Public Speaking Report

The Rostrum Voice of Youth competition is a prestigious public speaking competition held every year. This year, I was given the opportunity to participate and I was honoured to represent the school.

The first round of the competition was held at Hornsby Girls High School in early May. My speech was on the topic ‘What the World Needs Now’. This topic was a very powerful one and I thoroughly enjoyed presenting it to the audience. I was extremely happy when I won this round of competition and was asked to proceed to the Regional Finals.

The Regional Finals were on May 29 at the Ryde-Eastwood RSL. Eight students from different schools participated and the speeches were all incredibly inspiring and impressive. This round, unlike the previous, also consisted of a short-notice or impromptu speech. I must admit, I was nervous! The topic for my impromptu speech was ‘The Spice of Life’. After 15 minutes of preparation time, I presented a three minute speech which I quite enjoyed.

The evening ended with well-deserved congratulations to all the speakers. Despite not making it to the State Finals, I was very happy. I was honoured to be there and proud of my achievements. I would gladly participate and represent Carlingford High in the coming years.

Sairachna Trikha Year 9

State School Volleyball Cup Runners Up for 2007 -

Played Sunday 10 June 7 at Homebush Stadium

The boys should be very proud of themselves as they represented the school with flying colours. They went though to the finals without losing a set. In the finals they played against Great Lakes from Foster who have players playing in the under 17 and 19 State teams.

We had no subs, where the other team had several subs. We lost 21-25, 19-25. The team players were Navdeep Ougra, Scott Laffer, Taylor Spensieri, Kaveh Sajjadi, Jason Laffer and Captained by Balraj Ougra. The team was coached by Mr Ougra.
Congratulations:

Eliza Brown’s (Year 10) Textiles Technology project of a quilted and free hand machine embroidered quillo which gained a blue ribbon at the 2007 Castle Hill show is presently being exhibited at the Australian Quilt Shows in Brisbane May 2—6, Sydney August 22—26 and Melbourne September 5—9.

Kathryn Warr (Year 12 2006) received a letter from NSW PDHPE Teachers’ Association congratulating her on her exceptional PDHPE results in the Higher School Certificate.

Tayler Darlington (Year 8) competed in the U14 Womens’ Basketball team for North Sydney in the National Junior Classic held in Melbourne during the June long weekend.

Jake Manning (Year 9) involved in Brewhaha 2007, a recording and multimedia project for National Youth Week 2007. This project is run by the Inner West Councils in conjunction with Kool Skoals and Megaphon Studios. Jake is part of a band called The Jam Rolls.

Good Luck to Fraser Nixon (Year 9) trialling for the Sydney North Team in Athletics and Cross Country.

Year 8 into Year 9 On Line Subject Selection forms

This year the school will process the subject selections on line via the school intranet using the following process:

1. Log on to the school intranet either at home or at school.
2. Go to Intranet Links—Subject Selections
3. Make your choices on line
4. Print your selection form and have it signed by a parent
5. Bring your signed form to school and place it into the Subject Selection Box outside your Year Adviser’s staffroom door upstairs in B block by no later than Wednesday June 20.

If you can’t remember your intranet code, you must see the Technician in the library immediately. To be able to get into the courses of your choice, you have to be organised and hand in your signed form on time.

Beate Welch
Year 8 Adviser

Young Women’s Leadership

On the 4th of April 2007, Rachel Kent and Monika Tomlinson of Year 11 went to the Young Women’s Leadership Seminar at the Parliament House of New South Wales. We represented our school in this diverse and interesting seminar. Groups of two girls came from over twenty different schools all through out New South Wales. It was a chance for us to remake old acquaintances and form new friendships.

The seminar was arranged between the Manager of the Parliamentary Education Section Graham Spindler and the lovely Education Officer Daniela Giorgi. We received a moving speech by Helen Reddy, about her life and how she was able to achieve the success she has. As the singer and composer of the song “I am woman” Helen Reddy has always been outspoken about the place of women in society. We were also lucky enough to have a small discussion with her afterwards over some morning tea. Then we travelled deep into the bowels of Parliament House and participated in a Fred Group seminar that focused on increasing our networking skills and social awareness. We were also fortunate enough to speak to the head of the Fred group and how she came to it. Finally, we had a discussion with three female members of State Parliament. We had a fairly even balance of power with one member from the Greens, Labor and Liberal respectively. They worked together to give us a better understanding of how Parliament worked and tried to faithfully answer our sometimes-difficult questions. (I don’t think they were expecting to be asked questions about the state of the economy and the Kyoto Protocol.)

This was a great experience for both Rachel and I and we would really like to thank the school and especially Ms Halloran for allowing us this opportunity. It has helped us become more confident in our views and shows us a way that we can give more of a voice to women in the community.

Monika Tomlinson Yr 11
developing responsible and independent learners

An Introduction

I have been teaching Mathematics for almost 20 years, however I have only taught at two schools over that period of time. I began my career at Blacktown Boys’ High in 1988 and spent 11 enjoyable and satisfying years at that school. In 1999, I transferred to Cherrybrook Technology High School, a school not dissimilar to Carlingford High in that the students are generally highly motivated, talented and respectful.

