

Principal's Report

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2016. Many events have taken place this term - our school has held a Swimming Carnival and an Athletics Carnival and we were fortunate enough to have good weather on these two days. The students and staff participated in a fundraising activity for the Fijian community where money and items will be forwarded to the cyclone victims in Fiji. Thank you to our SRC for organising this event. Chester Hill High School held its first Community Forum for 2016 in Week 5, thank you to our CLO's for their support in helping organise these parental evenings. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents and caregivers to attend these forums which take place in Week 5 every term on a Wednesday evening.

It has been almost a year since I arrived at Chester Hill High School as your Relieving Principal. I came to this school believing that my appointment would be only for a few months. There is an advertisement currently for the opportunity to appoint a new Principal to Chester Hill High School, it has been an absolute honour and a privilege to be working in this Chester Hill community. I will be leaving Chester Hill High School knowing that the school will be in excellent hands when the new Principal is appointed. I will be returning to my position as Principal of Condell Park High School and I wish to thank the entire Chester Hill community for their support and trust in my leadership during this time. I will miss the connections I have made with students, staff and our community members but I have enjoyed this unique experience that Chester Hill has provided me.

Lastly I would like to wish a Happy Easter to our Christian community and to the rest of the community a happy and safe holiday.

By **S C Mobayed**



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IEC Update

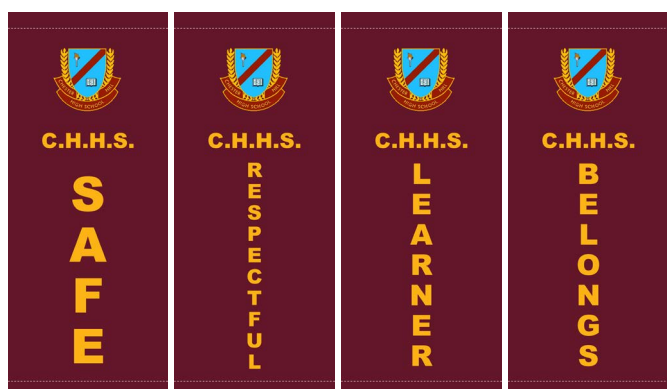
The beginning of a new year has seen a busy start to the timetable at Chester Hill Intensive English Centre. The first initiative to have kick started events for the year is a collaboration between the IEC and Chester Hill Community Centre to create a new mural themed around "Australian Hopes and Dreams". A term long project, students will work together with artists from the community centre to create glazed ceramic tiles onto which they will draw, carve and paint their own interpretation of our society's hopes and dreams. The final product will be a mural composed of these tiles to be displayed in the entrance walkway to the IEC grounds.

Students have also just participated in the first whole-centre common test of the year. Building upon the changes of last term, IEC teachers have worked collaboratively to restructure assessments at the Centre to be more attuned to the assessment styles and skills students will be required to work with when they eventually transition to high school. For our newly arrived students the work is hard, but hard work is the key to success. (continued page 2)



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(continued from page 1) The latter half of the term has also seen the start of teacher-organised class excursions—much to the delight of the students. The first to take place was an excursion to the University of Sydney where one class of stage 5 students was able to reunite with a pre-service teacher who had taught them in the first five weeks of term. In the works is also an excursion for our foundation classes to watch Zootopia—Disney's new critically acclaimed animation, where students will get to learn English in an exciting environment outside of school. Whilst going to the movies seems like a very normal thing to do, the cinema experience will be a first for some of our students!

By **Mr Serrato**



RYC Cafe

This is a new social enterprise initiative in partnership with the Roundabout Youth Centre and sponsored by Bankstown City Council.

The aim is to support local youth aged 15 to 18 years of age to gain employability skills to assist them to get casual work while still at school.

Ten Year 11 students received free of charge, a Barista and Food Handling Training course delivered by the Coffee School Parramatta.

They operate the RYC Café every Monday under the supervision of Dillon Barrett from RYC. Senior students and teachers are welcome to buy a hot drink.

Students also volunteer at the Roundabout Youth Centre every Friday evening.

On behalf of Chester Hill High School, I would like to thank Bankstown City Council for offering the funding and RYC for selecting Chester Hill High School.

By **Ms Patrizi**



Volunteering

Congratulations to our wonderful Child Care volunteers for Term 1, 2016, **Say Ka Baw Lwe Kyi, Rebekah Albert, Nikki Doan** and **Olivia Percy**. These girls have continued their dedicated and enthusiastic support of the volunteer program involving Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre and Roundabout Youth Centre.

