From the Principal

Year 7 Camp
From the 7-9th March, Year 7 attended the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’ at Hawks Nest.
My thanks to Jo Reynolds (Year 7 advisor and camp coordinator), Sophie Brunetta, Graham Fardouly, Lyn Wilkes, Fiona Davidson, Alison MacKinnon, Adam Hanlon and Rob Waugh for their great work at the camp and in looking after our students so well. The students had a great time and enjoyed the activities and challenges provided over the 3 days.

My school website
As many of you would be aware, on Friday the 4th March the new My School website was launched.
The My School website has been developed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), an independent authority that is responsible, among other things, for publishing nationally comparable data on Australian schools. My School provides our community with another avenue to learn more about our school, however, it is important to note that the information is a narrow snapshot of data only, namely NAPLAN at several points in time testing in Year 7 and 9.

Although our results are very good compared to both State averages as well as an identified ‘statistically similar group of schools’ across Australia, it is important to note that the information on the site is simplistic in nature. In a school setting, we rely on and utilise a far richer array and analysis of data in assessing student learning and in developing targeted strategies to improve student learning outcomes.

Our annual school report provides a far greater breadth of information and I would urge you to take an informed approach in assessing any simplistic league tables which have arisen out of the My School data. It is important to understand the significant limitations attached to any meaningful analysis of this information. Remember, the information is based on a literacy and numeracy test completed by year 7 and year 9 at a single point in time in the year and to try and use this information alone to evaluate the worth or success of a school is short sighted. We value some of the data provided, which we can access and analyse in far greater depth, to plan and target particular areas of student learning needs.

Additionally, we are extremely proud of the many rich and varied opportunities our school provides our students in their whole education. Our outstanding music programs including choirs, string ensembles, bands and orchestras, our many sporting opportunities, caring student welfare programs, the provision of a broad and engaging curriculum, leadership opportunities and many extra curricula activities and programs are all part of the whole school experience. Our excellent HSC results and extremely positive value added data, which highlights our ability to extend and improve student achievement between Year 10 at School certificate level through to...
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the HSC, are all measures which the My School site does not detail.

International Women's Day.
My thanks to Dominic Elysee who coordinated a breakfast for girls across all year groups and female members of staff to celebrate the centenary of International Women's Day. This annual and now global event was initiated in 1901 to recognise and celebrate the achievements of women. The group enjoyed breakfast whilst listening to guest speaker Megan Harper from Mission Australia who talked about the important role women have played in supporting disadvantaged groups in the community. Megan also reinforced to the girls the importance of taking opportunities, having a go and making a difference. One of the many strengths of Carlingford is the culture maintained and nurtured where girls across all areas of school life are recognised and highly valued as equal partners and participants, both inside and outside the classroom.

Yr 9 Lap top Information Evening
With the impending roll out of year 9 laptops we held an information evening last Tuesday for parents and students. I would like to thank all those parents who attended, as well as Mr Norrie (technical support officer) and Mr Erwin for coordinating the evening. The laptops are a very valuable learning tool and it is important that all parents are aware of the strict protocols that accompany their use both inside and outside the classroom.

Year 12 Information Night and Half Yearly Exams
Last Wednesday, Year 12 and parents were invited to attend an information evening in the library run by Garry Hardy (careers advisor), Bev Parkes (HT Welfare) and Monique Field (school counsellor). Year 12 can be a stressful year for some and the evening was designed to provide some practical information on the Yr 12 schedule for the rest of the year, how parents can best support their child, as well as raising awareness of the university and post school options available to students. With Year 12 half yearly exams commencing in Week 10, this was a timely opportunity. My thanks to all those parents who attended and to Mr Hardy, Ms Parkes and Ms Field for their valuable input.

Uniform Shop – change of opening times
From next term, the uniform shop will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am to 8.40am. This is designed to provide greater flexibility in purchasing sports tops, second hand uniforms etc and in reducing queuing times. We hope this is of benefit to parents and students. Along with this change, is the transmision of the management of the shop from the P&C to the school. I would like to thank the many parent volunteers who have served in the shop over many years and in particular to Gail Trau and Deanne Cini who have been our most recent managers and did a tremendous job. A reminder that between now and the end of Term, the uniform shop will be open on Thursday mornings from 8.00-8.40am as well as Friday lunchtimes. My thanks to the P&C volunteers for making this possible.

Clean Up Australia Day
Last week the Sustainability team did a brilliant job cleaning up targeted areas around the school as part of Clean Up Australia Day. I would like to particularly thank Mr Hicks, Mrs Robinson, Candice Skelton and the student team for their passionate and practical response to supporting important environmental issues.

School Canteen
In response to the retirement of Sue Brown and the increasing difficulty in getting volunteer help, a move was made last term to explore the option of leasing out our school canteen. This is a common practice in many schools and guarantees that the school will receive an annual fee, paid by the licensee, who is fully responsible for the entire canteen operation including all staffing. Following a call for tenders, and the subsequent approval by the Department, the school canteen has been leased to Bright and Healthy catering from the start of Term 2. The company has a proven track record in over 10 schools, where they have delivered a reliable and professional service. The cost of the canteen items are comparable to current prices and we envisage a smooth transition. I would like to sincerely thank Sue for her great work in managing the canteen, along with Julie Cahill and the many parent volunteers who have given their time so generously. This support has been invaluable over many years and ensured the canteen was always able to cope with the student demand. Volunteers have also included numerous, teaching and administrative staff as well as students who have filled in on many occasions when the canteen has been short staffed. The new menus and price lists are now available on our website under the student information tab.

