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Principal's Report

As the year draws to a close we can look back at the wonderful achievements accomplished at CHHS in 2013. This will be the last newsletter of the year and it's time to celebrate the successes. I have highlighted just a few of our latest achievements.

IEC Showcase

On Friday, the 29th November we were host to the first ever inter-IEC showcase. We believe this was a NSW first, with eleven IECs sending their students to CHHS to celebrate English learning through a public speaking competition. The occasion was attended by high school Principals, Head Teachers from the IECs, NSW DET representatives, community representatives, university academics and over 350 students.

Ms Mee Lin Liao deserves to be congratulated on her vision, drive and passion for bringing this exciting event to fruition. I would also like to acknowledge all the dedicated CH IEC teachers and SAS staff for their outstanding efforts. Their



contributions make the CH IEC a magical place and one fully deserving of its reputation for ESL education excellence. As part of the celebration we also officially 'opened' our new garden and memorial walk through.

Shakespearean Performance

We had a dramatic performance, the first one for a long time, of *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*. Many staff and students auditioned and rehearsed for many hours to make this an



overwhelming success. Special thanks to the willing team of volunteers of teachers and students but special acknowledgements for **Ms Chakarovski, Ms Bryan and Ms Mason** for their special contributions. Also I'd like to thank the many staff and students who made this occasion so memorable.

High Achievers Class

Our two High Achievers' Classes (HAC) have again produced some outstanding projects. Earlier this year, in conjunction with Red Cross and the University of Western Sydney they produced a water safety 'app'

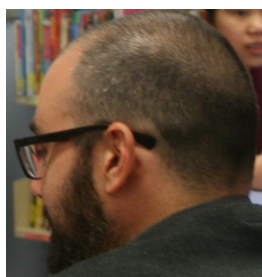
for newly-arrived people to our country. We have had many applicants for our HAC scholarships for 2014. This will be the third year that they have been offered and I am proud to say that some students who were going to private or selective schools are now coming to CHHS as a result of this program.

Award Winners



Two CHHS teachers have been the recipient of the UNSW Education Faculty Awards for outstanding supervision of student teachers. The two teachers, **Ms Abdulhadi** and **Mr Viller** were presented with

their awards at a prestigious ceremony at UNSW where the manager of the NSW Board of Studies, Ms Carol Taylor, gave the formal address. CHHS has hosted 27 student teachers this year.



Invariably, they all comment on what an excellent professional learning experience they had at our school. This kind of feedback demonstrates that CHHS staff, curriculum and welfare policies are highly regarded in the wider educational community.

Helmsman Project 2014

In late November, over 100 of the CHHS community gathered at the University of Western Sydney to be part of the 2014 Helmsman Project. This Project involves coaching sessions for individual students who are then given the responsibility of learning to sail and navigate an ocean-going yacht. The students are then expected to mentor other students at our school. To be part of the program, students, parents or both had to attend the information session. They have to complete a detailed application form outlining their personal qualities and why they should be in the program. Entry into the program is very competitive. The really



exciting news is that 36 CHHS (current Yr.8) students will be part of the program in 2014. The fantastic turnout of students and parents is again strong evidence of the tremendous community spirit that exists here at CHHS. I would like to thank **Ms Pikoulas** for her commitment to this program.

New Website

In late December, our new website will be launched. While it contains most of the features of the old site, the website has greatly increased capacity to communicate and to interact with our community. We have tried to develop the website to meet future demands. For example, students will be submitting their assessments / homework through the website and they will be selecting their sport through the website. It links Facebook and Twitter pages and has a large multi-media capacity. In the near future the website will become the main way we will communicate with our community. I would like to thank **David Criniti** and



Michael Barnes for their inspired work on this modern day marvel.



Organisation for end-of-year: 12th – 20th December, 2013

Towards the end of the year there will be our usual Presentation Days for our students. We welcome all parents to these events to help us

celebrate the achievements of students. On Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th there will be intensive literacy and numeracy classes for our junior students and there will be a Senior Study Skills program for our Yr.11. The 2013 school Year will end for students on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th. There is a summary of events in the table below.

