Winners are Grinners
2008 State Winners PCA
(Packaging Council of Australia)

Year 9 Design & Technology Students Sarah Moten and Sarah Wade were recently announced first place winners in the National Secondary Schools Packaging Design Challenge. They cleared the rest of the field by 11 points. They competed in the Secondary High School Section which had no divisions between Junior and Senior Students which indicates how talented these two designers are. As First Place winners they will receive a cheque for $200-00 and the school receives $250-00.

Packaging is all about making an impact and this is why innovation in the form of design is the key to brand success. The winning design is not only environmentally friendly but also aesthetically pleasing. They redesigned the boring Cereal Box which was always difficult to open and pour the cereal, let alone see how much is left in the box. They created a pour spout with a clip lock seal for freshness. They used a striking combination of Red with black and white checks, as well as creating a clear plastic window to view level of cereal will certainly be eye catching and totally innovative. The package is now on its way to Melbourne to be judged in the National Finals which will be on the 29th July and announced early August. We wish them good luck with this next stage and congratulate them on such an innovative and creative solution, which we may one day see on our shelves.

Congratulations are also in order to both Kate Graham and Kimberley Cochrane for their Package gaining fourth place for their concept of a Beach Essentials Kit targeted to the overseas tourist and supported by the skin cancer foundation, congratulations girls.

Elizabeth Cobden Design Teacher
Jason Laffer, Year 10, has been selected to represent NSW in the U17 State Volleyball Championships in Victoria from July 6 – 12. Jason has also been selected to travel with the U16 NSW CHS (Combined High Schools) team to South Australia from August 23 – 29. Jason began playing volleyball in Year 7 with his parents and another family in a Wednesday night social volleyball competition at Thornleigh Brickpit. Jason now plays volleyball socially on Monday nights at North Ryde and for his representative team, Sydney North Volleyball. Good Luck in Victoria and Victoria.

CARLINGFORD HIGH STUDENTS ENTER THE TITRATION COMPETITION

The titration competition involves teams of three students performing a process in which they use their practical skills to determine the concentration of an unknown acid.

This competition is held annually at various universities and TAFE Colleges.

This year, Carlingford High entered 6 teams (18 students) from Year 12

Vincent Lee, Brian Leung, Kelvin Lee
Hayley Kim, John Lee, Brian Lam
Danny Lam, Jimson Ho, Ernest Yeung
Agul Zhao, Irwin Ting, Sam Jiang
Harry Chen, Dennis Zhang, Hyun Soo Song
Hugh Cao, Tony Wu, Jiro Funamoto

These six teams turned up at Shore School Sydney at 9.00 am on Saturday 21st June and competed solidly for two hours. The end result was that the host school Shore came first. However, two students – Brian Lam and John Lee achieved remarkably accurate results. All students reported that they learnt a lot and had a lot of fun apart from discovering the amazing facilities found at the Shore School. The dedication of these students is admirable. Well done future chemists.

These excellent achievements did not come by chance. All students gave up several lunch times to practise their skills. I would like to thank Mrs. Mamo for her help at school and her generous assistance on the day of the competition.

D. Hopley
(Science)

Mathematics Class Changes

A number of students have been moved to different Maths classes recently. These changes have been made as a consequence of the students’ term 1 and half yearly examination results along with consultation between myself and their teacher.

Changes have only been made in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. Students are only ever moved for appropriate educational reasons.

Some parents of Year 11 students received a letter from this faculty expressing our concern with their child’s course selection. Students have been given an reasonable amount of time to prepare thoroughly for major examinations and given their teachers the opportunity to gauge their level of skills, knowledge and commitment. As a result, I will be speaking to a number of students before the end of term, and contacting their parents, to discuss appropriate course options.

Please ask your child if they have been affected by these changes. If you wish to discuss any of these matters further, please contact me at the school at your earliest convenience.

