulas** and **Mrs Sweedman** for their excellent organisation of the event.

Student Leaders

Some of our student leaders are representing the school across a range of forums. Our school captains, **Helen Le** and **Yavin Kumar** are attending the prestigious Optus / Australian Business Council Network Dinner on Monday 6th August. **Helen** and **Yavin** have received leadership training and have been invited to this dinner in recognition of their achievements. **Phoebe Percy** is representing the school as Director General for a day. **Phoebe** was selected to follow around the Fairfield Director for the day as part of the SWS Region leadership program. **Jason Pham** was also selected to be a SWS Region Ambassador which means that he gets to act as host at regional events. Congratulations to all these students.

Brian Miller

Prairiewood High School Leadership Convention – 15th June 2012

Last Friday, **Leanne**, **Beth**, **Rhianna** and I went to Prairiewood High School for a Leadership Convention. It was quite a productive day, as we played a few games that needed teamwork, co-ordination, and organisation. There were many schools who took part in the convention, which was a

great way to meet other kids who represented their school in a similar role.

We were also given recess and lunch, which was prepared by students at the school. Lunch was a steak sandwich and salad. I preferred the Greek Salad.

I'm glad I was able to have the opportunity to represent the school as a role model and I am looking forward to many more.

Jacob Hamad

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On the 15th June this year, four students from our school's Student Representative Council were selected to attend Prairiewood High School's Official Leadership Convention.

Prairiewood High organised a wonderful day and had great hospitality. They invited many guests that spoke to us about being leaders, and how failing over and over again brings success. Prairiewood High also prepared, for us, various group activities which required team-work, communication and understanding – qualities that are essential whilst being a leader. Overall, it was a very worthwhile excursion. It taught me amazing leadership skills and qualities that I will take with me wherever I go.

Rhianna Dalglish

CONGRATULATIONS TO CHESO'S PROMISING FUTURE WRITER

On Monday 30th July I had the pleasure to attend the inaugural **Auburn Library Future Writers** presentation ceremony. This auspicious occasion was attended by numerous budding student authors, their parents and teachers. All the students present had been short-listed because their short

stories were considered to be of such a high standard.

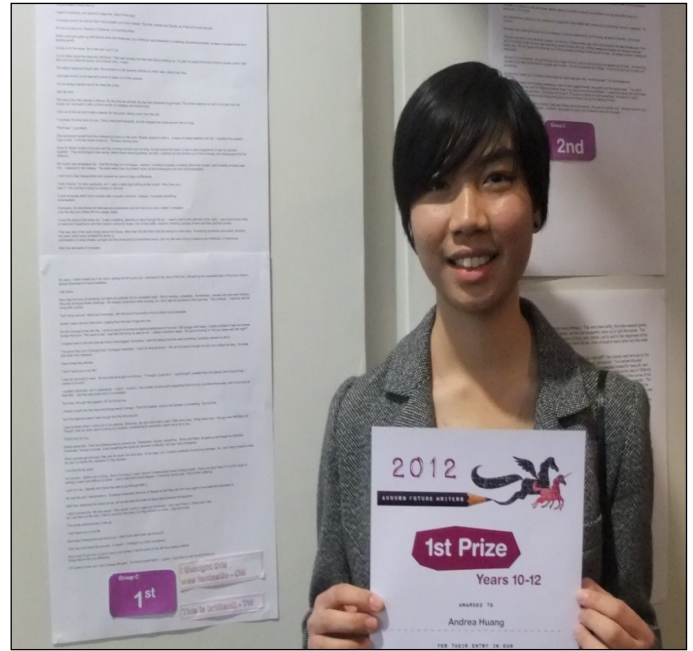
There were students from **13 schools** who had submitted short stories for judging in one of three year divisions; upper primary, junior secondary and senior secondary. The quality of entries was high and the judges, who are authors, commented that they had found their task to be quite difficult. First, second and third place were awarded and the winning students received prize money and a certificate.

It is my great pleasure to announce that **Andrea Huang** of **Year 12** was awarded **first place** in the Years 10 – 12 senior secondary division. **Andrea** was surprised and very humble to be announced the winner. She had impressed the judges with the quality of her writing. Some of the judges' comments on her short story, 'A Weekend With My Dad' was that it was 'brilliant' and 'engaging'.

Andrea was the recipient of a certificate and substantial money prize. The President of the Friends of Auburn Library Services, **Ms Deb Neyle**, congratulated **Andrea** on the quality of her submitted work and encouraged her to keep writing.

I was very proud to be present at the award ceremony and to be able to enjoy the occasion. To be short-listed in a public writing competition is important and then to be named first is prestigious. Well done **Andrea**.

Mrs Corcoran Yr 12 Adviser



Andrea Huang in front of her winning short-story.



