PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Earlier this year, the school prepared a submission to attract funding from the Cancer Council sponsored by EFTPOS, for a maximum of $25,000 to build a shade structure in the school grounds. We have been advised that our submission was successful. The school was also successful in a Joint Funding application with the Department of Education and Communities for the same shelter. The plans are being drawn and tenders will be sought in the near future. Construction will begin in the new year. Look out for the announcement in local media over the next weeks.

A very successful and polished performance took place on Wednesday night by HSC music students in their final performance, “Plugged”, prior to their practical examinations next week. Also on display were the HSC Visual Arts and IT Wood projects, further evidence of the many and varied skills and talents of our students and the great support they receive from their teachers.

In two short, busy weeks, we will join together in celebrating 13 years of schooling and all that has encompassed. It will be happy as well as a nostalgic occasion for all of us and especially our graduating Year 12 students and their families.

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A team of two Year 9 and seven Year 7 students travelled to NSW University on August 28 and 29 to represent CHHS for the first time in this robotics competition. This competition is the most difficult the robotics team have yet attempted. Toby Buckley entered the rescue division and two teams of Year 7’s entered the soccer competition. We arrived at the NSW university venue after staying the night at Tamarama Surf Club and were straight into action. The Year 7 girls won two heats against much older and more experienced teams, lost one and drew one. The boys didn’t fare as well. Toby had one heat run verging on perfect in the rescue. After five heats Toby was ranked third out of 37 teams. Our soccer players finished in the bottom half of the finals draw.

Ms Lloyd James and Mr Langley took the students to watch the sunset on the harbour, a lap and dinner on Bondi Road. Friday saw our soccer teams bullied off the court by some serious monster bots. We’ll be back next year, armed and ready! Toby was among the seven finalists, but his final run was not as good as some of his heats, and he finished 6th. A great performance first time through. Worthy of mention were the outstanding leadership skills shown by Toby and Aurora Attenborough, and the problem solving tenacity of Tiana Moore of Year 7. Designs for next year were already being discussed on the way home! Well done to all the students – they were great representative of CHHS.

Tamarama surf club member Danny Adams accepted a cheque donation from Alisha Cooper. A big thank you for all the generous donations especially from the Rotary Club and Surf Club. The donations have been greatly appreciated by our hard working coach and robotics students!
Shelley Watts made a triumphant return to her old alma mata when she addressed the students of CHHS at a recent whole school assembly.

Looking resplendent in her team uniform and proudly displaying her gold Commonwealth Games medal, Shelley gave an inspiring and entertaining speech.

Using the school’s motto of ‘Aim for the Highest’, Shelley encouraged the students to strive to reach their goals whether on the sporting field or in cultural or academic pursuits.

She then went on to entertain the students with anecdotes of her time at the games.

The students sat attentively throughout her entire speech. Shelley certainly made a real impact on the audience and encouraged many to ‘Aim for the Highest’. The entire school community is very proud of her, and we are grateful she gave up her time to address the assembly.
ORANG-UTAN ADOPTIONS!

Pak (Mr) Rourke’s 7E Indonesian class has been learning about the dangers posed by unsustainably grown palm oil in Indonesia for orang-utans, sumatran tigers and other wildlife. Palm oil is very common in processed food, and it is often labelled simply as “vegetable oil.” It is very common in products such as ice-cream, biscuits, chocolate and cosmetics. The message for consumers is to seek out sustainably grown palm oil, i.e. palm oil plantations grown on land which has already been cleared, rather than clearing rainforest.

On Thursday 14 August, as part of the SRC’s Out of Uniform day, 7E cooked a large batch of nasi goreng (fried rice) which they sold at lunch time to raise funds for the ‘Orang-utan Project’. This organisation rescues orang-utans which have been displaced due to habitat loss. Sarah Wilson and Sacha Everingham also organised a jelly-bean guessing competition. In total, the students raised $111, which will enable them to ‘adopt’ two orang-utans. We would like to involve the school in the decision regarding which ones to adopt, so please complete the survey which can be accessed on the school’s Facebook page. The orang-utans can be viewed at http://www.orangutan.org.au/program/safeguard
Year 11 Chemistry Results

Under the support and direction of Mr Mackiewicz, Year 11 Chemistry achieved the following outstanding results:

- Samantha Kirkwood: High Distinction (to place her in the top 1% in the state)
- Isaac Bruggemann: Distinction
- Kate Simpson: Distinction
- Shaemus McLaren: Credit

Well done to all the students.

