Impact Student Leadership

During February Mark Luo, Kimberley Hampe, Millie Brown and myself were given the opportunity to attend an ‘Impact Student Leadership Conference’ a program designed to enhance the skills of young student leaders, held at the Wesley Centre in the city. On arrival we were greeted with a warm welcome from the young staff as we were quite eager and arrived 30 minutes early. After a rather comical introduction, the team at ‘Youth Impact’ were more than happy to see students from Carlingford High as they made us feel right at home.

The conference was run by young leaders and consisted of motivational speakers, group activities and one on one interaction with student leaders of other schools. The program predominantly focuses on teaching independent leadership skills to senior students, building relationships with unknown students from different schools all over Sydney and challenges young leaders to open their minds in understanding the importance of leadership, starting with leadership at school.

The ‘Youth Impact’ team explained that senior leaders are the vital link between students and teachers and they informed us about how important that link is in relation to the successful running and operating of a high school.

All in all it was an extremely beneficial experience, as we all have gained great qualities. I strongly urge all students at Carlingford High to take some time and visit their web site at www.youthimpact.com.au and see what you can do to help Carlo High run better for your peers.

Joshua Moses

Payment of contributions

Subject and school contributions are now due as per the contributions sheet sent to families at the end of 2006.

For those families who request it, the school can assist with these payments by offering an instalment plan, or alternatively organising arrangements for families to make payments, on a monthly basis, using credit card details.

If either of these options can assist you, phone Margaret Hegarty, School Administrative Manager on 9871 4222.
From the Principal

Apologies from the Press: Hills Shire Times Tuesday March 6 Edition

Over the past week there has been a great deal of media interest particularly in newspapers and on radio covering the incidents of violence on school grounds in the metropolitan south-western Sydney and in the North West.

Although undoubtedly distressing for all concerned and creating a lot of stress for schools and their communities, when a school is named, private or public, the work to follow is immense in reassuring the community and local perceptions that the school years is a safe and secure place to be for the staff and students.

Unfortunately for our school in the north western Sydney Region, we are one of two schools in the suburb of Carlingford and was named as THE school where the “brawl” took place by the Hills Shire Times. Understandably, members of our community have either telephoned our District Office or the school expressing concern.

I want to reassure you that the article in the above cited edition is thoroughly inaccurate. In fact as a result of my contact with the Editor of the Times, an apology was emailed to the school and there should be a correction published in the next edition. A copy of the email is as follows:

“Further to our phone conversation this morning, I would like to apologise for any distress which may have been caused to the Carlingford High School community for a report in the Hills Shire Times of March 6 which incorrectly identified the school.

The story should have read “a Carlingford high school”.

I was made aware of the error early on our publication day (Tuesday). We published a corrected version on our website by noon that day.

The Times has enjoyed a good relationship with the school in the past, reporting students’ many achievements. I trust this will continue.”

Timing is everything. In the times when our OPEN MORNING/NIGHT is on the Monday March 19 2007, which provide opportunities for parents and Year 6 students to consider the right environment, we need to battle the ‘truths’ that are told in newspapers.

It is indeed unfortunate.

I urge you as parents and students of our Carlingford High School community (not a Carlingford high school) to be our best supporters in confirming that our school has been incorrectly named and help reassure the community of the quality of care existing in our school.

As part of a public system and holding empathy for a neighbouring school, it helps little in asserting the correct information by mentioning the school. There is much for all of us to learn and to deal with in our schools without adding to it.

Robert Clarke
Principal

Congratulations to Karina Cox who represented Carlingford High School at the NSW Interschools Equestrian Championships in the discipline of Eventing, having great success competing against students from Years 7—12 from schools across NSW and won her level! Against some very tough competition this was a great achievement and good to see “Carlingford High School” up there with many other private schools. Karina now qualifies for the nationals.
developing responsible and independent learners

Michon Fleet pictured left with Mr Clarke receiving the Glen Ryan Award for Best Effort in Year 12, 2006.

Picture below Calvin Shaw, Chia-Jung Chang and Karen Lo, three of our four Premier’s All-rounders for 2006 HSC results.

New Bus Travel Arrangements

After many years of hounding bus companies, it appears that we might finally have a solution to the long term problems with the afternoon buses. As of Monday March 5th, we now have an additional bus servicing the school in the afternoon. The new arrangements are as follows:

Express Bus to Epping – 629 – 3.15pm
Will still run primarily for students who need to make additional connections at Epping

Bus to Carlingford Station and beyond – 759 – 3.15pm
Will run, along current route, for students who need to get off before or after the Station. It will still go to the Station.

New Express Bus to Carlingford Station – 763 – 3.15pm
Will still run for students who need to make additional connections at Carlingford. There will be NO stops between school and the Station. (This bus will then return directly to school).

New Express to Epping Station – 764 – 3.35pm
This bus will follow the most direct route to Epping Station, with NO stops before the station.

Epping via Carlingford Court – 628 – As normal

The other issue we have with buses relates to the 623 bus from Parramatta. This bus repeatedly arrives late. We have lodged a complaint with the bus company regarding this matter, so only time will tell the results. However, in the interim, the students travelling on this bus have been issued with a special late pass which should allow them to enter roll call and so be marked present or else report to the front office where they will be able to sign in and then they will be marked present.

Joanne Sim
Deputy Principal (Relieving)

If you requested a receipt when paying any monies to the school, these are now available from: Mrs Lomax in the office.
From the P & C

Update: Investing in Our Schools Grant Success ($134,262) for the refurbishment of the Science Labs … This funding will allow 2 science labs to be updated, and the school is looking to provide funding for an additional Science Lab to be updated (3 in total). The project will be managed through Dept. of Ed. in consultation with the school.

Special thanks again to the committee who worked to put together the successful application.

Did you know that the P&C contributed towards the prizes which were awarded on Presentation Night – held on Wednesday 28-Feb-07.

The P&C has donated $700 from the General Fund to Presentation Night for the Carlingford High School 2006 Year 12 DUX Award, and to assist with the engraving of other trophies that are awarded on the night.

Inaugural P&C Day Wed 7 March 2007 marked the centenary of the P&C (Parents and Citizens) movement. As the first officially registered P&C association, Five Dock Public School P&C Association, turns 100. This marks the formal beginnings of the P&C movement which now involves over 2200 schools across NSW.

P&C Associations are a true reflection of real communities. P&C’s promote diversity, uniqueness and inclusiveness while working towards better futures for all students in public education. Great school communities offer our children greater futures.

P&C: Participating today to build tomorrow.

NEXT P&C MEETING:
Includes EGM to elect Office Bearers to the vacant Committee position of 2nd Vice President
Special Presentation: Mr. Matthew Palmer – Yr 7 Advisor

When: Wednesday 14 March 2007 : 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Where: Learning Centre, Carlingford High

ALL WELCOME

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.

The next CHS P&C Meeting on 14th March 2007 will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) - where volunteers may be considered to fill the vacant position on the Executive of 2nd Vice President.

… Wanda Whittaker, CHS P&C Secretary …