Date	Activity
Thursday 12 th Dec	Presentation Day Yr. 11 – 9:30am start
Friday 13 th Dec	Presentation Day for Yrs.9/10 – 9:30am start Presentation Day for Yrs. 7/8 – 1:30pm start
Monday 16 th Dec	Normal classes
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Intensive Literacy classes Yrs. 7-10; Senior Study skills Yr.11
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Intensive Literacy classes Yrs. 7-10; Senior Study skills Yr.11
Thursday 19 th Dec	Staff Development – no classes
Friday 20 th Dec	Staff Development – no classes

Ms Pikoulas is leaving us

On behalf of our school and community, I would like to congratulate **Ms Pikoulas** on her promotion to Principal of Cumberland HS. She will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Ms Pikoulas has been an outstanding Deputy Principal in every respect. Her commitment to and compassion and energy for our students is unsurpassed by anybody else I know. She has been an inspiring role model for staff and she leaves a legacy of quality teaching and improved whole school practices. I sincerely believe that she has changed the lives of many students here. She will be sadly missed.

May everyone have a family-oriented Christmas and a healthy, safe and productive New Year. We have achieved much during 2013 and this is due to our wonderfully active and dedicated staff, our terrific students and our continuously supportive parents. Well done everybody!

Mr B. Miller



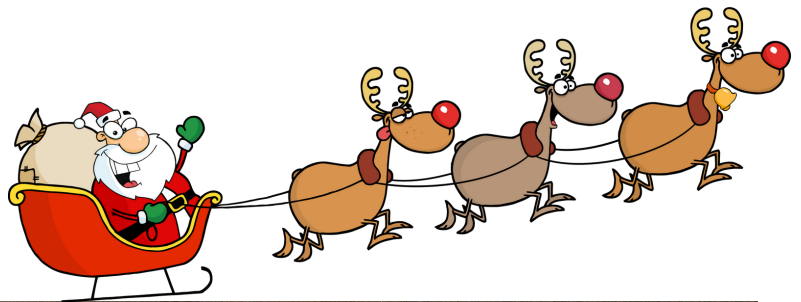
ABCN Scholarship to Aardash Prasad

The Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) Foundation was created by senior business leaders to inspire and encourage community engagement in their organisations.

As a result of our partnership with the ABCN, we had the opportunity to apply for a scholarship for one of our Year 10 students. The student had to be endorsed by their Principal and had to meet the scholarship criteria. The applications were then read by a selection panel of ABCN foundation members and educators. There were **162 applicants** from all over the country and only **12 scholarships** were offered.

Aardash Prasad was one of five NSW recipients of this scholarship. The scholarship will support his studies in Years 11 and 12 and the first year of tertiary education as well as the opportunity to receive mentoring, coaching and alumni activities from ABCN. The Foundation Selection panel announced the winners at a function in Sydney on 20 November 2013.

Congratulations Aardash



An Inspiring SRC Speech for SRC elections for 2014



Sometimes, you need to step outside. Get some air. And remind yourself of who you are and who you want to be. Last night, I stood outside. Got some air. And reminded myself of who I was, and who I wanted to be.

Whilst I was thinking, a constant thought was ‘INSPIRE’. I decided, that this is the reason I want to be standing in front of you all beautiful people. This is why I was SRC for the past 2 years

I pushed myself to be here in front of you right now. And there is a reason for this. That is, I wanted to inspire you, that giving it a go and overcoming doubt is important to learn in life. I wanted to show you that not chickening out is actually a skill known as courage. Now courage doesn't always shout. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the

day saying, “I WILL try again tomorrow” If you have not yet taken a risk, if you have not yet overcome self doubt and instead demonstrated courage, I want you to do so, next time round.

