

CHESO HEWS

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Principal's Report

Year 12 2013

By the time you read this Year 12 will be in the final moments of their schooling. I want to take the opportunity to thank all parents who have 'also served' in this arduous year. Additionally, I want to thank all the teachers and SAS staff who have supported them throughout the period of their time here. In particular I want to acknowledge the work of Ms Margaronis and Ms Abdulhadi for their sterling year patronage and Mr Rosewall for his work with these students over their time here. This has been a very good year group and they have carried on the fine traditions of Chester Hill HS. Their senior leadership team of Susan Ha Vi Nguyen, Corey Minett, Jessica Taulaga and Yasser Alawe have been exemplary Captains and Vice-Captains. They have shown genuine leadership and the school is very proud of their achievements.

SAS Recognition Week Sept 9th – 14th

We are very fortunate to have our dedicated SAS staff support your child's education. Two metaphors spring to mind: they are the heart of the school and they are the oil that makes the wheels turn. Chester Hill HS and



IEC have over 1200 students and over 100 staff members, making it a very large organisation. It simply wouldn't work if we did not have the back-up from our SAS staff. However, they contribute much more than the actual hours worked. They take great pride in what they do, produce quality work and contribute significantly to our enduring school spirit.

Chester Hill Teacher wins NSW Premier's Scholarship

In August, our School Counsellor, Mr Kris Wrona won the prestigious NSW Premier's Anika Foundation Youth Depression Awareness Scholarship which is worth \$15,000. The scholarship has been established to raise awareness of youth depression and suicide and provide funds to

support research into youth depression and suicide with the aim of reducing the impact of youth depression on society.



Mr Wrona is to be congratulated on his success and we look forward to hearing his research findings in this area.

Helmsman Project

Six of our Year 9 girls have completed the adventure of a lifetime when they spent a week sailing up the NSW coast to Port Stephens and back. Alana Johnston, Ghenwa Mokdad, Shania Ahipene-Ruru, Jocelyn Huang, Shannon Huang and Tara Henry learned to sail a large yacht very successfully.



They were selected to take part in a program called the Helmsman Project which seeks to challenge the students to go beyond their normal expectations and experiences. The girls responded brilliantly and were able to navigate and sail by themselves by the end of



the voyage.

The program will be continuing in 2014 when six of our boys will venture out of Sydney Heads on a parallel program.

Australian Human Resources Awards

On Friday 6th September, Ms Mee Lin Liau and I attended the Australian Human Resources Awards at the Westin Hotel in Sydney. The nomination came from our work with our 'Partner in Learning' - Optus and in particular between the Intensive English Centre and Mr Andrew Buay. nomination was a bit 'left field' however all the volunteer work contributed by Optus staff to CHHS has resulted in much better morale for Optus staff and thereby improved the capacity of their workforce. It was this aspect which attracted the attention of the judges. We did not win but the experience continued the dialogue between us and then again, there is always next year.

Mr. B. Miller

Book Week Dress-Up

On Friday 24th August, Chester Hill High celebrated National Book Week. Many staff and Year 12 students dressed up as their favourite book character and so the school quickly became a sea of literary figures. The entire school enjoyed the day with students of all ages asking their teachers about their novel choices. The Year 7 HAC class also designed posters to promote the day and the school's Facebook page contained cryptic photos of staff and their books in the lead-up to Book Week. Thank you to all who participated!

Ms Sullivan





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CONGRATULATIONS TO BRENDEN WILLIAMSON OF YEAR 10

On Friday 16th August it was my great pleasure to attend the **Yamaha Grand Prix Day** held at **Yamaha Head Office in Wetherill Park**.



The Grand Prix was sponsored by Yamaha in partnership with South West Connect. The Grand Prix was a contest held between a number of schools each represented by two of their mechanically minded students. The students who were selected for the Yamaha Grand Prix had already experienced an elimination round and selection process earlier in the year.

The students who represented Cheso were Hadi Shahin and Brenden Williamson, both of Year 10. They competed against other students and themselves in a number of grueling technical rounds. The boys had to interpret information from a number of bike and marine manuals and they were expected to assemble, dismantle or make operational bike engines and outboard motors. The skill level required was very high. As the manager of Yamaha stated, the test was similar to the assessment for the top apprentices at Yamaha Australia.

The competition was very tough. All the

boys had been successful in the elimination rounds and a number of them were seriously considering apprenticeships in motorcycles and outboard engines. Brenden impressed the judges with his knowledge and considerable skill level. He demonstrated that his interest in motor cycles was transferable to an employment setting and that he would be a potentially very valuable member of a bike shop team. Brenden is to be congratulated on his dedication, his determination to achieve at the highest standard and his capacity to remain cool and focused when under pressure. Well done!