Andrea Huang with the President of Friends of Auburn Library Services, Ms Deb Neyle

Adventure Day: Baden Powell Scout Centre

It was a cold and wet day, but I hoped that we would all have lots of fun. On Friday 25th May, year 7 went on an excursion to the Baden Powell Scout Centre. It was a scout centre filled with nature from small rocks to ENORMOUS TREES!

We left around 8.30 in the morning and travelled to the scout centre by coach. When we arrived, the teachers brought us to a big room that looked like a conference centre. We met some people who worked there. They taught us how to use a harness for the high ropes course. The teachers then separated year 7 into their class groups.

Our class went onto our first activity and learned how to make a sling shot. We learned how to tie knots together to build up the sling shot. We also used tennis balls as our ammunition. For some reason, our sling shot was kind of lousy. When that was over, we went to have some recess.

On our second activity, we did a small task that needed teamwork. Our first activity was the spider web. We needed to get to the other side through the holes of the rope-web. If we touched the web, we had to start all over again. We failed many times but we came up with a plan to carry each other to the other side. On our second task we needed to walk on a metal cable with a rope stuck from the tree to support us and our friend spotting us.

When that was over, we went to have some lunch that the centre provided for us.

For our third activity we went onto the high rope course. It looked very easy from the ground, but once you're up there, there is no turning back. It is a brand new course that included 6 elements high above the ground. The course tested your balance, coordination and skill as you made your way through the trees. Some people just did the flying fox, but I completed the full course. First there was a high balance beam,. Second there were diagonal logs that you had to weave through. Third there were stepping boards that you had to cross. Fourth there were swings that you had to stand on. Fifth there was a big spider web that you had to cross and finally there was the flying fox.

On our last activity we did a 'hunting' game where we used a walkie-talkie, map and a clue sheet. We had to find laminated letters using the clues and then walkie-talkie their location back to the teacher at headquarters.

Finally, it was time to go home. We all met in the hall and received some good comments about our behaviour and team-work. We left at 4.30pm, arriving back at school at 5.30pm. We sure did have a really fun day.

Thank you to the teachers who took us to the excursion – **Ms Kivilcim, Ms Sullivan, Ms Zreika and Mr Rosewall.**

Bill Doan 7B



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SICK BAY PROCEDURES – WHAT TO DO WHEN

I AM NOT FEELING WELL



Ask your teacher for a note to go to the clinic.

Bring the note to the Front Office in D Block. (If it is the end of a period then you must get a note from the teacher of the class

you are supposed to be going into).

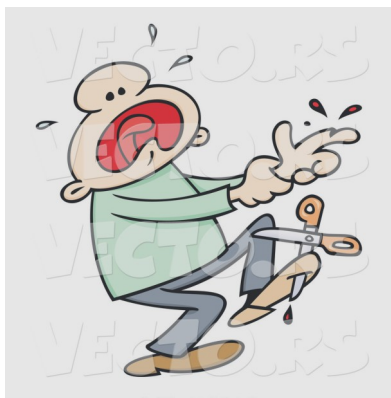
If you are too sick to stay at school your Parent/Guardian will be contacted to come and get you.

Remember – do not come to school if, in the morning, you are feeling too sick to be in class all day. The clinic cannot give treatment for illnesses that should be treated at home or by a doctor. The clinic can only offer First Aid.

IMPORTANT – we need a contact number for your Parents/Guardians at home and at work in case you need to be taken to a doctor or hospital by ambulance.

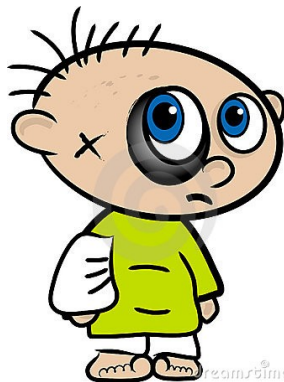
I AM HURT OR INJURED AT SCHOOL

Go to the clinic which is in D Block next to the Administration Office or a friend should tell a teacher as soon as possible. At the clinic you will be given First Aid. If necessary your Parent/Guardian will be



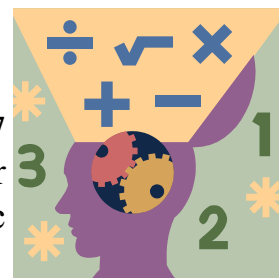
contacted to collect you to take you to the doctor or if serious, an ambulance will be called.

If parents need to contact students they should ring the school office on **9644 1099** as students mobile phones must be turned off (not on silent) during school hours.



Year 7 Maths Excursion

On the 26th July, Year 7 attended an excursion for Maths at Sydney Olympic Park.



A great time was had by all and many real life situations that require mathematical skills were explored. We calculated the height of a tree using only our knowledge of Maths. We also estimated the number of crabs living in certain areas of the wetlands and the flow of water under a bridge.