MUSEUM OF HUMAN DISEASES

On 27 August forty-two Year 11 and 12 students visited the University of NSW hospital campus. We were astonished by the facts Dr. Derek Williamson presented to us. Seeing real examples of the damage to body organs left an imprint on our minds. Sugar, fat, cigarettes, alcohol and stress are some of the causes of organ damage. The day was inspiring and informative. Our thanks go to Mrs Duar and Mr Cowell for organising the day.

Jordan Potts (Year 11)
Wow, what a year and how fast it went. I thought I would take this opportunity to write for our last newsletter as an SRC. With elections this week, the 2013/2014 SRC has completed its function as a group. It has been an honour to work with such committed and diligent students who work to better all students’ experience at CHHS. Thank you SRC, I have enjoyed every moment with you.

We had a successful social last week despite the rain. Students from Year 7 to Year 12 came dressed as either a superhero or villain and all just went there to dance. Dance, dance, dance the night away! Thank you to the teachers that gave up their time to supervise on the night. We wouldn’t have a social without you.

Our school elections were held this week and the SRC ran these. The process is similar to what occurs in the community with ballot papers, ballot boxes, booths and getting your name marked off to ensure you have voted. It is a great experience for students to undertake and it ensures a fair outcome for the candidates. I cannot wait to see who takes leadership of CHHS into 2015. What a difficult decision with so many worthy candidates.

A new SRC will be inducted on the first day back of term 4. Stay tuned to see who will represent your year group.
WHIDDON GROUP HOME OPEN DAY

The CHHS Café Skills group attended the Whiddon Group Aged Home in Laurieton earlier in the year, to make and serve morning tea to the residents and their visitors during their open day. The girls had a wonderful morning and the residents and staff of the home were extremely impressed with their cooking and coffee making skills.

The Café Skills girls: Brooke Foley, Sophie Hawkins, Neriah Bramley, Kaylee Smith, Jacinta Cuthbertson and Lillie-Rose Hollis, receiving their certificates for their wonderful work serving morning tea to the residents and public on the Whiddon Open Day and during other visits earlier in the year.

Brooke Foley, Sophie Hawkins, Samantha Preston, Lillie-Rose Hollis and Neriah Bramley working hard serving morning tea during a visit to the Whiddon Group Home in Laurieton.
YEAR 8 CREATING POSTERS
In groups, students drafted and collaborated their ideas with one another to create their final poster for ‘The Particle Theory of Matter’. Their task was to think of the concept at hand, and how they would present the information as a poster as if it were going to be presented in a visual manner to an audience of their own age. The results were very pleasing! Well done 8SC1!
Mr Cowell

HATCH BIG BAND
Congratulations to the HATCH Big Band that recently competed in the Port Macquarie and District Eisteddfod held at Port Macquarie Uniting Church. HATCH placed first in the Open Instrumental Ensemble and first in the Secondary Jazz Ensemble sections. Students from Port Macquarie High, Westport High, Camden Haven High and North Haven Public School make up the HATCH Big Band and the musical director is Mr Garven (NHPS). Mr Heddles (Port High) and local musicians Carol Irving, Glenn Moore and Ian Chambers provide fabulous support to the band. Well done to Camden Haven’s own Matilda Skerritt, Isaac, Aaron and Nathanael Bruggemann, Kyle Blackman, Maklan Dawes, Cooper Joyce and Robbie Usher-Clark. A brilliant effort everyone!
“Symbols of Australia connect us while making Australia’s identity go round. The symbol of a cog suggests the energy of identity and how it passes from one person to another through word of mouth or the Aussie Grapevine, cultural practices like the Aussie BBQ and through powerful national symbols like our Aboriginal Flag”. This description of the Camden Haven Combined Primary School and High School entry to Schools Spectacular this year was engineered by Year 10 who have worked tirelessly to mesh their ideas with the artistic talents of our feeder primary schools of North Haven and Kendall.