Each Thursday afternoon after school these girls make their way to the child care centre opposite Chester Hill Library. They volunteer their time from 4 pm to 5.30 pm. The girls help the children who are in after-school care complete a variety of activities, assist in organising games and devise their own activities for the children to participate in and enjoy. At the end of each session the girls debrief in Chester Hill Library with the volunteers supervisor, Esta, who has had nothing but praise for our girls.

The children in after-school care look forward to seeing our students. Our school community should feel proud of our volunteers as they represent the school so very well. I feel proud watching how well our students engage with the young people they are assisting in supervising. At all times they demonstrate friendliness, caring and good humour.

Well done girls. Especially now that they are in Year 11 the fact that they are willing to volunteer their time is highly



commendable. I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of our Year 12 volunteers, **Ayat Al-Rashed**, who would have enjoyed continuing but has decided to concentrate on her studies so that she can enter the child care field after school. Thank you Ayat and thank you Say, Rebekah, Nikki and Olivia.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for child care please come and see me in the Senior Learning Centre.

By **Mrs Corcoran**
Transition Adviser

#TrainLikeAGirl

When people say to someone, "You train like a girl..." they generally mean it as an insult. There is a big issue with this because it implies that girls and women are weak, or bad when it comes to sport and physical activity. This group is all about changing the meaning of that expression in our culture. We believe that to "train like a girl" means to train to the best of your ability, showing strength and determination. This group is for girls in Years 10 - 12 who want to learn how to exercise in a team environment. The group participates in various cardio activities, body weight exercises and boxing drills to promote health and fitness. We saw outstanding improvements in our regular participants last year; improved confidence, strength, health and fitness. The group trains on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30pm under the guid-



ance of **Ms Blue**, and personal trainer and Olympic Bronze Medalist, Rebecca Rippon. If you would like to participate in this All Girls Boxing Group, see Ms Blue in the Mathematics Staffroom for a permission note.

By **Ms Blue**

The Helmsman Project Orientation Sail

Helmsman Project – Girls Orientation Sail
On 21 & 22 February, the Year 9 Helmsman Project girls and **Ms Tulloch** took to Sydney Harbour for their two day Orientation Sail. The girls enjoyed learning to sail and using the correct terminology. They did a fantastic job of sailing the 55ft boat around the harbour. They rose to the challenge of preparing and cooking meals throughout the two days. They enjoyed a night of sightseeing and taking in the spectacular views of the harbour at night. We moored just outside Taronga Zoo and woke to the noise of the animals. All the girls climbed the mast which was a terrifying 20 metres above sea level. The girls should be commended on their efforts, they all did a fantastic job!

By **Ms Tulloch**



The Final Sail

Last week a group of 5 girls attended the Helmsman Project departing from Middle Harbour Yacht Club early Monday morning. We spent the day learning the ropes and enjoying the sunshine, sailing, swimming and eating off Balmoral beach. The following day we exited through the heads and headed north towards Broken Bay in the rain and rough seas. On Wednesday the girls learnt a variety of sailing techniques and used these to sail around Scotland Island before pulling up at the Basin for an afternoon dip in the sun. We spent Thursday sailing back south before enjoying dinner watching the sunset at Watsons Bay; followed by an evening sail through Sydney Harbour looking at the lights of the city. The girls represented the school in an exceptional manner and now have excellent skills to sail the seas.

By **Ms Tulloch**

Drama

The Year 12 Drama class visited the Seymour Centre in Redfern to see a selection of Band 6 (received over 90%) group and individual performances from 2015. Students from schools all over the state were nominated by markers, auditioned and headed to Sydney for the show in February.

Year 11 Drama visited Belvoir Street Theatre in Surry Hills to see 'The Blind Giant is Dancing' an Australian political

thriller set in the 1980s. Every year Cheso receives free tickets to see a variety of shows at Belvoir and it is a fantastic experience for the students to see professional theatre. In Term 3 some of the Year 10 students will be going to see 'Twelfth Night' by William Shakespeare.

<http://belvoir.com.au/?gclid=CJ2rmlWP08sCFYoDvAod-bU8NYw>

Year 9 Drama just completed the Theatresports assessment to test their improvisation skills. **Mrs Chakarovski** and **Mr Schwarzkopf's** classes combined in the Performance Space to rehearse and watch each other perform.

