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Chester Hill High School Newsletter

September 2015

Principal's Report

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 3, 2015. This is also a very significant time for Year 12 who will be officially leaving us at the end of this term after 13 years of education. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 12 students the very best for their HSC exams and their future endeavours.

A huge thank you needs to be given to all the teachers who have continued to work tirelessly in support of the students. Thank you also to our parent community for your support of our school over the years. I am looking forward to celebrating with you on Year 12 Graduation Day as we officially farewell our Year 12 students.

Parents of Year 7 and Year 9 would have



received NAPLAN results in the mail. We are currently analysing these results and looking at ways to support your children in their learning, based on some of the data from these results. If any parent wishes to discuss

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their child's NAPLAN results, please make an appointment to see one of the Deputy Principals or myself.

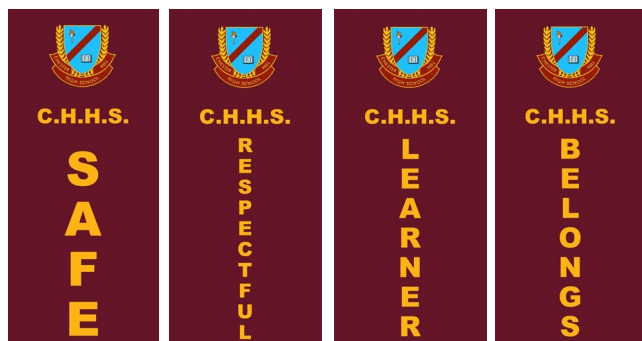
On behalf of the staff at Chester Hill High School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Chester Hill community a wonderful and safe holiday. School resumes for all students on Tuesday, 6 October 2015.

Ms S C Mobayed

IEC Report

Learning isn't something that happens only in school. It isn't just a calculated pursuit that repeats on hourly intervals. Nor is it just a number or a letter on a page.

Learning is magic. And the magic spills out from the walls of our classrooms—from the lines in our work books—from the flourishes of our pens—into the world that lives and breathes around us. (Continued p2)



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IEC Report (continued)

At Chester Hill IEC, no term is complete without a learning experience that allows our students to leave their textbooks behind for a day. This time round, the students of Chester Hill IEC took a trip to the Australian Museum to participate in its annual Science festival. Here the students were given the chance to interact with budding scientists and industry specialists who showcased new



technologies and the importance of science in everyday life. Many demonstrations were watched and just as many students were given the chance to become a human lightbulb! After the festival, students and their teachers were free to roam around the grounds of the museum where the dinosaur exhibit emerged as the resounding champion for most interesting and memorable display.



Just as no term is complete at Chester Hill IEC without an excursion or extra-curricular learning project, so is no term complete without the academic high point of the common test. Students at the IEC recently sat the common test which,

based on the current NAPLAN style of examination, provides the students with the opportunity to experience both the thrill and fear of sitting a major exam.

Mr K Serrato

Sushi Incursion

On Thursday 6 August, 45 students from Year 8 were selected to do a Japanese class incursion. We learnt about aspects of Japanese culture and cooking through sushi making. A friendly and extremely skilled Japanese chef by the name of Dekura-san and his assistant, taught us how to create beautiful and delicious looking sushi. We also had the opportunity to make sushi alongside him.

We made a number of different flavours of sushi. For example, for the *pink flower sushi*, we used white and pink sushi rice and pickled radish. We rolled and shaped them using bamboo mats so that the coloured rice would form the shape of a pink flower. They were sweet and had a light taste.



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Another sushi was the *inside-out sushi*, where we used seaweed, white sushi rice, fish sticks, cucumber, pickled winter melon and carrots. We also decorated the sushi using edible flowers and garnishes. The sushi not only looked and tasted good, but was also very healthy.



At the end of the sushi-making, we went outside to eat our sushi with wasabi, ginger and soy sauce. It was delicious but some students couldn't take the taste of the wasabi because it was very strong.

Overall it was a fun learning experience and we all enjoyed the taste of sushi.

Written by **Yen Hoang**

SRC Year Meeting Report

Jeans for Genes Day was a successful day, where the SRC raised \$880 to help fight childhood diseases. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and all money raised will be donated to aid research of these diseases.

