A Winter to Remember

One step outside the door and I feel the cold blast of icy air, right down to the marrow of my bones. It’s snowing and the snow falls ever so gracefully to the ground, just as a swan would tuck its wings. As I walk, the snow crunches beneath my boots and when I look around, I see frost clinging to the grass and icicles hanging from the undersides of roofs.

There is a very small but cool breeze and I get chills down my spine. I shiver, and pull my scarf tighter around my neck. My mittens are not keeping my fingers warm enough so I put my hands in my coat pocket. I have arrived at the park. I take a seat on the bench and gaze at the surrounding view. The hills on my left are occupied with children skiing and tobogganing. Children are building snowmen and forts and being engaged in snowball fights on the vast fields in front of me. To the back of these fields is the forest, green as an emerald but topped with the whiteness of snow. Above the tops of these trees lies a whitish mist, and above the mist are the clouds. I wonder if that image is an impression of heaven. The kids and adults are skating happily on the frozen lake to my right. I have never seen anything more pure or pristine. The wintry air is filled with happiness and laughter.

Behind me, the mountains tower above everything. The scenery is just so captivating and marvellous. Calm and relaxed, I tilt my head back and stare up at the sky. It’s as white as chalk and stretches farther than beyond the sea. It is enchanting and bewitching. I imagine that it is trying to reach out to me. Giggling, I shake my head and stick my tongue out at that silly thought. And look, I’ve caught a snowflake. The frigid air couldn’t stop me from being this joyful. Nothing could spoil my mood now. Laughing, I get up off the bench.

As I walk, the answer suddenly hits me. God gave us winter as a season just to give us a little taste of heaven. Not a full meal, just a delectable appetizer. Smiling to my self, I continue to head back home.

Sherilyn Chen 8B
Congratulations:

Stage Band 1 ran 2nd at the McDonalds Performing Arts Challenge at Willoughby Town Hall.

Balraj Ougra selected for U/17s State All Schools Volleyball Team

Victoria Low competing in NSWCHSSA Athletics State Carnival in 3000m, 800m, 1500m

Kate Henry competing NSWCHSSA Athletics State Carnival U14 Girls High Jump

Aaron Williams Year 10, competing NSW CHSSA Athletics Carnival U16s Discus

My watch clicked over to 1.30 displaying the date of Thursday the 10th of August when the whistle blew to start the grand final of the girls A grade soccer between us and Turramurra H.S. The initial thing that some spectators and I noticed was how confusing the game was with both teams wearing shades of blue!!

Anyway, the game was started by Carlo with the ball being moved from one end of the field to the other. About 10 minutes into the game Selva made a weaving run from the edge of the goal box and took a shot from about 20m out which she bent like Beckham, but the shot was saved by a desperate dive to the keeper’s right. 5 minutes after that Turramurra then returned up the field and scored 2 goals in quick succession, both through their 6 ½ ft forward. A shot just before half time from 25m out to try to minimise the deficit was in vein. Mel made a great save to her left on the whistle of half time.

Turramurra restarted the game and Carlo kept the pressure on keeping play in their attacking half, but the play was suddenly countered by Turra 4mins into the half with a flying run down the right wing and the player scored only 5m out despite a dive to her left by Mel in the goals to try to stop the firebolt of a shot which bought the score to 3-0 in the dying stages of the game. With 4 mins left Erin showed as one supporter described it “an impressive display of soccerism” with a smashing tackle on an opposition player causing both players to fall to the ground and this allowed a final chance to attack but the ref blew his whistle to call the end of the game.

A great effort by all the girls and congratulations to the team and their coach Mr Worsley on an outstanding season. Well Done and better luck next season.

Anthony Buckley (Year 11)

Girls Soccer Grand Finals.

By Mr Brett Worsley
Under 16s

After a very disrupted season (mostly because of the weather), we were surprised to find ourselves in the grand final. And our star player (Christina Weir) was required in the Open team and therefore could not play for us. It didn’t look good.

However, the team played above themselves and after a very close fought match went down two goals to nil.

Our star players were Millie Brown, Caroline Piotrowski, Alana Morgan, Christina Thiers and Nicola Winder. They were all outstanding. Rachel Kent did another fine job in goals; Latara Rust, Rebecca Wilcher, Priya Sharma, Vanessa Mack and Laila MacKenzie all played well. They were a credit to the school.