By **Mrs Chakarovski**



The Run Beyond Project



On Monday, 21 March, **Mr Criniti** participated in a professional learning workshop with Ms Shannon, from Evans High School, to develop the curriculum for The Run Beyond Project, with a particular focus on the development of skills related to goal setting, commitment and resilience.

This project is an extension of last year's Run For Life Project, which saw 5 Cheso students travel to Hobart to compete in the 10km and half-marathon events at the Cadbury Marathon.

Ms Shannon will be commencing the project at Evans High School in the next few weeks, while the 2016 Cheso cohort will be selected later in the year, with students again travelling to Hobart.

By **Mr Criniti**



Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 19 February we held our annual Swimming Carnival at Fairfield Leisure Centre on a gorgeous day. Well done to all the students who competed in various events. It was excellent to see so many students participate. Students enjoyed themselves at the water park, cooling off on what was an extremely hot day. A huge thank you to all the staff who assisted on the day and allowed the carnival to run smoothly, especially the PDHPE Staff. Well done to all the students who qualified for Zone!

By **Ms Tulloch**



Year 10 Japanese Excursion

On Friday, 18 March, the Year 10 Japanese Elective class attended an excursion at the Nihongo Tanken Centre. "Nihongo Tanken" means exploring Japanese. The centre which is built in the form of a traditional Japanese house allowed the students to experience the Japanese language and culture in an authentic environment. The Tanken Centre is located at Kirrawee High School and the long bus ride to the venue provided students the time to practice their Japanese. The class was split into four groups and throughout the day they participated in roleplay activities and competed in team competitions. Although it was challenging for students to only

speak in Japanese, it was a valuable and fun experience.

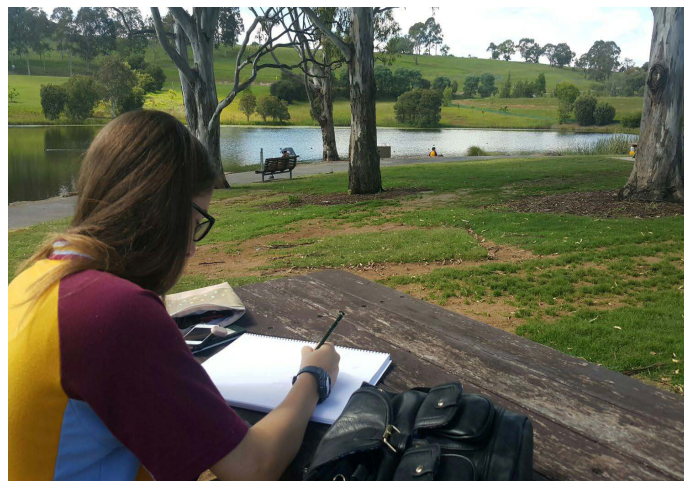
By **Ms Sobrevega and Ms Li**



Art at Mount Annan

Year 9 Visual Arts students are studying the Australian landscape this semester and will soon develop paintings on this theme. A sunny day was spent at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan, where students sketched Australian flora among rolling hills and lakes with twisted trees and native shrubs. The budding artists developed their observational drawing skills whilst enjoying the cool breeze and photographing picturesque views as source material for their paintings. Students had a well-earned lunch, after which sketching continued before returning to school satisfied with the collection of artworks in their Process Diaries. It was an enjoyable and productive day for all.

By **Ms Truong**



Art in the city

On Friday, 18 of March, **Mrs Pinto** and **Miss Watson's** Year 11 Art Class visited the city of Sydney to experience the 20th Biennale of Sydney. Students enjoyed seeing the huge selection of works from international and Australian artists.

They sketched their favourite artworks and discussed their different use of materials while wandering through the Art Gallery of NSW.

Next up, we visited the Art Express Exhibition. This is a display of HSC Bodies of Work that showcased a selection of outstanding works from across NSW. Here students were able to enjoy the talent of students across the state and take away some ideas for their own Bodies of Work in 2017. Students enjoyed a quick lunch break at Circular Quay and then spent time taking in the spectacular views of the Harbour.

By **Ms Watson**



New Lion

On Monday, 14 March, the Cheso community welcomed a new lion to the school. Last year some fundraising took place to save money for new lions for Flag Day. The Lion group from last year's Flag Day performed at a private function to raise part of the money and Cheso the Voice funded the rest. We were lucky enough to buy a lion after Chinese New Year for a good price and this new lion was formally inducted into the school on Monday's Assembly. Before a traditional Chinese lion can be used in performance, a cultural ceremony needs to take place. The leaders in the community where the lion will be used undertake a process

of welcoming the lion by doing things like dotting parts of it with red paint. Mr Rosewall did the honors and then the lion did a short performance in front of the school community.