A leader isn't just someone who wears a badge; a LEADER IS SOMEONE WHO has positive influence. Just because you don't win or succeed, please pick yourself up and by doing so you WILL influence someone out there. Whether it's ONE person, or whether it's a whole group of people. One day I want ALL to inspire others. And one day I want us ALL to become leaders in different ways.

Thank you

Rhianna Dalgish



Year 6 Orientation

On the 4th of December, year 6 students who will be starting at Cheso in 2014, visited our school in order to be given an introduction to life at Cheso.

They met key teachers and were given information about how things operate here, and what to expect when they start next year. A few of the students had been here a few times previously, and worked together to create a video.

All in all CHHS now doesn't seem as daunting!.

Year 9 Y PASS

During Term 4 the year 9 Y PASS class participated in a Rugby League course at Abbott Park. Each Friday week B the boys walked to the park to meet the instructor Ryan Borg from The Bulldogs.

In the sessions they participated in offensive and defensive drills, kicking development and tackling skills. All students enjoyed the experience and played with enthusiasm.



Ryan also provided some motivation with discussions about the future and offered to provide work experience opportunities to those students who showed leadership throughout the course. He also provided a free football to the students for their excellent participation in the program.

Well done to the boys for representing the school with pride and respect throughout the term.

Special thanks to Ryan Borg for his dedication and professionalism throughout the term.

Mrs Lykouras



STARTTS Basketball Comp/Gala Day

On Friday 22nd November a number of interested students participated in a special basketball event at Auburn Basketball Stadium. Students made their own school teams to play against Merrylands HS and Strathfield Girls HS. The other teams were compiled of counsellors from STARTTS Sporting Linx youth program, teachers and police from the Flemington Police Station.

Students played a round robin throughout the day and finished with a 3 point shot competition. All the students enjoyed themselves mingling with the police and staff. Although many played competitively to win, others enjoyed the entire experience including a free lunch. Special thanks to Ms Kenny for her excellent organisation of a very successful day.

Congratulations to the following students who represented the school well.



Elizabeth Glasovac, George Chen, Clarissa Brown, Adam Hajimohammed, Alex and Stanley Sesay, Jimmy Nguyen, Timon Huo, Akoldh Marial, Ben Ly, Bill Phong, Jordan Tang, Anthony Ho, Ahmad Nadir, Jad Ismail, Maftuna Tursunova, Shawn Oh, Abdinasir Hersi, Arsalan Hamidpour, Zac Janus, Tony Oh, Seyed Mahdi Mousavi, Dinah Atatili, Nesreen Moussa.

Sculpture by the Sea Excursions for Year 7

Two excursions were organised this term by the art faculty so that all Year 7 students could have the opportunity to go and experience the annual exhibition of sculptures at Bondi and Tamarama.

Some comments from students :

Andrew Dinh: It was absolutely awesome because of the many different sculptures. My favourite sculpture was the gigantic glass sphere which was clear and which reflected everything. I had a wonderful experience and it has inspired me to like art more.

Sandy Akil: Year 7 went on a beautiful Sculpture by the Sea excursion. There were over a hundred artworks. Some were hanging on a line, or placed on a cliff or stuck on the ground. People expected it to be boring, but once everyone got there they were shocked by the variety of sculptures and the beautiful location. We took lots of photos of ourselves out together. My favourite artwork was the gigantic red baby's head with a bubble coming out of its mouth. That was outstanding.



Bella Fosio: Going to Sculpture by the Sea was fun. We all saw different types of sculptures like the big cloud that had lots of baby toys hanging off pieces of string and tied into a net. It looked very interesting.

We saw a whole heap of flags in a great big circle, which looked absolutely wonderful as you looked down onto it. There were lots of different sculptures. My favourite was the palm tree made

from lots of pages from the Yellow Pages directory and green cardboard for the leaves. We had to all walk along the edge of the cliff. There were lots of beautiful pictures taken by everyone. It was really fun. On the walk back there were a lot of beautiful shades of blue in the ocean. I loved it!

