Red Cross receives 52 donations of blood from Carlo students.

The school gives 16 year olds and over, the opportunity to give something back to our community, by way of giving blood.

Hesitantly and nervously, I made the decision that giving the gift of life to someone who may otherwise not survive without it, far outweighed my fears.

52 students donated 47 litres of life saving blood on Friday August 24 and I am proud to say I was one of them. Well done guys, let’s keep this precious fluid flowing.

Vanessa Mack, Year 11

Solar Car Challenge

Our glorious Year 10 Electronics class created two solar cars to compete in the annual Solar Car challenge event hosted by the UNSW on Saturday 1st September. Although unplaced in the event one of the vehicles completed the circuit showing how resourceful our students can be when they feel the need to compete. Considering that most of the other teams in the event had been researching and designing their solar vehicles for several years our students did exceedingly well in making their cars within a week. In this time they determined the required specifications, the racing rules and used solar technology to be able to compete. Our Carlingford High School team has given an assurance they will be back in the event in 2008 with a refined challenger.

The Solar Car Team

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Saturday 1st September was also the Open Day for the Science Faculty of UNSW. Our students toured the Science Department and several of our student have chosen this university to do their Science and engineering degrees should they be successful in their Higher School Certificate.
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Welfare Report

Global Warming and its Impact on Health Symposium.

Carlingford High was privileged to be asked to be involved in this event as part of Westmead Hospital’s Hospital Week Program.

Annie Lin and Richard Vorobieff, both of Year 11, were outstanding ambassadors for Carlingford High. They along with 25 students from Barker College presented in a session called “Global Warming, mental health and the future of young Australians” as well as participated in a Panel Question and Answer Discussion.

Comments on their contributions include:

‘The students themselves were absolutely outstanding and I have had strong feedback about their superb contributions’ Professor Richard Kefford.

“…..for me, the young people’s presentations were the outstanding highlight of the morning. Their responses on the panel were spot on”. Clinical Professor David Bennett.

“I was hugely impressed with the presentation and the survey that Carlingford students had conducted…..” Dr Carol Kefford.

Mrs Crosweller, Mrs Parkes with 18 Year 11 students joined the audience and all found the whole symposium to be interesting and informative.

Other speakers included Robyn Williams (Science journalist) Professor Tony McMichael, Mr Glen Hadfield and Clinical Professor David Bennett.

This also proved to be a good school project with a survey being developed by Mrs Hill, Mrs Parkes, Scott Samson, Annie Lin and self.

The survey was then administered to two classes per year and the results collated by Mr Hind and his Year 11 Society and Culture class and the results were used by Annie in her speech together with a power point presentation prepared by Sayo Sivapathan (Year 9). Mrs Crosweller and Mrs Parkes helped Richard and Annie with their speeches.

My special thanks go to all the members of Carlingford High involved in this project. I think it was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to be involved in.

My special thanks to Professor Richard Keeford for giving our students this opportunity and to Mrs Georgette Hanna (Westmead Association) for organising the travel, food and general organisation of the symposium.

Dale Halloran
Head Teacher Admin/Welfare

Student Reports on the Event

On the 16th of August, people from our year attended Westmead Children’s Hospital to listen to the seminar about Global Warming. We were one of the two schools who were given the opportunity to voice our youth’s opinion. Richard Vorobieff and Annie Lin, our representatives for Carlingford High School, presented a nerve-racking speech to voice our notion of Global Warming. Through this valuable time, we as students realised the serious threat of Global Warming on the environment, as well as, (believe it or not) psychological minds of us. I am glad that our very own school took participation in a formal discussion on Global Warming.

Andrew Kim

Climate change is often seen as a negative issue, that will completely alter our lives. However the symposium held at Westmead Hospital on the 16th of August demonstrated that Australia’s top professors were surprisingly optimistic.

As a whole we can limit climate change and its by-products. Annie Lin and I presented the view of the students from Carlingford. It seems that we’re concerned, it’s just we need to be more active as a society. Inaction is the biggest problem facing our world.

Richard Vorobieff.

It was an entertaining and engrossing experience, with each speaker presenting very intelligent arguments. Thanks to Richard and Annie for great presentations.

I had not misunderstood the significance of global warming before but the evidence is now clear and we must act upon it NOW!

Blake Paish
FROM THE P&C NEWS

FROM THE LAST P&C MEETING ... held on 8-AUG-07:

- We heard from Carlingford High School Head Teacher Mathematics - Mr. Graham Fardouly, about the structure of mathematics classes currently, and some changes that are planned for the future.

- We were advised that based on some early analysis of responses to the Parent Survey 2007 that Carlingford Calling would be back in hard copy as of the next edition.

- We discussed the proposed changes to the bus routes (628, 629, 623) – whereby the STA is looking to merge buses 628/623 which are from Epping Station, and are looking to cancel the bus route 623 which goes to Carlingford Court of an afternoon. There are significant concerns that the proposed changes will affect transport for students to/from CHS – and the capacity available. Following the meeting a letter was written by the P&C President to reflect our concerns at the proposed changes, and sent to Mr. Greg Smith (Member for Epping) and Mr. John Watkins (NSW Minister for Transport).

- We were updated in relation to the plans for CHS 40th Year Celebration ... and agreed. That the P&C donates $2,000 from the General Fund to the school for purchase of a display cabinet and $500 from the General Fund towards the purchase of trees to recognise the school’s 40th Anniversary event on behalf of the P&C.

At the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 12-SEP-07 general business discussion will include:

i. P&C support for National Teachers Day
ii. P&C support for Reward Day Out
iii. P&C support for Prize Giving
iv. Update on Parent Survey 2007
v. CHS 40th Anniversary 2007
vi. Ideas for P&C Funding

Did you know that as well as providing funds to support many school activities, in recent years the P&C has made the following substantial donations to the school ...

13-SEP-06 - The P&C donated $15,000 from the General Fund to the school for ITG (Information Technology Group) recommended resources. (For the purchase of smart whiteboards)

13-SEP-06 - The P&C commits to donating $25,000 from the Building Fund to the school in support of the refurbishment of the science laboratories. (In addition to the Investing in Our Schools Grant that was obtained by the P&C for $134,262 for the refurbishment of the Science Labs)

9-NOV-05 - The P&C donated funds to the school to allow the purchase of suitable resources to be used for the provision of education and learning within the school. The P&C donated $22,000 for this purpose. (For the purchase of 4 sets of laptop, data projector and trolleys to be used in the 4 blocks that currently do not have access to this equipment)

NEXT P&C MEETING:

Special Presentation: Mr. David Erwin - Head Teacher Computing Studies

When:       Wednesday 12 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.

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