I would like to thank the Lion group for organising this and acknowledge that the lion induction is the last thing that I will be doing as the Flag Day boss. Ms Benton will now take over the overall organisation of Flag Day and Ms Blue will look after performance groups. Ms Margaronis will work together with these two ladies to put on Cheso the Voice and Ms Sullivan will be the person to see for flagbearers. Thank you to all these wonderful, wonderful teachers for taking Flag Day forward into 2017 and beyond.

By **Mrs Fields**



Volleyball

Congratulations to **Qudrat Haidary** of Year 12 who was selected to represent Cheso and the Bankstown Zone in the Open Boys Volleyball Regional Carnival with 10 other representatives on 15 February. He worked well with the other boys to play some excellent matches, winning three out of the five matches they played, only narrowly losing to the undefeated zone of Fisher.

The team finished third out of the six teams on the day, decided by counting back points. Qudrat was seriously considered for selection in the regional team but unfortunately did not make the final ten. He should be congratulated for his excellent conduct and sportsmanship throughout the day.

By **Ms Poon**



Volleyball Knockout

On Friday, 13 March, Chester Hill High sent a team to Hurlstone Agricultural High School to play their first round Open Boys Knockout Volleyball match. The team included **Qudrat Haidary** (captain), **Javed Tamaki**, **Jaydon Luc**, **Daniel Tjen**, **Daison Dam**, **Brendan Saman**, **Kent Kuat** and **Wilson Le**.

Unfortunately, Hurlstone had an incredibly experienced team and Cheso was comfortably beaten. Credit goes to the boys for their enthusiasm and sportsmanship. They were great ambassadors for our school.

By **Ms Poon**

A big thank you to all the staff members for their assistance on the day, allowing the carnival to run smoothly and effectively. Thank you also to all the students who contributed to make the day successful and a special thank you to those students who supported the staff with coordination of the track and field events throughout the day.

All students should be pleased with their effort and should be congratulated on their high level of participation and excellent representation. There were a large number of talented athletes on the day will advance onto the Sydney South West Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held on June 29 and 30.

By **Ms Gavric**

Girls Knockout Soccer

On Monday students from Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 came together to represent Cheso in the Open Girls Knockout tournament. We travelled out to Holsworthy High School where the girls played in 35 degree heat for over an hour, with no reserves the girls fought endlessly unfortunately going down to Holsworthy HS in the end. I am extremely proud of all the girls who played, you represented Cheso with pride & passion. Thank You to **Ahmed** and **Daniel** of Year 11 who came along to help run much needed water to the girls throughout the day.

By **Ms Tulloch**



Dance Group

On Tuesday afternoons, students from Year 7 – 12 are meeting to participate in the brand new Cheso Dance Group. Students are working on new routines for Flag Day, Gillawanna and various other school based dance competitions. The students are learning a range of various styles including Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical. The students are very eager and we are looking forward to performing their first routines at Flag Day!

By **Ms Tulloch**

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival was held on Thursday, March 10, with excellent weather and an outstanding participation rate, the day was very successful.

The students were well-behaved and enthusiastically cheered on their housemates. The house spirit and passionate display of house colours and support from Year 12 students was remarkable.



Leadership Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who will be our Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects, Team Leaders, SRC, IEC leaders, House Captains and Peer Support Leaders in 2016. You are a credit to our school and to your families.

Captains:	Shania Ahipene-Ruru Sputz Mulipola
Vice Captains:	Rhiannon Minett Quinton Nunez
School Prefects Senior Prefects: Year 12	Ghada Khalef Marwa Sbeit Abdul Rahman El Benny Adrian Kotevski
Year 11	Rhianna Dalglish Hussein Aljabri
Junior Prefects: Year 10	Caitlin Fisher Abdallah Sukkarieh
SRC Executive Members	
PRESIDENT	Rhianna Dalglish
VICE PRESIDENT	Hussein Aljabri
TEAM LEADERS:	
Student Matters	Vina Tam Le
Cheso Transformers	Mohammed Al-Sultani
Community Action	Ayah Ayad
School Publicity	George Truong
SRC MEMBERS Year 11	Rhianna Dalglish Taylah Bailey Issra Ali-Ahmad Ayah Ayad Hussein Aljabri Mohammed Al-Sultani
Year 10	Caitlin Fisher Vina Tam Le Hania Zahra Daniel Sevyulius Tjen Aaron De Freitas-Antoine Abdallah Sukkarieh
Year 9	Celine Cinkilinc Carissa Dalglish Kim Son Huynh David Yulius Tjen Kevin Khanh Long