Sabrina Haidar: It was nice to see the creative sculptures and the one that I like the most was the gigantic clear plastic marble filled with water. Everyone had a fun time with their friends and everyone took lots of nice shots of the sculptures and the water.

Laura Mezher: When I arrived at Sculpture by the Sea,





my eyes were blown away by the amazing sculptures. I enjoyed every bit of it. My favourite was a big glass marble shaped like a sphere. I couldn't take my eyes off it. It looked so good because it was placed on a high part of the cliff that faced the beautiful sunny ocean and everything around it was reflected inside it, but upside down, like a miniature world. There were lots of other beautiful sculptures there that people wouldn't believe. I hope to go again with my teachers who took care of us. Thank you.

Dima: Sculpture by the Sea was a fabulous place to go. The sculptures were unexplainable and shone against the glowing blue sea. You could take beautiful photos as the wind blew some of the sculptures and made them move.

Rosa Trad: At the excursion we walked a lot and had recess and lunch breaks. I saw heaps of beautiful sculptures. There were massive marbles, skeletons balanced on bikes, baby toys suspended from the sky.



My favourite was the clear marble sphere. You could see 3-d waves inside it. We came back and told everyone how awesome it was and I tried to encourage them to go and see it with their families.



Sculptures by the Sea

This picture from the Sculpture by the Sea Photo competition, was the winning photo taken by Jennifer Nguyen in 7Blue



Yr 9 Excursion to the Japanese Tanken Centre

On Wednesday 20th of November Mrs. Byrne's Year 9 Japanese class went on an excursion to the Japanese Tanken Centre in Kirrawee High School. While there, we played many games, like a Japanese quiz show game and a 'Mystery Star' game. We played lots of other games too which were fun and educational. We learnt new words in the games and revised things we had already learnt. The hosts only spoke Japanese and we understood most of it. For lunch we had a Bento lunch box which consisted of Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Tuna Sushi, salad and Edamame beans. We had a lot of fun and hope that next year's Year 9 Japanese class has as much fun as we did.

Written by Briannan Tallon, 9I





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Some of the set design team
 Thank you for your huge support
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Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Student recounts :

Aimee Truong, Cindy Chau , Miriam Tran and Lilian Do.

The busy morning of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party started with the Year 10 elective Art students meeting in F2. Afterwards, everyone divided into groups to prepare for the tea party. There were lollies, cakes, soft drink and chips – all the snacks necessary for a party! It was interesting to see the other students' magnificent major works of Mad Hatter's hats and teapots. The works displayed truly expressed each individual student's creative dedication to their very own masterpiece.

Towards the end, awards such as 'Best Makeup', 'Best Costume', 'Best Hat', and 'Best Pottery work', 'Best Food' and 'Best Hat and Costume Combination' were awarded. We would like to thank the amazing teachers for their hard work in preparing the party for us. It was a wonderful experience and a great way to end our elective Art years!



Nesreen Moussa:

On Thursday of Week 7, Year 10 elective Art classes participated in the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. On this day students and teachers were allowed to come dressed in crazy outfits. Not all students got into the spirit but it was still worth it. Teachers and students brought food and a number of students and teachers (thanks Ms Taleb) brought amazing food created in a mad way specially for this occasion. It was a worthwhile day thanks to the teachers and the students who made the effort to be a part of this magical day.



This Tea Party is becoming a tradition at Chester Hill High school with more outlandish crazy hats and teapots/pots being created every year. This year's creations were extraordinary, reflecting the amazing creativity of our Year 10 elective art students. Thank you to Steve Vu for designing the fabulous certificates on the theme of the Mad Hatter. Thanks to Ms Taleb for providing us with the amazing grinning Cheshire Cat cake

and various other wonderful cupcakes and other delicious snacks. Likewise to all of the other students including Dylan Crump, winner of the 'Best Food' category with his amazing chocolate concoctions.