Also, recently we have been convening with the IEC leaders, to encourage them to join the



SRC once they enter the high school as well as to share ideas. This is also a good opportunity for our SRC members to explain our responsibilities in our committees. This is beneficial as it enables us to establish a positive relationship with the IEC school leaders.

Written by **Kristine Tran** and **Kristina Tato**

Optus Aspirations Mentoring Program



Session one of this program was held at Optus Park on Thursday, 20 August, 2015. The students were divided

into groups and each group was matched with a mentor. Students had the opportunity to participate in team building activities focussing on aspects of collaboration and positive teamwork skills. They were also taken on a tour of Optus Park's 21st century corporate buildings and had a sneak-peak of the marketing department and what happens behind the scenes at OPTUS. The students had an enjoyable day! We are looking forward to our next session on the 10 September...stay tuned!

Ms El Samman

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Holiday Ideas



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Run For Your Life!

On Thursday, 3 September, the Run For Your Life Project commenced with an enthusiastic group of students who will be undertaking a course aimed at building essential life skills including goal-setting, commitment and resilience, as they work towards achieving the extremely challenging goal of completing a half-marathon.

This goal will be achieved at the Cadbury Half Marathon in Hobart, on January 10, 2016, and is only possible because of the generosity of a number of sponsors, including The Cadbury Marathon, the Sydney Striders and the Sydney Marathon Clinic.

We wish **Murtaza Ali, Reza Mossavi, Ali Mossavi, Sayed Khalil Musavi and Suleiman Yabarow** all the best on their journey. To follow the project, go to www.facebook.com/therunforyourlifeproject.



The Run for your LIFE PROJECT

Cadbury Marathon

Sydney Marathon Clinic
Amateur Athletic Club Inc.

Sydney Striders

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Work Inspirations – Colgate Palmolive

Chester Hill High School is engaged in a wonderful partnership with **The Smith Family** and **Colgate-Palmolive**. The partnership has a long history and is highly valued by our school community.



Each year Colgate-Palmolive at Villawood hosts students from our school. On **Wednesday 2 September**, twenty-one of our **Year 11 students** attended the careers development program called **‘Work Inspirations’**. These students engaged in icebreaker activities, completed a personality assessment, enjoyed a tour around the plant and also had the opportunity to interview various employees from Colgate Palmolive and hear their work journeys. The employees who volunteered their stories were all volunteers who had willingly given up their time to participate in this valuable program.

As a part of the program, the students worked in pairs to develop a storyboard that they presented to the entire group. The storyboard was about the employee journey that most interested and inspired them. The volunteer employees were touched by the enthusiasm and respect shown them by our students.

I was very proud of our Year 11 representatives. They were mature and engaged. They were prepared to ask questions and to complete all

tasks with a wonderful mixture of fun and seriousness. I would like to commend all those students who attended: **Jafar Alhessany, Tahlia Callaghan, Kiarha Donnelly, Nahid El-Afshal, Amine El Masri, Qudratullah Haidary, Tara Henry, Abdinasir Hersi, Jason Huang, Hafiz Jamshidi, Alana Johnston, Lotu Kavea, Ali Sayeedi, Briannan Tallon, Javed Tamaki, Xander Tran, Linh Tran, Mohammad Vaezi, Jessica Valentine, Qihao Wu** and last, but not least, **Shamma Shahrouk**. Each of these students was a wonderful ambassador for Cheso.

A number of students made the comment that this was the best excursion they have ever been on. That was gratifying to hear.

Thank you to **Himadri Deka** from The Smith Family who liaised between Chester Hill High School, The Smith Family and Colgate-Palmolive and also to all the volunteers for making this an invaluable annual experience for our students.

Mrs Corcoran (Transition Adviser)



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Book Week

Each year schools and libraries across Australia celebrate Book Week. This year the theme was 'Books Light up our World' and the Cheso staff and Year 12 students rose to the occasion and participated in a fun dress-up day. The event was a big success with students and teachers eagerly discussing novels and the characters. Year 7 also contributed by producing some amazing posters promoting Book Week. These will be proudly displayed in the library for the rest of the term.

Did you know - if you read just 20 minutes each day, you will be exposed to approximately 1,800,000 words over the year!

Ms Sullivan.



Economics

This term, 3 Year 11 and 5 Year 12 Economics students participated in the UNSW Economics Competition. This competition aims to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their economic skills by competing at the state level. They are required to answer a series of complex economic questions covering the budget, government policy, the role of international agencies, and the like. Chester Hill High School received very pleasing results as 5 out of the 8 students who participated received a Certificate of Credit, placing them in the top 30% of their cohort.