Helen Corcoran (Transition Adviser)



Hadi Shahin and Brenden Williamson enjoy a well deserved break from the challenging tasks they have to perform against the clock!

BSTREETSMART FORUM – Year 11 PD/H/PE and CAFS Excursion

The Youth and Road Trauma Forum.

BStreetsmart was without a doubt the most informative and meaningful excursion that we and a 40 other Year 11 students attended this term. This excursion taught us a strong message that I'm sure has not only influenced me but also everyone who was there. The excursion talked about what happens when you are taking risks on the road and we got to see some of what happens at a crash site as well as hearing stories from survivors of road crashes who are now living with the permanent damage that their accidents have caused.

This excursion gave us an opportunity to know the difference between the rights and wrongs on the road. We were able to collect a lot of information to give us more of an insight on how serious drink diving can be. It was a privilege to be a part of this experience and wonderful day. I would

d e f i n i t e l y recommend for other teens to get out and experience this day when given the chance.

Emily Rabadi Hala Kahla Eman El-Haj







MELBOURNE EXCURSION

Melbourne, an unforgettable place with so much to offer and so much to do that you are never left with nothing short of excitement.

Whilst with our Italian class alongside the Food Technology students, we had the opportunity to go on an excursion to Melbourne as part of our studies. We found ourselves taking part in so many experiences diminish that never seemed to Whether it was riding the excitement. Melbourne Trams, eating at the city's recognised Italian restaurants along Lygon Street, or immersing ourselves in the nature of the Food Industry at the Victoria Markets, we were always kept on the go doing something fun. We took part in in so many activities in just two days, something that would normally take two weeks to do.



The busy and cosmopolitan surrounding combined with our everlasting momentum to experience the diverse culture of Melbourne, made this experience unique and an event that each one of us will hold in our memory forever. During our cultural venture through the streets of Melbourne we saw the many famous monuments such as Flinders Street Station, Federation Square, the beautiful Beach at St Kilda and Melbourne's Luna Park, while also conversing with some Italian speaking locals.

Also, we will never forget the fun we had with the teachers, Ms Mateus, Ms Gianacas and Mr Milne. Bonding with them was soooo much fun and we found that the

formal barriers were being broken and a sense of strong connections was felt amongst everyone, which put a smile on everyone's faces. The teachers made us feel secure and safe being away from home.



The Cheso spirit and our positive attitudes were certainly showcased. I hope this first time excursion will pave the way for the many more years to come for students to experience the culture of Melbourne in relation to their studies and gain an enjoyable experience that will last forever.

Tanti Saluti

By Maysa Elkheir Malaak Rima

On Wednesday 28th to the 29th of August, the Year 12 Food Technology and Italian classes went to Melbourne for a Cultural and Food Experience.

Melbourne was a short but fun and exciting trip especially for the ones who hadn't been on a plane before. When we arrived we ate at a small café in a quiet corner of Melbourne where there was a waitress who spoke Italian which worked well for the Italian students, as they got to practise their skills. We caught a free tram that took us around the city circle, we also walked around the streets of Melbourne, we walked down Lygon Street and ate at a Pizza, Pasta Buffet place where the portion sizes were huge. For breakfast we ate at a nice restaurant.

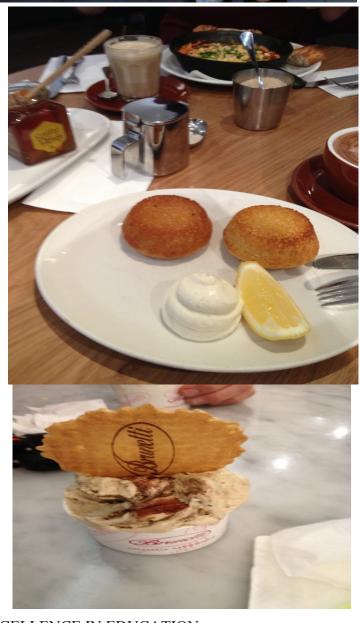


We really enjoyed the mochas, it was a good way to wake up. Many of the places we ate at were gourmet food places. Throughout the walked whole excursion we almost everywhere. Especially at night with the girls in heels, they were all exhausted. A small group of us kinda got lost while trying to find back to the hotel, because our wav "someone" couldn't read her maps on her iphone. On the last night, for dinner we went to the Sofitel and toured the hotel and we went to the 35th floor and looked at the amazing views from the bathroom.

It wasn't just a learning experience for the students, we taught the teacher how to live the "yolo" life.

Overall the excursion was one of the best excursions ever and was enjoyed by all.

