Music Ensembles rock out at the Ryde Eisteddfod!

We jumped off the bus, instruments in hand, ready to win. We clambered into the small, crowded hall that lacked oxygen, and took our seats next to the other public and private schools from all over Sydney and even the ACT. We waited patiently, checking out our competition. After hearing all entries in ‘Large Instrumental secondary school ensemble’ section, our Concert Band 1 was up to play. We grabbed the gear and took our seats – nervous - but rearing to go.

The music from ‘Phantom of the Opera’ filled the crowded hall, with the other schools and parents watching in awe. As the music came to a close, thunderous applause broke out throughout the hall. We took our seats in the audience and waited anxiously for the results. As highly commended, third and second place were awarded, we felt like we were in with a good chance of coming first. When they announced that we had won, we burst into cheer, and two representatives collected our shiny, but slightly on the small side, trophy.

Stage Band 1 was next, and we were all still pumped and excited from our previous win. We waited until everyone had played, as we were last to perform again. We got up, slightly nervous, as previous schools had played very well, but took our seats feeling confident all the same. As Mr Cooper looked on from the sides the audience wondered why our conductor wasn’t coming on. Our year 12 trombone soloist Chris Cooper made his way to the front and counted us in for ‘Macarthur Park’. Chris’s solo went very well and so did the rest of the band accompanying him. Next up was ‘Caravan’ featuring ‘jay jay of the drums’ aka, Jason De Freitas. His first solo went well, everyone slightly in awe, but by the time his second one came around, he shocked the audience. He played not only on the drums, but the rims, cowbell and stand. By this time the adjudicator put down her pen, and was smiling and enjoying the performance.

After we finished we once again received thunderous applause. One lady even said “I’d hate to be the school that followed them!” We waited nervously, for the results and when she said “Second by half a point” we were praying that it was another school, but alas, it was us. She even said she would have liked to have given a tied first place if she could, she couldn’t. We were happy – we had scored 95.5 out of 100, but still sad that we just missed out.

Overall, both Mr Cooper and the band were all proud of our efforts and achievements.

The previous night was also a success when the Year 11 rock band rocked the house – well, hall down. They competed in the open combined section, for all ages, meaning they were competing against adults. They played extremely well, and took out first place, receiving a cash prize instead of a trophy.

All in all, Carlo competed in 3 sections, came first in two and second, (but really tied first!) in the other. It was a great experience, and was extremely enjoyable to watch the faces of both students and directors of private schools, as we took out first place in nearly everything!!!

By Hannah Alexander and Jarrah Nesbitt

Yr 9
Congratulations

Hannah Alexander, Year 9 recently competed at the Ryde Eisteddfod and came 1st in the Classical Vocal Solo and 1st in Classical Folk Song for her age group.

Holly Jenkins, Year 10 and Kate Henry, Year 11 and Victoria Low, Year 12 competing in NSWCHS Athletics State Carnival

Alex McCracken, Year 12 travelling to China, UK and Ireland with the 2009 School Sport Australia Football Team

Megan Ramsdale, Year 7 competing in NSWCHSSA Gymnastics State Carnival

Mark Trau, Year 12 has agreed to terms with the Minnesota Twins. Mark agreed deal that will see him report to spring training with the Twins in 2010. For more on Mark’s success: www.platinumbaseball.com.au

Japanese Restaurant

The Yr 8 Japanese students went to the Ichiban Teppanyaki restaurant near Chinatown. When we got to the restaurant, we were seated in tables formed in a square around a barbecue containing 2 hotplates to cook the food on. We were each given a glass of soft drink and a bowl of salad as an entrée. The Japanese chef came and poured oil on the hotplate to fire it up. Then he put the teriyaki chicken and fish on the hot plate and served it in portions for each of us and it was soooooo delicious!! Oishii!! After that, we played some Japanese games: First, the chef flipped some raw eggs into the air and each person had to catch it in a bowl. If you didn’t catch it, you got eggedy! Then he made the remaining eggs into a big, long omelette so he could cut it up and throw pieces of it into our mouths!

After a chat with our friends, the chef made fried rice. We had to catch an empty bowl, then he threw a bowl of fried rice at us, which we had to catch with our empty bowl. Some of us missed and it made a mess!. The chef ended with a clever finish, by writing “thankyou” on the hotplate in salt.