It was a pleasure being associated with the team because of their attitude and efforts throughout the season. Well done.

Opens

The weather conspired to make a disrupted season, but we were still able to make the grand final. On the day the Turramurra side were too good for us. However, it was a close game until the final minutes.

All team members contributed to an excellent season: Rebecca Firth, Thariin Ganess, Erin Horwood, Ellen Lingley, Veronica Mok, Lisel Morris, Melissa Phipson, Geraldine Smith, Rebecca Smith, Ellie Spark, Julia Tan and Christina Weir.

Our outstanding player throughout the season was Selva Barroso. Some people judge a ‘champion’ by the way they play in a losing side. Its easy playing well in a winning side, but quite a different matter when the game is the other way. In the grand final, Selva was spectacular. Her efforts to keep our side in the game throughout were quite remarkable – a champion player.

Thank you to all members of the team who made every week at soccer a lot of fun.
PORGY & BESS

Does the song "A woman is a sometime thing" or "Summertime" mean anything to you? Well, on Thursday July 20, students of Year 9 and Year 10 Elective Music Classes were given the opportunity to experience a famous musical—Porgy and Bess.

Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin (1934) is based on Dubose Heyward’s novel “Porgy”. It is said to be the only Opera founded on 1920’s and 30’s jazz which has survived past the post-World War II period.

I must admit that it was a difficult piece of literature to fully understand. However I think that Porgy and Bess has a lot to offer in a sense that it deals with current issues such as love and drugs…..etc. These are some of the reasons why I enjoyed Porgy and Bess.

Porgy had on Bess. Throughout the musical, I could notice that they are developing into a “person”.

Also, the actors seemed so passionate in their role that I actually felt angry at Crown for mistreating Bess, sorry for the orphaned baby and proud of Porgy in finding his true love. I felt for the characters and felt with them as well.

In any given type of media, music plays a large role in creating a certain atmosphere. I like the orchestra that was playing under the stage because I thought that the orchestra and the acting blended in nicely. I like the choice of songs as well.

Overall, I quite enjoyed “Porgy and Bess” and I would recommend it to mature audiences, I would give it a rating of 3 out of 5.

A big “thank you” to Mrs Long who organised the excursion who unfortunately couldn’t come with us as she had to take her Year 12s in the afternoon. We enjoyed the company of Mr Long and Ms Chan who accompanied us.

Chelsea Lee
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Year 11 Report

The end of course exams begin on Thursday 14th September, and continue to the end of term. As with the half-yearly exams, if a student does not have an exam, they don’t have to be at school - EXCEPT for sport (which is compulsory through to the end of the year in December), and TAFE courses. The timetable is on the year 11 webpage.

The organisation for the camp to Stanwell Tops in week four of term four, is moving along. The majority of students will be attending. Those who are not at the camp must be at school for the three days. Mr Myers will organise a 'Crossroads' program for them at school.

The Blood Bank will be at the school (set up in the Hall) on Monday 11th September. Some students have already given blood earlier this year. It would be great to get an even better number of people participating this time. It is an extremely worthwhile cause which all students should seriously consider. I am hoping to participate myself.

The jersey competition is almost complete. Hopefully any student interested in purchasing a jersey will be able to pay ($72) by week four of next term, and will also supply their monograms, nicknames and jersey size to me by this date. Emailing is the easiest method.

I encourage all year 11 students to regularly visit the year 11 webpage (on the school site). I try to keep all important information there.
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**SRC CARLO CUP**

Under sincere and brilliant suggestions from various students within Carlingford High School from all grades, the SRC has decided to organise Carlingford’s first and much anticipated “SRC Carlo Cup”. The Carlo Cup will consist of three sport competitions in which students will compete against one another:

**Basketball 3 on 3:**
Brief Rules: (for detailed rules, 4 pages, please seek SRC representative)
Three people a team ($1/person for each team they represent)
The competition will proceed from Round Robin—Round of 16—Quarter-Finals—Semi-Finals—Finals (Teacher vs student)
Junior division (Year 7—9) and Senior division (Year 10—12) in Round Robin and Round of 16.
Year 7, 8, 9 and girl teams will have point advantages (extra 3—5 points) and 1 tricks encouraged.
Beat the seniors!
**Prizes:** Trophy put in front of school, maximum $50 prize.