Year 8

**Linda Po
Harmony Wilton
George Truong
Andrew Ha
Philip Tato**

Year 7

**Iesha Allouch
Amani Kahla
Abdul Rahman Aldhafiri
Jacob Tamer**

Sporting House Captains

FLOREY

**Gabrielle Coughlin
Alaa Agha**

GLENN

**Ismail Hajimohammed
Hussein Zraika**

HILLARY

**Rashad Nadir
Hulu Moala**

MURDOCH

**Bilal Sankari
Jessica Ly My Ngoc Nguyen**

Peer Support Leaders

1. Frishta Adili
2. Shelley-Anne Ahipene-Ruru
3. Issra Ali-Ahmad
4. Manar Alameddine
5. Mohammed Al-Sultani
6. Fatima Amiri
7. Ayah Ayad
8. Saya Barzinji
9. Taylah Bailey
10. Queenie Bui
11. Austin Cai
12. Brendon Ngoc Thanh Chau
13. Hunny Cuthbert
14. Rhianna Dalglish
15. Adam Dib
16. Dee Elle See Doo
17. Mariam Elhami
18. Souhare Elhaddad
19. Daneesha Escobar
20. Sara Georgis
21. Mohammad Habi Almatin
22. Jacob Hamad
23. Mariam Hamdan
24. Janet Phuong Huynh
25. Lisa Khanh Linh Huynh
26. Lisa Ngoc Bao Huynh
27. Rhonda Kraini
28. Teresa Khanh Hoang La
29. Thi Thanh Vy Le
30. Aladdin Mochaii
31. Zena Mousa
32. Jennifer Bao Nhi Nguyen
33. Michelle Nguyen
34. Mylinh Nguyen

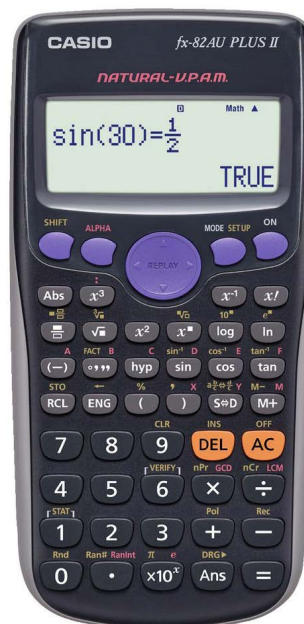
35. Melissa Pendino
36. Courtney Perry
37. Adnan Rima
38. Anas Suleiman
39. Brendan Ta
40. Tuesday Tun
41. Tammy Tran

Calculating Success

This is a reminder to all parents, guardians and students, that every student from Years 7 - 12, requires a calculator for Mathematics.

The CASIO fx-82AU is easy to use and the school-recommended model. The CASIO fx-82AU is available for \$20 at the Front Office. It is essential that all children have access to their own calculator to support their learning.

By **Ms Blue**



Chester Hill High School Calendar of Events Term 2 - 2016

Revised Calendar as @ 05.04.16

Week	Day	Date	Event
1A	Monday	25.4.16	* ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday	26.4.16	* SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Wednesday	27.4.16	* Students return to school
2B	Thursday	5.5.16	* SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - Recess +
3A	Monday	9.5.16	* YEAR 11 EXAMS Preliminary Half Yearly Assess Period Commences
	Tuesday	10.5.16	* NAPLAN 10/5 - 12/5
	Wednesday	11.5.16	* NAPLAN 10/5 - 12/5
	Thursday	12.5.16	* NAPLAN 10/5 - 12/5
4B	Monday	16.5.16	* YEAR 11 EXAMS Preliminary Half Yearly Assess Period Continues
	Wednesday	18.5.16	* NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE
5A	Monday	23.5.16	* ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
	Wednesday	25.5.16	* Year Meetings
			* COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING (6.00pm) (All parents welcome)

** Please Note: Dates/Times correct at time of publication**

REMINDERS

** School Uniform is compulsory. School Parent Committees, the School Community Forum and staff all believe that school uniform enhances the school's image with the community and gives our students a sense of belonging and pride. All uniform is to be worn as designed, and not altered in any way.

** Uniform shop hours are Tuesday, 8:00am—12:00pm and Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm.

** **MOBILE PHONES** - must be switched off and in school bags at all times whilst on school premises or excursions.