Farewell for Chris Herting and Year 12 German

On Tuesday, 7 December, a farewell dinner was held for our German Teaching Assistant, Mr Chris Herting. The year 12 German class of 2010 attended the farewell, as well as Mrs Grimshaw, their teacher, and some family and friends. We enjoyed a lovely meal of chicken schnitzel and pork knuckle and sang along with the German band, played "Edelweiss" on the cowbells and did the chicken dance. Mr Herting has been the Teaching Assistant at our school for the past year. He has been helping our German teachers with all our German classes across years 7 - 12 and has been of particular assistance to our Year 12s in preparation for their HSC. The Languages faculty would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to Mr Herting for his professionalism, support and encouragement over the past year and wish him a safe trip home to Germany next week.

At Carlingford High School we are very fortunate to have been given the opportunity of hosting a new German Teaching Assistant in 2011. His name is Mr Dominik Fehrenbach and we look forward to welcoming him to our school early next term. More information of Mr Fehrenbach in our next issue.

Mrs Wendy Grimshaw

Badminton Success

2010 was a good year for Badminton. We won both finals for the year. The winter finals was against Turramurra High. Last week, we won against Chatswood High.

All games were mixed doubles, ranging from Year 9 to Year 11. Most boys were Year 11 students. These included Tim Siu, Cliff Chan, Han and Thomas Nguyen, Victor Wong, Chris Yuwono and Long Vu, while Eric He and Vincent Yang acted as reserves. Sam Hui was the only Year 10 student.

The girls were mainly Year 9 students. These included Charmaine Yeh, Lisa Wu, Becky Luk, Shirley Ho, Samantha Law, Joey Zhang, Teagan Parker and Winnie Zhu. Isabella Chin and Crystal Xie were Year 10 students.

I am extremely proud of these students. They are a fantastic group of players. I thank them for their efforts and for the good example they have set for the younger students.

At Carlingford, there is a nucleus of students who are very good at this game. Most of these play the game socially. If you are one of these students, we need to know about you. We are always in need of good players to keep the level of Badminton as high as it is now.

Y.Mamo (coordinator)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is the last Carlingford Calling for the year and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and very happy Christmas. I would also like to thank the staff, students and parents for making me feel so welcome in the school since my arrival early in the term. It has been a very busy time for everyone, culminating in our two creative arts and performance evenings, Australian Business Week, swimming programs, the Year 10 final assembly and the completion of all our Junior school yearly reports. We have also finalised our new school plan which has clearly set out our key goals and directions for 2011 and identified our key strengths on which we will continue to build our school culture of success and high expectations.

Australian Business Week.
Last week, Australian Business Week ran for Year 10 and was a huge success. The students worked enthusiastically in teams to develop their business ideas, plans and models culminating in a trade display last Thursday. The students demonstrated excellent commitment and energy to their business and are to be congratulated on their efforts and teamwork. Our thanks again to all the business mentors who gave up their time to assist the students with their real world expertise and to Mrs Owens for co-ordinating this large scale event.

School Certificate results and Year 10 final assembly.
Last Thursday, Year 10 was presented with their end of year reports and School Certificate portfolios. This marks an important transition point for Year 10, as students move into their Preliminary and HSC courses of study. We congratulate them on their efforts this year, and in particular on their School Certificate results. These will be reported in more detail next year, however a snapshot reveals improvements in all courses. As would be expected, Carlingford sits well above State averages in all courses, and our exam means this year continued to trend upwards. Of note, are our continued excellent Mathematics results, where we increased our top Band results (Band 6) from 13% to nearly 22% of students. Over 60% of our students were placed in the top 2 Bands, which is an outstanding result. Increased Band 6 results were also achieved in Science, History and Geography. In English, our combined Band 5 and 6 results showed strong improvement and reflected the effectiveness of our continued focus on targeted literacy programs in the school.

David Krust

Canteen Capers:

As you are probably all aware we have been one person down in the Canteen over the last term. Traditionally, fourth term is generally the busiest and this year has been no exception.

Sue and Juli would like to sincerely thank the mums and dads who have helped out at short notice and beyond the call of duty. Also to the SAS Staff and teachers who have come into help serve the children at recess and lunchtime. It was very much appreciated. Should anyone wish to help out in the Canteen next year, please contact the school. Any time you can give us would be helpful. We wish all our lovely volunteers and the staff and children at Carlingford a very Happy Christmas and a safe holiday.

Sue and Juli.
DRAMA: MORE THAN JUST A PLAY!

Term 4 has been a busy term for Drama & Dance students with our end of year showcase filling most of our class time and every spare minute besides.

Around 60 students from Yrs 7-11 performed a variety of items encompassing Music, Dance, and Drama. Many students appeared in items for all 3. A magnificent display was produced by our talented Art and T&D teachers featuring work from students.