The following students are to be congratulated on their excellent achievement:

Senior Division

Maryem Abdellatif (Certificate of Credit)
Lucas Pham (Certificate of Credit)
Laura Tran (Certificate of Participation)
Shayma Abdellatif (Certificate of Participation)
Zainab Ashrafi (Certificate of Participation)

Junior Division

Danni Ren (Certificate of Credit)
Daniel Lam (Certificate of Credit)
Lisa Dong (Certificate of Credit)

Written by **Ms Rani.**

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Maths fun at Luna Park

On Friday 7 August 2015, Year 9 students went on an excursion to Luna Park at Milson's Point. On the excursion, students engaged in activities that required them to work mathematically. Students were then rewarded with unlimited access to the rides.

Ms Ing



-30 Year 10 and 30 Year 9 students who have been part of the ASPIRE (University of NSW) Program since Year 8 participated in a workshop in the Library looking at what university can offer, such as subject selection and career pathways. At the Year 10 workshops 4 students in Year 10 were presenters, talking about their experience at the university when they participated in a 3 day program earlier this term.

-University of New Wales has been working closely in the Chester Hill Community and this term they launched 'The Hub', which is the name of the project that allows the university to work with the high school, local primary schools and community centres. At the launch our Chinese Dancers represented the school with their wonderful dance which was attended by community members and representatives from the university.

-9 Year 7 students who participated in the University of Technology-IMC Program went on a night excursion to the Observatory to learn more about the stars and Saturn. A big thank you to **Ms Fenton** and **Ms Baker** who were on excursion until 9pm and to **Ms Mateus** who met the bus back at school to ensure everyone returned safely.

-45 Year 8 students have had their first taste of university life thanks to the COMPASS Program who invited our school to send students to participate in workshops ranging from building rafts to conducting experiments using everyday household items. This day is very hands-on and always gets rave reviews from the students who attend.

-On Saturday 29 August, 25 Year 12 students took advantage of the free bus offered to us by the University of Sydney to take students to the university's Open Day.

-Please be aware that the University of New South Wales is providing free subject support to senior students in the Library, after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until the end of Term 3. Take advantage of this great opportunity where you can get help in English, Maths and Science especially with exams around the corner.

Ms Watts

Connections with universities

This term has been another busy term with Cheso students participating in a number of university activities through our partnerships with the University of New South Wales, University of Sydney and the University of Technology.

-50 Year 10 students participated in the COMPASS (University of Sydney) Workshop. University students volunteered their time to come out to Chester Hill and do a workshop with students for two periods looking at university pathways and career choices.

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Year 12 Performance Evening

A huge thank you to my Year 12 students and the teachers who have guided them, taught them and supported them through their HSC Major Works which were showcased at our Performance Evening on Wednesday 2 September.

It was a fantastic display of our students' talent. It was an evening that not only showcased Drama, Dance and Music performances, but also the students' Major Works in Visual Arts, Industrial Arts, Design and Technology and Textiles. Congratulations to all those students for the amazing works you have produced and created.

Thank you firstly to the students! Thank you also to the parents, ex-students and staff who attended the performance.

A huge thank you to **Ms Arnold, Mr Htoo, Ms Manion, Mr Viller, Mr Trovato, Ms Chakarovski** (who performed on the night), **Ms Sweedman** and the outstanding Video Crew.

Thank you to all staff who assisted in making this event such a success. It's moments like these that make us proud to be part of the "Cheso Team".

Ms Mateus.



A win for Williamson!

The NSW Training Awards are conducted annually by the NSW Department of Industry to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector. The Awards honour and reward the achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations, large and small employers.

The school would like to congratulate **Brenden Williamson** in **Year 12**, as he has won the category, **NSW School-Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year 2015**.

Brenden's family, as well as **Mr M McLean-HT Industrial Arts** attended the awards evening on Wednesday, 9 September. Brenden as one of the NSW category winners will now compete with winners from all states and territories for the Australian Training Awards.

Ms Sweedman



Last Day Term 3 – Friday 18.9.15 First Day Term 4 – Tuesday 6.10.15

Please Note: Dates/Times correct at time of publication

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