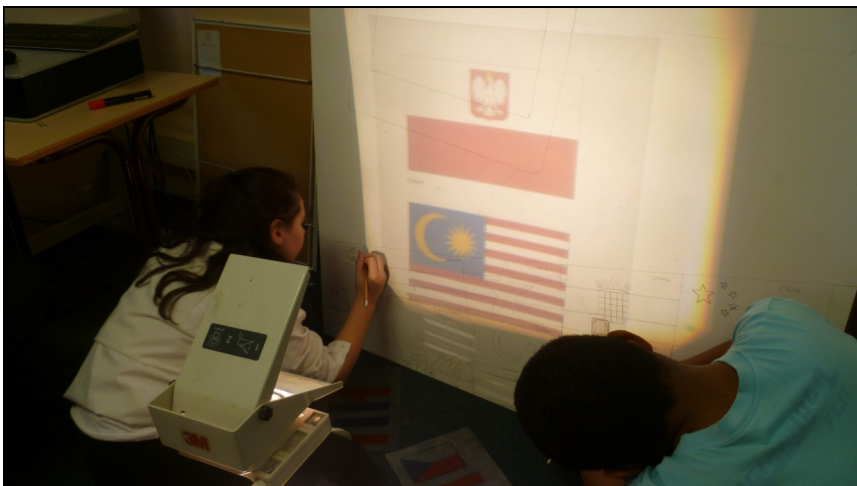
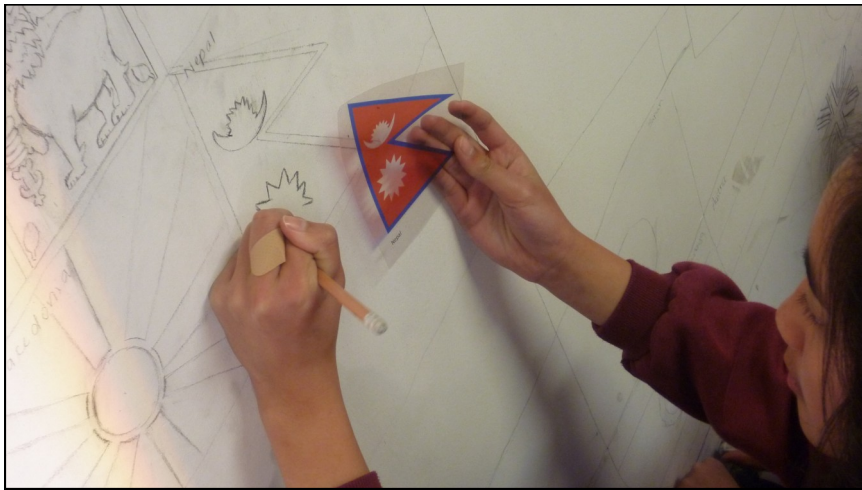
While at Sydney Olympic Park we explored a large area (good exercise) and found out some surprising facts, such as, there is a train buried under the park and a very large sundial has been built to tell the time.

Year 7 represented Cheso in the best way and all said the day was informative and much fun.

Ms Margaronis

Art Club News

Talented students from the Art Club have been busy designing and painting a mural for Chester Hill High School's 50th Anniversary. Students came to school in the holidays and have been working with the Visual Arts teachers on full day incursions. The mural will be unveiled in September.



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Zone Athletics Carnival

In the last week of term two, Cheso's best athletes competed at the Bankstown Zone Athletics Carnival held at The Crest Athletics Track.

The carnival was held over two days, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th June, and the perfect weather conditions allowed for some great individual and team performances. We performed very well on both the track and field events with all our competitors giving their best, and as a result, Chester Hill placed 2nd overall in the points tally out of the 10 schools competing. Well done!

The carnival came to an exciting end with the 4 x 100m relays with our under 15 boys and 16 girls team taking out 1st place with a come from behind win. There were some stand out

individual performances over the two days and those students who placed in the top 2 for each event were rewarded with a place in the Regional Athletics Carnival which was just recently held. Those students were: **Shania Ahipene Ruru, Lillie Caseres, Rhonda Kraini, Ratu Manumanuitoga, Hsa Mu Paw, Nakeeta Webber, Adrian Kotevski, Peter Vo, Charlie Faleolo, Tanesha Hancock, Monday Light, Delian Kotevski, Rhiannon Minnett, Fafoga Vaiasu, Cheyenne Welsh, Harrison Welsh, Melek Yilmaz, Apual Marial, Gardinia Luitai, Stacey Francis, and Ibrahim Assaad.**

A big thank you to the staff who assisted on both days and to the parents who came to support.

Mr. Yildirim – PDHPE Faculty



Congratulations go out to

Sayed Amin Zada, Amina Mossavi, Gar Dee Paw and Judith Po Mya for receiving Western Sydney Refugee Youth Award 2012 in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

Other students nominated for this Award are: **Law Be Law Lat, Zion On OO, Elvina Poe, Yasser Baha Alawe, Hsa Mu Paw, Ka Nau Paw, Mui Eh Wah.**

Well done and good luck!

Mrs Fenton



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