**Carlo Handball:**
Brief Rules: (for detailed rules, please seek SRC representative)
Three people a team ($1/person for each team they represent)
3 teams will contest against each other to win the highest score in 8 minutes
Team with greatest number of score wins the match.
**Prizes:** Trophy + Free SRC sausage + GREAT chance to verse teachers.

**“Carloroos”**
Brief Rules: (for detailed rules, please seek SRC representative)
7 people a team ($2/person for each team they represent)
Soccer Knockout competition between each team.
Prizes: Trophy + maximum $50 prize

“SRC Carlo Cup” wants to promote a fun and active Carlingford learning environment. Competitions will last from 30/08/06—13/09/06. The money that is being raised will go towards “Jeans for Genes” charity. The last day of competition, finals for all sport events, will be a MUFTI DAY, so please bring along $2 dollars and Jeans are encouraged on that day. The last day of competition will be extremely exciting, there will be SRC barbecue, Teacher vs students and other events! For further enquiries or registration please contact any SRC representative.

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What’s happening at
Carlingford
High School

Sept 4 & 7—
HSC Music
Practical Exams

Sept 8—HSC D & T Marking

Sept 10—P & C Working Bee

Sept 11—Blood Bank visit

Sept 13 School Council and P & C Meeting

Sept 14—28
Year 11 Exams

September 29—
Year 12
Farewell
Assembly Hall

September 29—
Last Day Term 3

Get out the Gardening Gloves …

The second P&C Working Bee for the year will be held on Sunday 10-SEP-06 from 10 am –12 pm. Why not spend a couple of hours at the school to help beautify the grounds? You’re welcome to join the team of parents, teachers and students, meeting at the front of the school at 10 am. This time the goal is planting and mulching. Bring along your gardening gloves, water, sunscreen, gardening tools, and a small wheelbarrow if possible. It’s a fun few hours, with satisfying results.

NEXT P&C MEETING:

Special Guest: Mrs Margaret Owens, HT History
Will be presenting information about Business Week

When: Wednesday 13 September 7.30 – 9.30 pm
Where: Learning Centre, Carlingford High

ALL WELCOME
Join us for light refreshments afterwards

Would you like to be on P&C’s email contact list?
If you’d like to receive P&C emails, including Agendas and Minutes, please forward your details to Brigid Rooney (brigid.rooney@arts.usyd.edu.au), or contact Mrs Jillian Morton at the school office, on 9871 4222.

CHS Annual Public Speaking Competition …

The Annual Public Speaking Competition, held on Wednesday 16-AUG-06, was a fantastic evening that showcased the speechmaking talents of students at Carlingford High.

Congratulations to all participants for their wonderful prepared speeches and fascinating impromptu efforts. Students waxed lyrical on the lives of Leonardo Da Vinci, Martin Luther King and Superman, The Lesser Known Challenges of World War 1, Celebrities, Multiculturalism and World Peace, The Comforts of Civilisation, Promoting Tolerance, Are Dogs our Best Friends?, Industrial Relations in 2016, Why Boys Should Not Give Girls Flowers, Mobile Phone Etiquette, Modern Living, Why Failure Is Good, and Are All Men Liars?

Thanks to all participants, who made adjudicating a real challenge: Haroun Dole, Olivia Kierdal, Aleksa Vulovic, Amelia Dominy, Saraichna Trikha, Jayata Shukla, Tegas Vathen, Kiel Marteene, Sam Pinchon, Stuart Eiffert, Sherman Chu, Richard Vorobieff, Michelle Ng and Mark Luo.

Congratulations to the following winners who emerged from a very competitive field: Junior Division: Saraichna Trikha (1st), Jayata Shukla (2nd), Amelia Dominy (3rd) Intermediate Division: Richard Vorobieff (1st), Michelle Ng (2nd), Stuart Eiffert (3rd)

A very big thank you to ... the indefatigable Mrs Robyn Crosewell for her tremendous effort in organising the event; to excellent chairperson Scott Sampson and stiring timekeeper Annie Lin; to discerning adjudicators, Mrs Georgina Furness, Mr Matt Palmer and Ms. Brigid Rooney (P&C President); to staff members whose attendance showed their support; and to an appreciative and supportive audience. And finally thanks to Mrs Kerry Mould (P&C) for organising supper, and to other P&C members who lent a hand.

Wanda Whittaker, CHS P&C Secretary