Over 120 students were involved in making this artwork that is to be viewed as part of the Schools Spectacular event that showcases public education annually. Teachers Mrs Holland, Mrs Rowe, Mrs Bovey-Mendez, Mr Tyrrell, Ms Bell, Mrs Budai and Mr Sheridan invite parents and students to view this artwork on display at the Qantas Credit Union Arena, formally known as the Sydney Entertainment Centre on

Friday 28 November - 12:00pm (preview) and 7:30pm
Saturday 29 November - 1:00pm and 7:30pm
Mini schools are a great opportunity to visit our school, participate in engaging lessons, meet your teachers and participate in a range of social activities with other distance education students. This year’s theme is “Connected Learning” and is focused on the technologies that allow us to engage in learning as well as developing our social skills and connections. Invitations for the Distance Education Mini School at Camden Haven High School should be in the mail or already received.

For more information about Mini Schools, please contact Mr Williams on 65568242
SCHOOL NOTICES

SCHOOL CUP AWARDS CEREMONY

Tuesday 16th September, 9:15am
Families are invited to attend the School Cup Awards Assembly to acknowledge our hard working and diligent students.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

Thursday 18th September, 9:15am
Parents and family members of Year 12 students are invited to celebrate with staff and students at our Year 12 Graduation Assembly. There will be student performances and an acknowledgment of their achievement.

SKOOLBAG APP - PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOL

Our newest way to communicate with you is via our Skoolbag app. It is a free app to keep you up to date with what’s happening at school. Follow the instructions below to install the app on your smartphone. If you don’t have a smartphone, you can still have the same information emailed to you. Go to the ‘Communication centre’ tab on our website and click ‘subscribe for email’.

Instructions on how to setup the app on iPhone and android were in Newsletter Issue 11.
CAREERS NEWS

ADF VISIT TO CHHS
The Australian Defence Force will visit on Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 11.30 am in the staff common room. Interested parents and carers are welcome to attend with their student. Students wishing to attend must visit the careers office and add to the list their name, what area of the services including job / role they are interested in and provide some evidence of research undertaken into the ADF. Students who have not followed the above process will not be admitted to the ADF information session.

YEAR 11 EXCURSION TO SOUTHERN CROSS UNI
Tuesday 21st October 2014: Year 11 students are invited collect a permission note for this excursion from the Careers Office and return it as soon as possible. Students who do not have any concrete plans for post HSC are encouraged to attend. During past visits many students have gained valuable insight into the facts of higher education and renewed their career plans based on this fantastic experience. Places are limited and students who have evidence of career research or planning will have priority in accessing this excursion. Suitable non-ATAR students may wish to consider joining this excursion.

HSC
I wish all of our HSC students’ success in their upcoming HSC examinations. The various work experiences / placements and university visits with our HSC students over the years have been a rewarding experience for myself and I believe has been beneficial to many, no matter what their aspirations.

Some interesting research into what employers value in their employees.
At a recent ICT workshop attended by some Careers Advisers and students in Years 9-12 at the University of Newcastle, Emotional Intelligence was discussed. It apparently accounts for 85-90% of success at work. According to a recent survey in the USA, 71% of employers say they value emotional intelligence over IQ!

These dot points can be improved with practice:
- admit and learn from their mistakes
- can keep emotions in check and have thoughtful discussions on tough issues listen as much or more than they talk
- take criticism well
- show grace under pressure

Mr Dickenson - Careers Advisor
SPORT NEWS

NSW OPEN BOYS TENNIS FINALS

The open boy’s tennis team played in the Stan Jones Trophy state finals, held at Richmond in Sydney on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 September. The players were Blake Hudson, Aaron Johnson, Logan Atkins and Lachlan Eames. Blake won his singles and Blake and Aaron won their doubles against Merewether. Despite their enduring effort the North Sydney winning team and other competitors proved too strong for our boys.

The boy’s determination to attend this event should be commended. They supplemented the costs of the trip by raising a total of $630 through the sale of raffle tickets and giving up their time on two occasions to sell slushies at recess and lunch.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the SRC as they provided financial assistance for entry fees and support with fundraising within the school.
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