Graham Fardouly
Head Teacher,
Mathematics
developing responsible and independent learners

Year 8 Languages Excursion

On Thursday, June 12, all students in year 8 went on an excursion to a restaurant. The excursion was organised by the Languages faculty and each class went to the restaurant of the language they are studying this year. Here are reports from the students:

Two of our Japanese classes went to a Japanese Restaurant in the city known as Khi Ban Teppanyaki. We got there at about 12.30 after a restless trip by bus.

We were all very excited as we all got seated around a table with a hot plate grill in the middle. The course began with an astounding act featuring a hot plate, oil and FIRE!!!

The first course was Barbecue chicken. As the cook made the food in front of us, the mouth watering scent wafted into our noses.

The second course was served as delicious fried fish.

Then came the fun part. The cook threw RAW eggs at each of us. Most of us had the skill to catch them.

(Unfortunately, some of us missed and had a really messy ending. The cook collected all the eggs that were caught and made cooked egg with it. And using other ingredients as well, he made friend rice. The courses ended with a last fun act with flying eggs and mouths. Our trip home was boring but we had a fab time at the teppanyaki!)

Vickie Deng and Megan Chung

On June 12 8O and 8R went on an excursion to a German Restaurant called Löwenbrau Keller. We departed after recess on a bus that took us to The Rocks.

When we reached the restaurant, we were all very excited and hungry. We sat in a dim lit hall and each table took turns getting the food. There were chicken schnitzels, frankfurts, soup and sourkrat (a sour pickled cabbage). It was fun, exciting and a delicious new experience for all of us.

Christina, Imelda and Jessica 8O

On the 12th of June 2008, two French classes went on a bus to a restaurant called “The Little Snail.” As we got off the bus, we were taken upstairs to be served. There were four rows of tables. The entree selections were a dozen of snails, friend calamari rings and the soup of the day. There was water and cordial for us to drink.

We had to wait till everyone had their meal until we could start eating. After the entree was the main meal. The main meal consisted of chicken in red wine, french salad and vegetarian pasta. After the main meal, the dessert was served. There was chocolate mousse, french vanilla ice-cream and caramel pudding.

We exited the restaurant and forwarded onto the bus. The excursion was fun and the food was delicious. We had a wonderful day.

Leanna Chow and Kwonney Huynh

Try Baseball and Registration Days

Carlingford Baseball Club is holding its Try Baseball and Registration Days on Sunday, 27th July and Sunday, 3rd August 2008, at Murray Farm Reserve, Murray Farm Road, Carlingford for all children between the ages of 5 – 17. Any new players interested in trying baseball are welcome to attend. There is no obligation to join and everyone participating will receive a gift. New senior players are welcome also.

Carlingford Baseball Club is a friendly, community based club which encourages fund and sportsmanship amongst its members.

Contact Carol Barton on 0407 557 782 or email carlingfordbaseball@hotmail.com
7 Technology 10 Keeps Ticking Along

As part of the Technology Mandatory course in year 7 and 8, some year 7 classes have been using polymers (acrylic) to make clocks. 7 Technology 10 recently completed theirs and all were produced to a high standard. The students in 7 Tech 10 were all pleased to learn how to use a drill, scroll saw, bobbin sander and other various hand tools in the work shop. 7 Tech 10 students are all excellent workers, with none of them losing a finger this term…

PLEASE HELP

Rugby STILL Needs a Home at Carlo

We are still a few billets short for the visit of the Northampton School for Boys at the end of July.

There is a very, very huge ask though their visit is week 2 Term 3 2008. Would the Carlingford High Community help in this international Education, sporting and cultural meeting of our youth. They require billeting on three nights, 30th, 31st July and 1st August.

They are sending 22 students (15 and 16 years). I would like Carlingford High to help, billet and put up a team to play them.

Please consider this important venture, and if you could please help, let Mr Clayton know ASAP (via your child or 9871 4222) so arrangements can be finalised and put into place.

Many thanks.
Glenn Clayton
Year 12 Geography students gained some insight into the process of urban planning when they visited Baulkham Hills Shire Council for a talk by Strategic Planner Dana Quintal.

