As part of the new Federal Government’s “Education Revolution”, Carlingford High School was privileged to host Maxine McKew, Federal Member for Bennelong. The key element to Ms McKew’s visit was to gain insight into Carlingford High School’s existing technology environment, as well as, seek feedback on the possible implications and issues at Carlingford High School surrounding the Government’s proposed computer system rollout.

During her visit, Ms McKew toured the school’s technology learning spaces, which included the observation of a number of classes using technology in their learning. The teaching staff then met with Ms McKew for morning tea discussing issues surrounding both technology in education and education.

David Erwin
Head Teacher, Computing Studies

Congratulations

Jamie Simpson, Year 8 invited to participate at a Forensic Science Camp at Tara

Luke Anderson competing at the YMCA Gymnastics National Club Championships.

After 21 years of sterling service as the Librarian at Carlingford High School Mr Chris Cutler will be locking up the Library for the last time at the end of the 2007 school year. He will be much missed, having provided exemplary support to staff and student alike during his time at Carlingford. Mr Cutler is a man of wit and considerable intellect, he has adjusted to technology without becoming a slave to it and has the capacity and persistence to quickly find information on nearly any subject as required. We thank him sincerely for his service to the staff and students at Carlingford High School and wish him all the best in the future.
On Friday 9th November those students fortunate enough to get 4 executive awards, headed off to Jamberoo for the Rewards Day Out.

As we boarded the three buses to leave school, the weather looked promising... promisingly bad. It was drizzling all the way there but a few minutes before we hopped off the buses, the rain stopped. We all got our tickets and went in.

After we got changed we headed for the rides. I, for one, had never been to Jamberoo before and it didn’t disappoint.

My favourite attractions were The Taipan (2 water slides 160m long, 5 person rafts and completely in the dark!!), the wave pool and Giant Water Slides. We got to ride heaps of times as there were no queues.

We headed back on to the buses for the long journey home and just as we did the rain came again.

Thanks to the school for a great day out. It was the best...
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Term 4 has been non-stop for Drama Students with work towards the annual Dance & Drama Night consuming much class and lunchtime. Around 80 students participated in a fun filled night of Dance, Drama, & Song. Our audience was small but dedicated and braved the encroaching storms to support their children, siblings, friends and neighbours.

Performers from Yrs 7-11 performed a variety of items from self devised choreography, to scripted plays, songs from musicals and the top 40, as well as, plays about bullying, revenge, camping and holidaying. More pictures can be seen on the Drama Intranet page. (Many thanks to the staff who supported the night by attending, wishing us all well and encouraging the kids to do the best they could – special thank also to Mrs Vasilescu from the Art Department for the fabulous photos!!)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2008**

ONSTAGE Excursion – February (details to come soon)
Presentation Evening -- February
July – Arts North Drama Festival
August – Actual HSC Drama Exam
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Farewell Ms Best

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell Ms Best this year. Ms Best travels each day from the Central Coast to teach at Carlingford High and so her appointment to Erina High is to be celebrated. She will spend much less time in traffic and therefore be able to spend more time in the company of her new grandchild.

It is with regret that we say goodbye as she has been a much valued member of the TAS Faculty. Arriving at Carlingford High in 2004, she is a committed teacher who has supported and guided students through the Hospitality and Food Technology courses. Ms Best has also been actively involved in the catering that goes on throughout the year and I know that many staff have greatly enjoyed the food prepared by her Hospitality classes.

Ms Best is a quiet achiever and conscientious staff member who has made a valuable contribution to the workings of our faculty. She has made me feel very welcome and has been very supportive since my start at Carlingford in term 2.

We wish her all the very best at her new school and are grateful for all that she has done for Carlingford High.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Robinson all the best. She is expecting a baby in the new year and so will be on leave in 2008.

Tanya Leigh
HT TAS

USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND IMAGE CAPTURE EQUIPMENT AT SCHOOL

It is accepted that many parents/caregivers wish students to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day as it enhances security for those students travelling to and from school. For this reason there is no ban on their possession at school.

The school only has issue should a mobile phone, or other electronic communication device, including email, be used inappropriately. Inappropriately means it:
- Disrupts or is likely to disrupt the school learning environment,
- Is used to bully or intimidate through calls, SMS, text message, photographic, video or other data transfer.

For this reason mobile phones are not to be turned on during the school day unless prior arrangements are made with the school.

Should a phone, or other electronic device be used inappropriately there are very clear policies on the actions that may be taken. These range from confiscation of the phone to suspension should there be, “verbal abuse transmitted electronically such as by email or SMS text messages”.

LOSS OR DAMAGE OF MOBILE PHONES

Schools are not responsible for the loss or damage of a mobile phone or other electronic devices brought to the school. Students bring these devices to school at their own risk and schools will not accept any responsibility for their loss or damage. Ref: DET Legal Issues Bulletin No. 35

FILMING, PHOTOGRAINING OR RECORDING OF CONVERSATIONS

This is another important issue facing schools as the technology of mobile phones now allows photography and recording. Generally speaking it is an offence in law to record a conversation or photograph a person if the person does not consent to being recorded, filmed or photographed. Students must be aware of this, and again this is made easy if phones are turned off during the school day. Photography, recording or the exhibition of material without a person’s consent may be interpreted at a low level as bullying or harassment, at a higher level it can be a breach of child protection laws. This situation is compounded should any material be uploaded onto the internet. Please note that should photographs or filming take place in the school and any material relating to the school be placed onto the internet without the specific consent of the Principal it may result in suspension of the student or students responsible.

Peter Myers
Deputy Principal

May I take this opportunity of specially thanking the members of the Welfare Team, the Teaching Staff, the SASS staff, the P & C and students who have supported all the Welfare Programs during 2007. I believe we have had wonderful outcomes from them.