By Corey Minett
Jessica Quinnell
Dayna Thompson



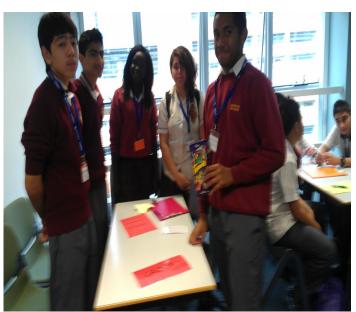
Year 8 Aspire Day at UNSW

The excursion to the University of New South Wales was a great experience. We had a great time and we learnt so many new things. There are so many courses of study at university its amazing. We walked around the campus and noticed a lot of interesting features, for example there was a sculpture of Mahatma Ghandi and below it one of his famous quotes:" An eye for an eye will make the world go blind." We visited NIDA the original theatre and had a look at some of the campus accommodation for students. This excursion was the best I've been to and I hope we get to go back to the UNSW.

Rhonda Kraini, Year 8.









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Gladys & John Go to Hospital

Congratulations to Gladys Akumah and John Aquino of Year 12 for successfully completing Certificate III in Health Services at Liverpool Hospital. Both students attended lessons every Tuesday afternoon additional to their school commitments. They received their nationally accredited qualification on the evening of their graduation at the hospital.





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HSC Music Evening

On August 21st the Year Twelve Music Class put on an evening show which was comprised of some of their HSC pieces. It was a wonderful night with a range of pieces including jazz, rock, classical and pop. The students benefitted greatly from the concert and the quality of their HSC performances took a huge step up. The show was hosted by Mahina Mau, Toa Luitai, Cassandra Pendino and Luke Bailey who all did a fantastic job. The audience was extremely supportive and there was a buzz in the air as each student performed at least one piece from their repertoire. The show concluded with a class performance of a song called 'Oats', written by the students and dedicated to Ms Arnold who never fails to eat a bowl of oats for breakfast everyday. Since the concert the have completed their external students practical exams for Music. R. Arnold







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HSC MUSIC EVENING



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UTS Excursion

On Friday August 9th 8V, accompanied by Ms Manion and Ms Fenton, attended the University of Technology for an exciting day of activities in the Art Faculty.

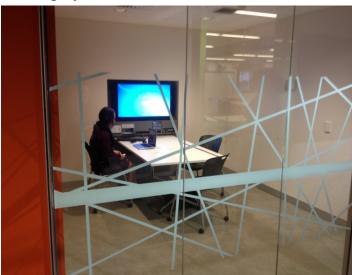


The day started with students viewing the Video Installation 'Dark Matter' by collaborating artists who go by the group name of Soda Jerk. The videos were highly challenging and based on appropriations of earlier movies by famous artists such as



Bette Davis and Joan Crawford, Judy Garland in the 'Wizard of Oz' and River Pheonix who played in movies as both a boy and an adult. In each pair of videos, that ran simultaneously, the actor confronted him/herself at some age at a different age to the age they were at that moment in time. For example Judy Garland confronted

herself as an adult, when opening a door in a house. The child Judy Garland saw herself as an adult and was frightened by what she saw. It was all achieved through clever editing by Soda Jerk.



For the remainder of the day, the students participated in a range of activities. The most exciting activity involved students writing a letter to themselves in the future. They composed a letter to their future selves. They were then taken to a booth where they were filmed speaking to their future selves. This was placed on a USB and then both the letter and the electronic video of themselves speaking were placed in a time -capsule envelope which each student carried home with them. The students had a most exciting and challenging day and returned home tired but rewarded by their warm welcome to UTS unique and their and challenging Mrs Manion experiences.



I AM CHAMPION PROGRAM



In Term 3, we introduced a wonderful course to inspire and engage our Karen boys in Years 9, 10 and 11. In the words of Christian Marchegiani CHAMPION" is a course which is aimed at helping teenage boys, and in particular our Karen boys, confront issues of self-esteem, bullying, social media, and relationships as well as developing the necessary skills to deal with and overcome the things they struggle with the most as they grow into adulthood. The pressures of succeeding and living up to the expectations placed upon them by society, school, and social media can make it a confusing time for most teenage boys especially when the strains of peer pressure affect them. They experience many changes physically, mentally, and emotionally and are subject to some of the most difficult experiences they will ever have to face such as bullying, rejection, health, and academic challenges.

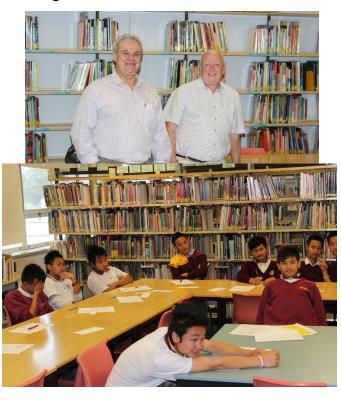
Our students have responded extremely well to the program and are focusing on realising their personal goals as well as developing their resilience.