Urban Consolidation in Carlingford was the focus of the talk, with the students having to plan for high-rise apartments, town houses and villas in various areas of Carlingford allocated to them in a stimulus exercise. They had to use government and council plans such as the Local Environment Plan to determine features like how much open space and visitor car parking needs to be attached to each type of development. They also had to work out how much greater the density of an area would be with urban consolidation as opposed to single dwellings and the impacts this has on the amenity of an area.

Following this talk Year 12 made their way to the area around Post Office Street Carlingford to apply some of the concepts that were discussed during the talk. Students assessed some of the streets for their suitability as areas for urban consolidation.

These activities are a valuable learning tool for our Year 12 Geography students and we thank Dana and the Council for their time and resources.

Lauraine Hill (Geography Teacher).
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Reports
Over the past four weeks I have been reading the first Semester reports for all years. I’ve been impressed by the obvious effort that students are making in their various courses and equally impressed by the supportive and complimentary comments by teachers about your child’s progress.

It’s a great time to reinforce excellence and effort and to identify the students who need to reflect on their participation in learning and any support that needs to be offered from school and home in helping them to experience more success at school.

For Year 12 students the report has been a good progress report on their application in each course as the Trial Exams loom and for Year 10 their reports offer an influential assistance in choosing a Senior Curriculum for 2009 and beyond.

As a parent I have always valued the teacher’s comment and found it usually gave some insight into the levels of achievement attained.

As principal I have been impressed by the professionalism of the staff in particular the Year Advisers and our Reports Co-ordinator, David Erwin, in moving this major and important operation forward to you.

Covered Walkway
Early next term contractors will be on site for approximately five weeks to complete the final stages of covered walkways for the ramp, links to E Block and a link to the Hall. This would mean that most areas in the school will have a covered walkway linking the blocks. Not only will it be appropriate for students in wheelchairs but also for other students and members of the school community to use in wet weather. Of course we have to endure the pain to have the gain.

Science Labs (4 & 5)
During the July holidays and into the first two weeks of Term 3 we will have separate contractors undertaking a full refurbishment of these labs as part of Federal Funding. Although it was a long time ago that the P & C were successful with their application in 2006, it’s happening now and the rooms will be more in keeping with this century reflecting the pedagogy embedded in the Syllabus.

Robert Clarke
Principal

Year 12
As Term 2 ends, it is a good time to reflect on some aspects of year 12.

I enjoyed reading all 194 Semester 1 reports recently and congratulate all students on their achievements. Twenty-seven of our highest performing and most improved students were recognised publicly at our first ROSE (Recognition of Student Excellence/ Effort) morning tea recently and it was a privilege to be able to acknowledge them in front of their parents.

All Year 12 students will hopefully be able to prepare themselves for their Trial HSC in Term 3. Our aim at school is to encourage them to use the time wisely— to prepare and work to a set program of study and to set realistic goals according to what they can achieve.

Students will benefit far more with a routine of study, work and then reward, than if the plan is imply “I’ll study every day”. For many students at this stage, working on past HSC papers under exam conditions ie time—will be the best way to prepare. For others, catching up on making notes as study aids will be necessary before they can tackle past papers. All students should aim to have all notes completed, and all folders organised, by the end of the holidays.

Please encourage your child to see the trial for what it is—a trial. They should learn much from this exam: in how they prepare for it, manage their time during it, and what their results tell them. There is still time for students to make a difference to their results before and after the Trial HSC.

Please continue to let me or the school know if there is any particular circumstance which you feel may have an impact on your child’s performance in this exam, or any other concerns you have for their learning at school. This time can be extremely stressful for our young people (and no doubt their parents also) - we all want to help them achieve their best.

Robyn Crosweller
Year 12 Adviser.

What’s happening at Carlingford High School

July 21
School Development Day

July 22
Students return for Term 3

July 23
Zone Athletics Carnival

July 24
National Chemistry Quiz

July 25
CHS Cross Country Carnival

July 28
Year 11 Biology Fieldtrip

July 29
ICAS Maths Comp

July 29
Music Parents Meeting

July 29
Year 8 Gala Day

July 31
Australian Maths Comp.

August 1
Year 7—10 Vaccinations