Eisteddfod Win!

On Monday, October 25 the chamber choir went to compete at the Galston District Eisteddfod. We were competing against other schools in the district, such as Northholm Grammar School, Cherrybrook Technology High School and Pacific Hills Christian School. We put a lot of effort and hard work into practising and perfecting our two songs, ‘Your Shining Eyes’ and Nella Fantasia. At the end of our section, the adjudicator, Richard Morphew announced that we, Carlingford High School had won our section. We won because we were awesome, in fact, way too awesome to handle. We featured a good contrast of style. On behalf of the Chamber Choir, we would like to thank Ms Chan for putting so much time and effort into this eisteddfod and also the school for giving us this great opportunity.

Jorgia Schuck, Rachel Tomc, Zarina Roy, Shirley Ho.
Operation Christmas Child

Every year Operation Christmas Child, run by the Samaritan Purse Australia, sends shoe boxes filled with gifts to bring joy to children in disparate situations.

In just one short week, Monday 18th, 25 November, the students and teachers at Carlingford High School blew our aim of 50 boxes out of the window. Collecting a staggering amount of 70 shoeboxes filled with gifts and over $800 to send overseas as Christmas presents to less fortunate children and to help install water filters in their communities, we have made a difference.

The boxes will be sent to our South East Asia Neighbours including: Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands Vanuatu, Vietnam and Thailand.

The amount of enthusiasm shown was astounding; selling over 350 cookies in 20 minutes with many helping pack the boxes. In each box we managed to put something to wear, something to love, something special, something to play with, something for school and something for personal hygiene. The whole school participated whether it was by donating a gold coin on the long awaited mufti day; helping with the cookie stall; bringing in an item or volunteering lunchtimes to help pack and wrap the boxes so a big THANK YOU to everyone. And a special thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Dominic, Samin, Imelda, Hannah and our biggest givers: Mrs Hill and Whiz.

This event was organised by Jessie He and Rangan Balakumar, with the support of the SRC.

Jessie He

Year 7 students raise money for Taronga Zoo’s Black Rhino fund

Each year the CHS Science Dept. take year 7 to Taronga Zoo as part of their studies in the “Living Things” topic. It had been planned to run a cake stall to raise money for the zoo’s “Save the Black Rhino” fund prior to the excursion so that we could present the zoo with a cheque on the day. Unfortunately, this year it was necessary to postpone the cake stall to term 3. However, last Tuesday all year 7 classes were requested to bring cakes, cookies and other delicious goodies to sell during recess. By 8:30 am the Science staffroom was inundated by the efforts of year 7 and their parents. The response was in short, overwhelming! Students brought in cupcakes of every size, shape and colour. Max Waterson of 7 Red deserves special mention, he made a delicious looking chocolate ganache cake which was promptly purchased by the PE Dept. Obviously because it contained all the five food groups! Josh Stevens made a calorie free tiramisu which was gladly purchased by the Science Dept. Volunteers from all classes helped to man (and woman) the stall and the students of CHS responded with their usual vigour. In 20 hectic minutes we raised a total of $366.10. So, thanks go out to all the students and parents who supported our efforts last Tuesday.

P.S. Evie Parker of 7 Red won the jellybean guessing competition.
From the Principal

It has been a busy but very enjoyable first two weeks at Carlingford. During this time I have met many staff and students and have appreciated the warm welcome I have received from the school. During meetings with staff I asked each of them what they identified as the strengths of the school and every one of them said our students. Clearly at Carlingford there is a strong culture of mutual respect and although our staff are fortunate to be working with excellent students, conversely our students are very lucky to have such experienced, dedicated and professional teachers guiding them in their learning each day.

On assembly, I outlined to students the importance of our school’s expectations which centre around Co-operation, Achievement, Respect and Ownership and the relevance these have not just while we are at school, but in life beyond school.

This is an important term for all year groups who complete a range of exams including the School Certificate for Year 10, commencing in Week 5.

The School Certificate is the first formal credential a student receives and must be satisfactorily completed before a student is able to progress into Year 11. These exams are important and all Year 10 should be preparing thoroughly for them. The Board of Studies site is an excellent resource which includes access to past papers and multiple choice practice questions.

Year 11 have now commenced their Year 12 HSC courses and I would strongly urge all students to use this Term wisely, as they continue with the consistent study routines, summary making and revision required for success at HSC level.

David Krust

Peer Support

A Thank You Morning Tea was held on Wednesday 27th October. As the co-ordinator of Peer Support I was very proud and privileged to witness the commitment and cheerfulness of the year 11 students throughout 2010. Behind the scenes, prior to each session they had to familiarise themselves with the activities and learn the content before each session in addition to the senior school work load. Year 7 enjoyed the Peer Support Sessions with their Peer Support Leaders. A very big thank you and congratulations on such a fine effort to the Peer Support Leaders of 2010:

Dominique Elysee
Peer Support Co-Ordinator

Sustainability Council Recent Success

The Sustainability Council, established earlier this year, has recently won the 2010 Climate Watch Short Film Competition, organised by the Hornsby Shire Council and Earthwatch Australia. The Sustainability members – Josh, Josh, Lewis, David, Ruhaan and Candice – along with the help of Zach Roy, composed a short film about the effects of global warming on Native species. They were successful in their entry and won first prize – an in-school wildlife show by Taronga Zoo to be shown on November 26.

The Sustainability Council have also been successful in the application for the 2010/2011 Tree Levy Grant. A big thank-you to Mr Hicks for all his time and effort on this submission. The school will be receiving a cheque for $375 to spend on native plant species. The trees bought with the money will be planted in various spots around the school, creating more shade for students and having an aesthetically pleasing result.

Candice Skelton
11 Construction Gets Concreting

The Year 11 Construction class has started their small concrete slab assessment for term 4. As you can see in the pictures the boys are having fun. It may appear as though they are not working, but, these are staged photos – they have made excellent progress so far this term.

The students are each learning about:
- Setting up a basic site compound for a small construction project including fencing and signage.
- Excavation with hand tools safely, including mattocks, shovels, trenching shovels, pry bars and sledge hammers.
- Basic site set out using string lines, line levels, dumpy levels, spirit levels, tape measures and Pythagoras!
- Basic formwork set out to ensure a square edged slab, square corners and ease of removal.
- Mixing, placing, screeding, floating, finishing and curing concrete.

At the conclusion of this unit of work in term 4, the students will be confident to start on a large concrete slab as part of their Year 12 course of study.

Alex Stewart Head Teacher TAS
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What's happening at Carlingford High School

Nov 8 -12 School Certificate Exams

Nov 10 P & C AGM

Nov 22, 23, 24 Music Tour

Nov 10—HSC finishes

Nov 10—26 Beyond Year 10

Nov 24 Sports Awards Assembly

Nov 26 Year 8 Excursion

Nov 30 Creative & Performing Arts Night

Dec 1 Music Showcase

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR DIFFICULTIES CONTACT STUDENT MONEY - MRS SCHOUTEN OR MRS MULLIGAN.