To all of our guests and the staff involved in making this such a worthwhile fun event. We are looking forward to an even more spectacular event next year. Most of all thank you to the students for your creativity and for making it such an enjoyable event.

Mrs Manion and the Art Faculty.





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There is no such thing as a CISA number. The telephone caller may have your personal details, including your birth date and nationality, but this information can be found online in a number of places e.g. social networking sites.

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The Garden



Over the last few months, the school's grounds have been given a makeover which includes the garden between F block and A block. The man most responsible for this is Mr John Preston, who has renewed and beautified the existing green space to a new level.

It is a pleasure to walk by the magnificent explosion of colour making Cheso even more enjoyable to attend.

Thanks John and of course our G.A. Mr Peter Irons who helps wherever needed. And a big thank you to all who donated plants and seedlings.



MyEDiary

In 2014 Chester Hill High School is proud to announce it will be introducing an electronic diary “MyEDiary” for students, teachers and parents, as well as students receiving the normal hardcopy diary.



Mobile & Tablet compatible
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The MyEdiary features include:

- Ediary and calendar of events
- School announcements
- Accurate and up-to-date events
- Collaboration, messaging and reporting for parents
- Teacher assigned non-deletable homework
- Student self-assessment reminders
- Communication between teachers and parents
- Weekly homework reporting

Students will be introduced to the new system in 2014 during term 1.

We hope the introduction of this new system will facilitate improvements in student organisation; communication of whole school events; and establishing/strengthening links within the whole school community.

Parents Tour to UTS University.

On Tuesday 12th November 2013, parents from Chester Hill High School, visited the University of Technology Sydney.



A bus organized by UTS collected our parents along with parents from Auburn Public School and took them to Broadway for this tour. It was a rainy day, and I thank all parents that participated in this program for their time and effort. There were parents from the Pacific Community and Vietnamese



Community involved in this program.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Siunipa Fifita
PI Community Liaison Officer





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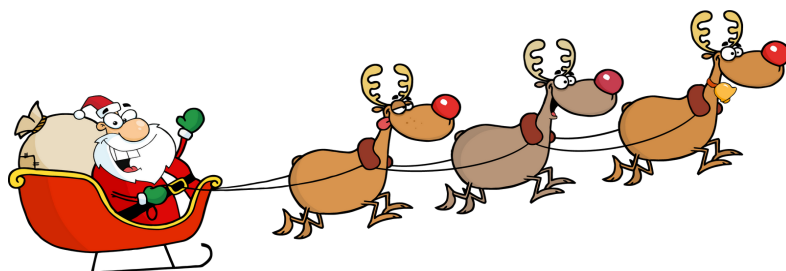
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S/S Button Shirt	\$25.00
Girls	
Tartan Skirt	\$47.00
Grey Slacks - Bootleg	\$38.00
S/S Button Blouse	\$27.00
Unisex/ Sport	
80/20 Wool Jumpers	\$68.50
White Custom Polo	\$26.00
Sloppy Joe	\$28.00
School Tie	\$20.00
Cap – Embroidered	\$10.00
Microfibre Jacket	\$60.00
Microfibre Track Pants	\$37.00
S/S Sport Polo	\$27.00
Sport Shorts	\$23.00

**Uniform Shop - New Hours****Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours****1st December 2013 -- 1st June 2014****January 2014****Monday: 8:00am -- 12:00pm****Friday: 12pm -- 4pm****Open Pupil Free Days**

Thursday	23rd January	8am - 4pm
Friday	24th January	8am - 4pm
Tuesday	28th January (Pupil Free Day)	8am - 4pm
Wednesday	29th January (Years 7, 11, 12)	8am - 4pm
Thursday	30th January (years 8, 9, 10)	8am - 12pm
Friday	31st January	12pm - 4pm



To all our contributors, all our readers and all the rest

Season's Greetings and All the Best for the New Year

From Karin, Karen and Michael