May I wish you and yours the compliments of the Season and every good fortune in 2008.

Warmly

Dale Halloran

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Year 10

Term 4 has been a very busy one for Year 10 this year. They had Trial School Certificate exams in early October, followed by intensive Peer Support training. Immediately after this was a very full assessment week and then finally the School Certificate exams in November.

To complete the term, Year 10 participated in the **Beyond Year 10 Program**. This is a unique program designed in conjunction with Ms. Halloran, Head Teacher Welfare at Carlingford High School and myself.

In this program Year 10 were motivated by Armondo Hurley and listened to a presentation by Castle Hill Police on safe partying. They were given techniques in interviewing and body language by A Matter of Style; participated in introductory senior lessons and completed an online road safety awareness program. They also participated in a series of seminars dealing with assessment in the senior school, stress management and self-reliance, careers, how to best make use of the library and technology. During this week Year 10 also completed the mandatory Board of Studies program, All My Own Work. The week concluded with a delicious BBQ thanks to the help of Mr. Clayton and Ms. Davidson.

The culmination of this very busy term for Year 10 was Business Week, where Year 10 were organised into teams and ran a simulated business for the week.

I would like to congratulate Year 10 on the mature and sensible manner in which they have conducted themselves and hope they have both enjoyed and benefited from the wonderful experiences offered to them.

Lyn Wilkes
Year 10 Adviser

Mixed Netball – Grand Final Winners

After a very relaxed season with few challenging games Carlo’s Mixed Netball team were quietly confident that they would win the Grand Final for the summer season of Grade Sport. (Actually the boys were actually not that quiet. The word “cocky” comes to mind. They were even smug enough to wear proper netball skirts for the game, courtesy of Travis’s mother.) Our opposition for the Grand Final were Turramurra.

In the first half - Year 11 girls Annie, Jess and Kim (our diehard regulars) combined well in attack, although found a moving Mark Trau a little hard to feed. Maybe he thought it wasn’t fair to the opposition guy to just stand under the post all the time and take lobs. Kim and Mark did sink a few nice goals. Gillian was a reluctant but very effective GK. Victor was pleased to get on court with the starting seven and didn’t disappoint. Travis coped well with having to mark an opposition boy that could actually play (having been used to spending his on-court time chatting up the opposition females. I wondered why he liked playing GK so much until I realised it gave him an excuse to get up close and personal with these girls.) With only an 8-5 lead at half-time this was proving to be one of our closest games all season.

When we went back on in the second half our team was barely recognisable. (This was the result of having a 13 person squad for a team of 7.) The first few goals went against the centre pass and the game could have gone either way, but Carlo soon asserted their dominance. Jon moved and shot like a pro, combining well with Tania whootted some superb goals (for someone who was worried her shooting was off that day.) Phyllis settled the mid court and she and Eddie fed the shooters with some sweet passes. Our back three did a good job of shutting down their circle. With some tight marking from Jacinda on the Turramurra GD, his access to the ball was limited. Travis rejected a few of their shooter’s attempts and picked up some lose ball, and Gillian put pressure on the feed. The full time score was 17-9 to Carlo. Congratulations team for a great season and well deserved Grand Final win.

Team:
- Kim Hampe
- Jon Dick
- Annie Lin
- Travis MacDonald
- Jess Moore
- Eddie Stanton-Cooke
- Gillian Wan
- Victor Tran
- Tania Huet
- Mark Trau
- Phyllis Ng
- Sebastian Kade
- Jacinda Smith
- Barbie Weaver (Official Scorer and Team Photographer)
P&C NEWS

Report from P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) ...

The P&C AGM was held on the 14-NOV-07. Given the importance of this meeting, it was quite disappointing to find only 12 attendees – of which 3 were parents with students in senior years who were leaving the school, and another has already held a significant position on the executive for the allowed 3 years. Not including these parents – the representation was:

Year 7 and Year 8 1 parent
Year 8 and Year 11 1 parent
Year 8 3 parents
Year 9 1 parent
Year 8 and Year 10 1 parent
Year 11 1 parent

We are hoping, with a school of this size, that there will be more families present at our next meeting. It is always nice to see other families supporting the P & C and in turn supporting Carlingford High School. This would require parents to attend a meeting for a few hours once a month (in fact this year there were only seven meetings – due to breaks over school holidays). It is a time where parents can find out what is happening at the school. Often at each meeting reports are given about current events and programs happening in the school with teachers from a range of KLAs sharing their approaches to learning.

A BIG thank you to those who made the effort and who have taken on positions of responsibility in the P&C. There are still some critical positions to be filled – namely the positions of President and Vice Presidents of the P&C. So – these positions will need to be filled at the earliest opportunity in 2008.

The executive and committee positions for the P&C in 2008 are as follows:

President VACANT
Vice Presidents VACANT
Secretary M. Yoosuff
Treasurer J. Nixon
School P&C Rep - Traffic & Safety N. Philip
Uniform Committee G. Trau
Landscaping J. Lloyd
Supper Convener L. Healey
General Committee L. Jenkins
A. Simpson
S. Berzins
Auditor N. Wood
P&C Delegate to Association VACANT
P&C School Council Reps President (when elected)
M. Cochrane
N. Philip

NEXT P&C MEETING:

When: Wednesday 13 February 2008 7.30 – 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 Mohammed Yoosuff (mohamed.yoosuff@ipdgroup.com.au) or contact Mrs Jillian Morton at the school office, on 9871 4222.

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

P.S. As this is my last report ... thanks to the parents and staff who have supported the P&C over the past years. Best Wishes for the years ahead - to those who have taken on positions in the P&C for 2008, and to all the staff and students at CHS.