Yr 7 Vaccination Program -- 3rd Dose HP 2nd Dose HepB

The next school based vaccination clinic for year 7 will be held on Friday 25th September, 2009 commencing at 9.00am. Students who received the 1st dose of the Hepatitis B at school have been issued with a new form for completion. These forms must be returned to A Block office immediately to ensure that students receive their 2nd dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine on this day. The female students will also be receiving their 3rd dose of HPV vaccine. This will be the final vaccination clinic in 2009 for year 7. It is important that the ‘Records of Vaccination’ given to the students are retained and that the dates and names of vaccinations are given to their GPs. Students are often asked for records of vaccinations in tertiary institutions and prior to employment. Should you have any further questions regarding this program please call the Centre for Population Health on 9840 3603. Further information regarding immunisation is also available at www.health.nsw.gov.au

Bev Parkes
Outstanding Science Skills Demonstrated by Carlingford High Students in 2009

Students from CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL demonstrated high level science skills when they participated in the recent International Schools Science Competition.

The best achievements came from Hin Zee (Yr 7), Jessica Zheng (Yr 7), Nicholas Wilson (Yr 8) and Zhao Xue (Yr 8) who all received High Distinctions.

Distinctions

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In addition, 36 Credit and 32 Participation certificates were awarded.

The Competition papers were in full colour with stimulating graphics. The skills assessed included observing and measuring, interpreting and evaluating data, drawing conclusions and inferences, making predictions, experimental design, reasoning and problem solving. Over 1.5 million students from across Australia and eleven other countries participate in this competition.

The International Schools Science Competition is an initiative of the Educational Assessment Centre of the University of New South Wales.

"The Competition is an excellent independent assessment of the science skills that students need in education, the wider community and the workplace of the future," said Assoc Prof Peter Knapp, Director. All students are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts.

"One of the special benefits of the Competition is that schools and students receive detailed diagnostic information about their overall performance. The Competition allows students to monitor their progress from year to year and identify their personal strengths and weaknesses."

Further information about successful students can be obtained directly from the science department.

General information about the International Schools Science Competition is available by visiting the EAA website: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

D.Hopley
Head Teacher Science 2009
developing responsible and independent learners

Photos from our ROSE morning teas.
These morning teas are in recognition of excellence and effort. Students are selected based on their Semester 1 reports. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance as we say thanks to those students who have worked so hard during Semester 1.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Digital Education Revolution
Twenty-eight of our teachers have received their new laptops which are the same as those to be rolled out to Year 9 students later in the year. Our full-time Technical Support Officer, Richard Norrie, has also commenced duty. He will have oversight of the laptops and be the support person for students and staff. He is based with our IT Support Staff in the office off the library foyer.

Year 9 students have received the “Charter”. This outlines student responsibilities. Parents need to discuss the charter with their children. Both student and parents need to sign the charter. Students should return the signed charter to the IT Support Office.

Later in the year there will be a parent information session on the laptops. We will pilot the implementation of the laptops with one Year 9 class so we can assess the use and support needed. All Year 9 students should receive their laptop by the end of the year.

Year 11
It is a busy time for Year 11 as their Preliminary studies draw to a close. Year 11 has attended a very informative driver education excursion. If your child has gained their licence and is driving to school, please remind them to collect a permission to drive to school form. This is so the school can work with parents to ensure the safety of our students.

Soon Year 11 students will receive notes regarding their camp. This is at one of the best centres in NSW at Stanwell Tops. Such is the popularity of this centre that bookings are made years in advance.

With only 4 weeks left of instruction, students should be undertaking revision for their end of Preliminary examinations.

Please note: It has come to our attention that students are collecting money for a Year 11 social. There is no school sanctioned social evening for Year 11. If your child is requesting money for a Year 11 social, this is not an event organised by the school.

Year 12
Year 12 has completed their trial HSC examinations and all assessment tasks. These next few weeks are critical. It is now essential that students maintain and in many cases accelerate their efforts. A common problem for all Year 12 students is keeping up their motivation as the final HSC examinations approach. At this school lessons will continue until the final day and many teachers will be providing extra tuition for students should they need it.