Mechel Pikoulas



KICK GOALS AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

Gary Foster, Joe Spiteri and Sonia Minhas from the Woodville Community Services - Youth Support Program are also working with our students, through the Kick Goals Australia Program to upskill our students in effective communication strategies, mental and emotional wellbeing and goal setting. Targeted Year 9, 10 and 11 students participate in 2 hour workshops each week to develop effective life skills including goal setting, time management, communication strategies and ways in adversity which to overcome Mechel Pikoulas strengthen resilience.



Under 15 Girls Basketball Knockout

The Chester Hill under 15 girls basketball team played a very competitive Leumeah High School in round one of the knock-out competition. In a very close game, our girls eventually triumphed over Leumeah, 44-40.

Round two resulted in Chester Hill playing against Cecil Hills High School. Our skills and team play had greatly improved since round one. Unfortunately we lost 27-12, but should be congratulated on a terrific team effort. Mrs Grant





Year 10 P.A.S.S. Excursion

This term year 10 P.A.S.S. were lucky enough to spectate the GIO National Wheelchair Rugby Championships Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. The Championships featured players from the GOLD medal winning Australian Team (The Steelers), from the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The students were then treated to a guided tour of SKODA Stadium, home of Australia's newest AFL team, the Greater Western Sydney Giants. Some of the highlights of the tour included walking a lap of the stadium and seeing the amazing facilities available to the Giants. As a follow up to the excursion, Year 10 P.A.S.S. students then participated in the Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow.



This allowed our students to play wheelchair basketball in the school C.O.L.A. and listen to an inspirational talk on road safety, risk taking and living in a wheelchair.

The students gained an incredible insight and understanding of physical activity for the disabled as a result of these experiences.

Mrs Grant and Mr Chahrouk

Social Media

Cheso has recently launched Facebook and Instragram pages to showcase our students' diverse range of achievements & to add another modern communication channel to our arsenal. To keep up with the latest, like us on facebook & follow us on instagram.

Cheso's facebook page.

www.facebook.comchesterhillhighschool
Cheso's instagram page.

http://instagram.com/chesterhillhs

REMINDER

To Parents/Guardians/ Students

Chester Hill HS Uniform

Please find listed below the correct uniform as per Chester Hill High School Uniform Requirements published in the Student Diary/Website and Student Handbook 2013

- Maroon Sloppy Joe or School Jumper
- School Jacket
- Maroon/White Official Winter
 Cheso School Scarf OR a Plain
 Black OR Plain White Scarf ONLY

NB: No Beanies, hoodies, coloured or black clothing under shirts

UNIFORM SHOP

New Hours

1st June 2013 - 1st December 2013 Monday 8:30am - 11:30am Friday 1pm - 4pm Open Pupil Free Days

SAFETY CONCERN REMINDER Dear Parents/Guardians



If you drive your children to school or collect them of an afternoon - please do not drive through the school gates onto the school grounds - as there are students walking through, staff cars and delivery vehicles all coming and going at the same time. The school is concerned that an accident may occur with parents doing u-turns on the school grounds.





Please drop your child off in Campbell Hill Road / Kenward Avenue or Miller Road. Your child can then walk in through the footpath gate.



UNIFORM SHOP SALE

Last 2 weeks of term 9/9/13 – 20/9/13

20% Discount on all stocked items only no refunds, no exchanges & no rainchecks

Does not apply to WOOLLEN JUMPERS

SAS Staff Recognition Week



School Admin Manager
Ms Pauline Sweedman
manages the school office etc
financial management of the
school



Mrs Denise Howard banking and procurement invoices and payments



Mrs Aristea Paschalidis student absences banking and executive reports



Ms Lynne Beach staff leave reception, telephone, mail



Mrs Debbie Atkins student enrolments - leavers Year 6-7 coordinator



Mrs Debbie Senior reception, telephone, general office duties



Ms Charmaine May student reports assets management



Mrs Elaine Snowball assist with library research, borrowing, returning, stock-take and accession resources



Mrs Alena Bird assist with library research, borrowing, returning, stocktake and accession resources



Mrs Megan Crelley
prepares Science work areas
and equipment, assists
teachers and students in the
classroom



Mrs Karen Cox photocopying uniform exchange



Mrs Karin Leake photocopying student bus passes



Mrs Mary Spagnolo assists teachers with class preparation orders, stocktakes food supplies and equipment



Mrs Tracey Dean manages the office and clerical management of the Intensive English Centre



Ms Joanne Lowe clerical and general office duties, attending to enquiries



Mrs Kooi Lim
assists students with library
research, borrowing &
returning, stocktake and
accession resources



John Preston
landscaping



Ms Chris Michels supports teachers & students with individual education programs, assists in the care & management of students behaviour or learning needs



Mr Peter Irons
performs minor maintenance of
buildings, equipment
& upkeep of school grounds,
monitors security & responsible

for daily operational functions as required