David Krust
Principal


**STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL**

Student Sustainability Council kicked off for 2011 on Friday the 4th of March with a one and a half hour working bee for ‘Clean up Australia Day’. Thirteen students from years 7 to 12, took part in a clean-up effort of the school and its surrounds. Without the students’ enthusiasm the day would not have been the success it was.

Ian Kiernan’s ‘Clean up Australia Day’ campaign dates back to 1989, it is now in its 20th year, when he proposed that the simple actions of a number of Australian individuals could help to protect the health of Australia’s land and water resources. This simple notion motivated the students and teachers on the Sustainability committee to take part in what is now Australia’s largest annual community based activity. The campaign asks that people consider everyday as a Clean-up Australia Day.

The focus of our working bee was along the front of the school, where we cleaned up along the footpath, winding our way back down through the school, finishing up along the back fence adjacent to the ovals. We all believed that our school was a tidy place but could not believe the rubbish that had blown in from North Rocks Road, which clearly demonstrated the wasteful nature of our modern society and the disregard we have for our environment. In a very short period of time we would have collected approximately one standard Otto bin full of garbage.

Matthew Coote
Social Science Faculty

![Boys playing volleyball](image1.jpg)

**Sport**

The start of this term has seen Carlingford involved in many sporting competitions, including grade, knockout and zone. Students have been competing against a variety of schools with some very good results.

All our grade teams have been competing against other schools in the zone with varying success. All of the boy’s basketball teams have been extremely successful, with the C-grade team topping their respective table. Boy’s volleyball has also had success, always competing to the best of their ability in all games. Girls Frisbee has also been continuing on a winning vein, as well as the girls Volleyball teams.

We have also been competing in many knockout competitions throughout this term. While many of the teams have not had success, all have played to the best of their abilities. Knockout teams which we have already played this year or are about to play include:

- **Boys touch**: Girls Touch
- **Boys Basketball**: Girls Volleyball
- **Boys Football**: Girls Hockey
- **Boys Cricket**: Boys Hockey

Many of our students have also trialled for zone teams in their respective sports. Successful trials were done by the following students: Volleyball- Jarrah Nesbitt, Jason Laffer, Tony Yu, Trevor Li, Andrew Wong, Wellen Fu.

**Golf- Shelly Shin**

Carlingford has also competed in the Ku-ring-gai Zone swimming carnival with great success. We came 5th out of 9 schools. This is a great result for Carlingford, as we were competing against schools with larger populations. We also had a few students who were missing from the carnival as the yr 7 camp was on at the same time, which also highlights how well we did.

Some great results on the day are listed below:

- Olivia Fan- 2nd 12 yr girls
- Lauren Cantrill- 2nd 14yr girls
- Annika Linder- 3rd 16yr girls
- Rachael Cantrill- 4th 16yr girls

- Tony Koh- 4th 13yr boys
- Jason Lee- 4th 14yr boys

Congratulations to all individuals and teams for their success for Term 1 and we look forward to much more as the year progresses.

Thanks,
Mr Hanlon, Mrs Squires - Sports Co-ordinators

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2011 Work Placement for Year 12 Hospitality

Starting on the 28/2/11 twenty Year 12 Hospitality students began a week of work placement at a variety of establishments. Below is a table of some of the establishments, a photo of the students at their establishments, a comment about what was the best thing during their week of placement.

Others students were offered apprenticeships and two had such a great time that they want to go back to the same establishment again. All up students enjoyed their work placement, represented themselves and the school to a very high standard and Mrs Newman and myself have greatly appreciated this mature approach. Mrs Robinson.

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<td>Castle Hill Tavern</td>
<td>Given responsibility for the cooking, plating and serve of food for customers</td>
<td>Alex Cook</td>
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<td>Lutanda Manor Pennant Hills</td>
<td>Free choice for preparing, cooking and presenting cakes. Then eating them too.</td>
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<td>Improving my knife skills</td>
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<td>Improved speed of dishwashing</td>
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<td>A good team to work with while at placement</td>
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<td>Euro Lounge Castle Hill</td>
<td>Nice menu items</td>
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<td>A proper restaurant to see how it functions</td>
<td>Claudia Vallari-Kohler</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS:
Amelia Hofer, Ashlee McDonald, Annika Linder and Rachael Cantrill for representing Carlingford High School at the NSWCHS Swimming State Carnival on the 24/25/26 March 2011.

Amanzi Lawrence and Phoebe Pash for being nominated to the North Sydney Region Drama Camp 2011.

PAYMENTS INFORMATION

- NAME AND DETAILS OF PAYMENT NEED TO BE CLEARLY PRINTED ON CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPES, SEALED AND DROPPED INTO THE LOCKED PAYMENTS BOX IN A BLOCK OFFICE. ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ‘A’ BLOCK OFFICE.

- ALL PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY EITHER, CASH, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD. FOR LARGE SUMS OF MONEY, CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD ARE RECOMMENDED. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS CAN BE TAKEN BY PHONE. CREDIT CARD MINIMUM PAYMENT AMOUNT IS $20.00. PLEASE ASK TO SPEAK TO STUDENT MONEY DESK – MRS SCHOUTEN OR MRS MULLIGAN.

- THE CORRECT MONEY FOR PAYMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS THERE IS NO CHANGE AVAILABLE.

- PAYMENTS NEED TO BE PAID IN FULL BY THE DUE DATE, AS THERE ARE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO VENUES.

- RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH STUDENT ROLL CLASS AS SOON AS AN EVENT IS COMPLETE. PLEASE CHECK STUDENTS BAGS FOR ALL RECEIPTS AS THESE ARE NO LONGER HELD IN ‘A’ BLOCK OFFICE.

- BUILDING FUND RECEIPTS ARE SENT TO ROLL CALLS AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED FROM THE P&C TREASURER.

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