Parents are reminded that the school and the Department of Education does not condone any poor behaviour from Year 12 students as the end of their school days approach. Any such behaviour will be treated in line with our school discipline policy.

Parents are also reminded that they are invited to the final Year 12 celebratory final on the 1 October. Students will receive further details at a later date. We wish Year 12 all the best and every success in their final examinations.

Peter Myers and Jennifer Reeves
Deputy Principals
The Arts North Festival was held at the City Recital Hall at Angel Place. It is a beautiful venue which holds about 1,000 people. About 50 students from our school participated. The sopranos and altos were placed in the boxed seating hovering over the centre stage. The tenors and basses were performing on stage with the orchestra. When the choir is not on, they have to run up to level 3 via the back stairs as there were no holding rooms for them.

During the rehearsal, we sang through and worked hard on our entire repertoire with the orchestra. It was a great experience and we had to listen and watch all the time. We couldn’t wait for the night performance. Some people stayed in the city while the others went home with Ms. Chan.

All of us felt the performance was a great success as we were able to lift our voices and sang with much conviction with the support of the wonderful orchestra. By the end of the evening, we felt tired and some of us didn’t get home till 11 pm. It was an awesome day and I am looking forward to go again next year.

Shirley Ho 8R
Student Profile

Tina Poon

Peer Tutoring

Name: Tina Poon
Nicknames: Tina
Hobbies: Listening to music, reading, eating, sleeping, eating more, swimming, playing tennis and volleyball.
Favourite Word/Saying: I’m hungry
Why Did you become a Peer Tutor? It was a new challenge and I wanted to help other people.
What do you enjoy about Peer Tutoring? Reliving year 7 and helping my tutee.

Operation Poperation Is Coming Again

SRC will be doing Operation Poperation again shortly!!! You must be in full school uniform to receive a lollypop. It can be revealed from the last Operation Poperation that the year group with the most people in correct uniform was year 7. However year 11 needs to improve significantly.

40 Hour Famine

The SRC would like to congratulate those students who participated in the 40 Hour Famine on the 21st to the 23rd of August.

What’s Coming up at Carlo:
Operation Poperation - Coming Soon
What’s happening at Carlingford High School

August 24
Year 8 Maths Exam
HSC Trial
Year 12 ITT—HSC Major works due

August 25
P&C Public Speaking Competition

August 25
Year 12 Music 1
Performance trials—all other students resume classes

August 26
UTS talks Years 10—12
Year 12 Music 1
Performance trials

August 29
HSC Art Workshop
9—2pm

August 31
Year 9 & 11 German excursion to Goethe Institute

September 2
Industrial Tech Excursion

September 18—October 2
Year 11 Exams

September 25
Year 7 vaccinations

Yr 8 French Restaurant Excursion

On the 12th June, year 8 French class travelled to “The Little Snail”, the French restaurant in Pyrmont by bus. Once we got there, there were four long white tables reserved for Carlingford High. Most of us had an entre’ of garlic snails, others had salad or calamari. We enjoyed the snails. It was a great experience. The French waiter could speak fluent French and he asked us what we would like to order. The main courses were chosen between chicken, fish and veggie pasta. The dessert was from creme caramel, ice cream or chocolate mousse. Overall, we learnt a lot about French culture and food.

Zoe & Kate 8F1

Year 8 German Restaurant Excursion

On Friday June 12 a group of very excited Year 8 students set off on a bus to a German restaurant called the Lowenbrau Keller. The Lowenbrau Keller is in The Rocks and on the journey to the restaurant the bus was very noisy and everyone was eager to get there.

When we got there the food was Wunderbar (wonderful) and delicious, it included sausages, chicken schnitzel, apple strudel. Some of us practiced our German skills on the waiter asking simple questions such as “Wie hiesst du?” (What is your name?), or “Wie Geh’t’s?” (How are you?)

After we had all finished eating there was a little time left in which we were allowed to look around the markets near the restaurant, which included a lolly shop.

The bus on the way home was much quieter but everyone had a “spitze” (terrific) time.

Bethany Donker and Katherine Joannou

P&C NEWS
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2009.
The Annual Public Speaking Competition will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 7.30pm in the Learning Centre.

All Welcome.

Leonie Jenkins
Vice President
P & C Association