Over this period, I have taken on many and varied roles, in the areas of curriculum, welfare and sport. In fact, I was the Year 12 Adviser at Cherrybrook up to last Friday! I believe all these experiences have helped me develop the necessary skills to lead a dynamic and professional staff to meet the challenges that modern education faces both today and into the future.

In the short time I have been here, the staff and students of Carlingford High have made me feel most welcome. Changing schools is a difficult and tiring undertaking. However, the process has been made easier through the support I have received in the weeks leading up to, and the days since, my date of appointment.

I look forward to meeting as many of the parents of our students as possible at future school gatherings and hope that you find the Maths staff in general, and myself in particular, easy to approach and helpful.

Graham Fardouly
Head Teacher Mathematics

Welfare

May 30 saw a very successful GP program for Year 11 running again. This is the 9th year at Carlingford High and I would like to pay tribute to Drs Carol Kefford (who initiated the program) and Paul Humphrey who have attended every program. There were nine GPs, six GP Registrars and 11 medical students. Year 11 thought it was “awesome”, “informative”, “they felt comfortable”, “The doctor was kind”.

June 12 saw the smooth running of the second set of vaccinations for the Years 10, 11 12 girls run very smoothly.

June 13 was the first lesson for the “Rock and Water” program being introduced into Year 7. The program is being trialled with 7I boys and run by Mr Palmer (Year 7 Adviser) and Rob Waugh (Youth Worker). The program aims to build on strengths, and encourages students confidence.

• Year 8 had a drama presentation on Anti-bullying
• Special thanks to the following students for collecting a total of $3,296.85 for the Red Shield appeal:
  Hannah Alexander, Kayla Arundell, Yash Bapat, Adele Branford, Julia Dabrowski, Claire Eiffert, Jim Free, James Gibb, Bryan Ho, Jane Koo, Lois Lau, Sharika Leanage, Pansy Li, Rafaelle Li, Jeremy Lloyd, Sarah McKie, Jennifer Ng, Jason Ng, Nathan Pearsall, Shaun Premnath, Abbey Roberts, Priya Sharma, Adam Shen, Erin Smith, Rohit Sridhar, Meera Sundharam, Candy Ting, Monika Tomlinson, Anne Trinh, Pia Turco, Claudia Villari-Kohlert, Brittany West, Kar Wye Phoon, Diana Yang, Harmony Young.

Congratulations to Abbey Roberts (Year 7) who collected over $200 on the day.

Dale Halloran
(Head Teacher Admin/Welfare)

Year 8 Welfare Program

Thank you to all parents for supporting our annual anti-bullying program in the hall two weeks ago and sending all permission notes and monies in on time. It was great to see the whole grade to be able to participate in such a worthwhile activity which emphasised the message that BULLYING IS UNACCEPTABLE AND NOT TOLERATED IN OUR SCHOOL!

Beate Welch
developing responsible and independent learners

CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C NEWS

CHS P&C - SCHOOL REPRESENTATIONS FUND

At the general meeting on Wednesday 13 June, the P&C adopted a set of Guidelines for a School Representations Fund to provide recognition in the form of a cash payment of $100 towards the costs incurred by students of Carlingford High School who are selected for representation (individual or team) at state, national or international level in any activity associated with public education.

Eligible activities would include, for example, selection in a NSW Combined High schools sports team, in an Education Department Performing Arts Unit choir or dance troupe interstate tour, or in a national subject competition (e.g. maths, sciences) organised or endorsed by the Department.

The School Representations Fund Guidelines set out the full eligibility criteria, its administration, conditions attached to a payment, and application procedures. A copy of the e draft Guidelines was circulated to parents on the P&C e-mail distribution list prior to the Wednesday meeting, and they were adopted at the meeting with a few minor amendments.

The School Representations Fund Guidelines will be posted on the School’s website as soon as possible. In the interim, a copy can be obtained from the P&C Secretary (Wanda.Whittaker@internode.on.net).

Representatives of the P&C, the SRC and the School Principal will be involved in deciding the outcome of applications to the School Representations Fund. Deliberations on applications for a payment will be confidential, but the outcomes of successful applications will be publicised.

Applications are now invited for a payment from the School Representations Fund. A written application must provide the following information:

- Name of Applicant, Year, Contact details
- Activity for which a Payment is sought
- Details of the Representative Activity (including date(s), location, level, estimated costs)
- Details of past Representative Activity.

Diary Date...

Wednesday 15 August 2007 ... CHS Annual Public Speaking Competition

NEXT P&C MEETING:

When: Wednesday 8 August 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.

... Wanda Whittaker, CHS P&C Secretary ...

What’s happening at Carlingford High School

June 16
Cabaret Night

June 26
Year 10 Welfare Seminars

June 26, 27, 28
Met North Dance Performance

June 27
Years 8, 9 &10 Parent/Teacher Evening

June 29
Years 10 & 11 International Students Rocks Walking Tour

June 29
Last Day Term 2

July 16
Staff Development Day

July 23—25
Creative Arts Exhibition

July 25
Maths competition

July 30—Aug 3
Business Week