Special thanks must go to all the staff involved in CAPA Night especially: Ms Wallis who guided the Dance girls in Ms Sluiter’s absence, the Art staff for their fabulous displays, Ms Samojlowicz & Ms Bleakly for the T&D display, and Ms Reynolds for her help with the SRC. Student teacher Karina Scott for her work with the Drama students.

Dance students Millie and Kira Hofer were a big help to Ms Wallis with their organization of others and assistance to the general running of the rehearsals. Zac Roy and John Lee (both of Yr 11) were of great assistance in the set up of the staging and sound as well as the running of the sound. Yr 9 Drama got a taste of behind the scenes in assisting to put up staging and seating.

It was wonderful to see so many ex-students attend the night and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

More photos from the night can be seen on the Drama Intranet page.

Jane Mullen
Carlingford HS Parent Portal has arrived

The school is implementing a secure parent portal giving you access to view school information including:

- School Calendar, which gives you an overview of upcoming events within the school.
- Daily Notices, giving you a customised list of notices based on your child/children’s year groups.
- Family Details, where you can update your contact information and addresses.
- Attendance records, which gives you attendance records for the past for 10 days.
- Sport Selections, displaying student’s sports selection and payments.
- Student timetable, displaying student timetable information including teaching staff.

The above information what is displayed is only relative to the year group(s) of your child(ren) and cannot be accessed by other users. In other words, your personal details are secure. If you have more than one child attending the school, then your account will give you access to information for each year group your children are in.

In the coming week, all family account details will be mailed out including username and password. Please note that the username and password are not case sensitive and you can change your password once you have logged in.

A link to the parent portal will be included in the school's new website scheduled for release Wednesday December 15

If you have any difficulties logging in, please email its@carlingfor-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

David Erwin  
Head Teacher, Computing Studies
Construction

Today (10/12/10) the year 11 Construction students completed their last major practical task for the year. The task of mixing the concrete, placing and finishing the small concrete stepping stones has been eagerly awaited by the students. The bbq lunch that was had on the day was an added enticement. The completion of this task has assisted the students to understand the importance of teamwork, cooperation, task prioritisation, working well with others and planning ahead to avoid lost time. The majority of the class completed this task in a mature and outstanding manner.

Mr Stewart.
Holiday Hints: Cyber Safety

In our final Carlo Calling of the year, we will be providing you with some helpful hints on keeping young people safe over the school holiday period.

During their vacation from school, young people will have a lot more free time, during which they may use the internet and mobile phones. It is important that internet safety messages are reinforced to our young people so that they can stay safe online.

Remember: safety doesn't take a holiday!

Only have the people you know face-to-face as your online friends. It is only too easy for people to lie or pretend to be someone else on the internet. Young people need to be aware of this and make sure that they know who they are talking to online or via SMS. Never meet someone in person whom you've only ever known online. If young people have made new friends online, they should be discouraged from meeting up with them in person. If they really want to meet the person, they should take a trusted adult with them. If their new ‘friend’ doesn’t like the idea of an adult being present at this meeting, you have to question why they want to meet the young person alone.

Don’t post provocative or inappropriate photos/videos online. During the holidays, young people may attend a number of social events which may involve drinking or reckless behaviour. As most mobile phones now also act as cameras, opportunities will arise for young people to take photos or videos of this type of behaviour. These images should not be posted online. As the weather warms up, most Australians will head to the beach or pool to cool down. It is not appropriate for young people to post pictures or videos online of themselves in their swimwear.

Think about the other person before you post, text or send mean or vicious messages. Cyber-bullying is not acceptable and young people need to be aware of the real-world impacts of their actions on others. If your child is cyber-bullying others, you need to address why they are behaving in this way and if there is some root cause. Help them to understand that cyber-bullying is not an appropriate way of dealing with other issues. If your child has been cyber-bullied, encourage them to block communications from the person who is cyber-bullying them. If this does not stop the cyber-bullying, report it to the administrator of the site on which it is occurring. If it continues to escalate and there are threats of actual physical violence and you fear the safety of your child, please contact your local police.

Stop the spread of cyber-bullying. Sending on a link for a video of someone being bullied, completing a poll on how ugly someone is or forwarding an email degrading someone else is contributing to the problem of cyber-bullying. Young people should be encouraged to stop the spread of cyber-bullying by not becoming a part of the process.

Advice for parents during the holidays
• Take an interest in your child’s online activities.
• Continue to talk with your child about responsible behaviour online.
• Be aware of what internet and communication capabilities exist on the devices your child owns as well as those they may receive as presents.
• Encourage your child to come to you if something makes them feel uncomfortable online.
• If your child is accessing the internet at a friend or relative’s place, discuss internet safety rules with their parent.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best wishes for the holiday season!
Bev Parkes and the Welfare Team