

Chatswood High School

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE – ACHIEVING SUCCESS

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Term 3 Week 10

2 October 2009

TERM 4	
Week 1	Mon 19 October - Fri 23 October
Mon 19 October – Fri 23 October	Year 10 exams
Mon 19 October – Fri 23 October	Marnie Music Tour
Friday 23 October	Year 8 Geography excursion
Week 2	Mon 26 October – Fri 30 October
Monday 26 October	Year 9 History excursion
Thursday 29 October 6.00pm – 8.30pm	Parent information evening anti-bullying and cyber-bullying
Week 3	
Wed 4 November - Fri 6 November	D of E qualifying expedition
Week 4	
Mon 9 November, Tues 10 November	School Certificate examinations
Mon 9 November - Fri 13 November	Year 8 exams
Week 5	
Mon 16 November - Fri 20 November	Years 7 & 9 exams
Week 8	
Thursday 10 December	Annual Presentation Day
Friday 11 December	Year 10 Presentation Day

Some of the highlights of Term 3 have included: Graduation of Year 12 who will return straight into the HSC examinations; election of 2010 School leaders; distribution of DER Laptops to Year 9 students; selection electives for Year 8 students for 2010; selection of a course of study for Year 11 students, 2010; celebration of 30 years of Chatswood IEC with Governor Marie Basheer and Director General of Education, Mr Michael Coultts-Trotter as guests; opening of refurbished science and library facilities; Admit One drama production.

Chatswood Celebrates 50 years

The 50th Celebrations held at school on Friday 25 September were a great success. From the opening ceremony to the concluding fireworks there was an informal, festive and positive feel about the afternoon and evening. Uncle Max opened the proceedings with a Welcome to Country followed by a Smoking Ceremony for the newly refurbished science and library facilities. I would like to thank our special guests for being part of our day: Mrs Gladys Berejiklian MP, State Member for Willoughby; the Mayor of Willoughby, Mr Pat Riley; Councillors, Ms Gail Giles-Gidney, Ms Lynne Saville, Ms Mandy Stevens, Mr Terry Fogarty and Mr Barry Thompson; Principals of our local Primary schools – Mr Tim Dodds and Mr Bob Lemaro; Past Principals – Mr John Brook and Mr Peter Dobbin; Past School Captains – Mr Ray Sproates, Mr Bob Leece and Mrs Jane Richards; First boy on the roll at Chatswood High School – Mr John Addley; Representatives of the Department of Commerce and Department of Education responsible for our wonderful refurbishment – Mr Terry Hill, Mr Clinton Peacock and Mr Paul Kotronakis.

It was great to meet so many past students and teachers of the school who obviously valued their time at Chatswood High and poured for hours over the memorabilia set up in the library. Such an event happens as a result of considerable organisation and it was a truly representative team of parents and staff.

My special thank go to parents, Pam Grover and Julie Grellman and SASS members, Ineke Sicklinger, Susan Latty and Clare Morcombe for the 100's of hours they put into preparing and ensuring everything ran smoothly. My sincerest thanks also go to the wonderful teachers at Chatswood who assisted in the setting up and supervision of students well into the night and past when they said they were staying.

Staff News

Congratulations to Ms Annie Yoon on her appointment as a permanent member of Chatswood High staff in the English department. Ms Yoon has taught with us for the past 4 years on a temporary capacity. Her skills as a teacher, and member of a faculty and whole school are outstanding and I am very pleased that we have retained her services as a permanent member of such a highly skilled and committed staff.

Our best wishes and hopes go with PE teacher, Mr Anthony Ryan, who left for America during the holidays to train for a place on the Australian Bobsled team for the Winter Olympics in 2010. He has trained and dedicated many hours to reach this elite level in sport. This is a highly competitive squad and we hope that Anthony enjoys the experiences and returns safe to us in 2010.

Chatswood Student a shining example

On Tuesday I was so pleased to receive the following email from a member of the public that just confirms everything that I know about my wonderful students;

"One of your students, whom I would estimate to be among the top three years of your school, was sitting on the bus. The bus was quite full and when an elderly gentleman boarded the bus the young man from your school quickly picked himself up from his seat and gave it to the gentleman. This I expected. The bus took off quite quickly from the stop and the elderly gentleman completely lost his balance. The student from Chatswood High dropped the bag he was carrying and, essentially, caught the gentleman, returning him to his feet. Although this may seem trivial, too often I see young men being chastised for their wrong doings and I believe this was a significant enough incident to warrant me writing to let you know. I hope you will pass our (the communities) appreciation for responsible young men like this young man."

On that positive note, I would like to thank everyone in the Chatswood Community for their hard work and dedication over a very demanding term. To the teachers who have prepared students for their HSC and have put in countless hours of preparation, marking and mentoring over and above what is expected – Thank you, I know your students mean much more than a name on a roll; to the School Administration and Support Staff (SASS) thank you for the countless phone calls you have taken, money you have collected, and organisation and school promotion you have undertaken on behalf of Chatswood High – you are usually the first point of contact for parents, and you are exceptional in your roles; to the parent body who have worked tirelessly to support drama and music nights, 50th Celebrations and Year 12 farewells, Thank you, you make my job so much more enjoyable and easier.

Sue Low Principal

Year Adviser Awards

Congratulations to the following students

Armun Bokan
Irene Astono
Sarah Fabian
James Martin
Elaine Pan
Celine Kwak
Khachig Kahwajian
Masi Manitisa
Faun Hitasaki

Are you interested in sustainability issues and want to make a difference in our community?

Willoughby Council invites you to register your interest in joining the new Sustainability Reference Group. This group will act as an advisory body to Willoughby City Council and will engage in dialogue about sustainability issues, in particular climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Willoughby City Council is interested in creating a group of diverse members with an interest in sustainability. Members could include youth, business people, scientists, representatives of non-governmental organisations with an environmental focus and members of our culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The Sustainability Reference Group will meet 4 times per year. Phone Willoughby City Council on 9777 1000 or fill in the expression of interest form accessible from www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au

Applications close Friday 9 October.

Parenting courses and workshops Term 4 2009 Northern Sydney

Central Coast NSW Health
Communicating with Teens Tuesday 3 November (7.00 – 9.30pm)
at Chatswood 5 weeks, 2½ hours

Dealing with teens Back Chat workshop
Tuesday 27 October (7.00 – 9.30pm) \$ 40 per person

Enquiries Child and Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

YEAR 7 ANCIENT DAY

Year 7 recently attended Ancient Day in the school Hall with James Adams. James has a vast array of replica ancient weapons, armour and shields. The students had an extremely entertaining time listening to James' anecdotes, 'trying out' weapons and learning about ancient warfare.

James will visit again in Term 1 2010 for Medieval Day.



PDHPE SKI Trip 2009

The snow forecast looked good as 60 eager year 9, 10 and 11 students boarded the bus for the snowy mountains. The usual bus sing along was replaced by action movies that stirred the adrenaline required for downhill skiing and boarding. Our first minor stop was at Suttons Forest where the Chatswood ski team did some serious carbohydrate loading. The journey continued on to Canberra where a visit to the AIS etched a further desire to our budding champions of the commitment and dedication required to reach the top of the athletic tree.

Arriving at Berridale our accommodation for the two nights was the usual dash for the most comfortable bunk bed and a delicious meal. That night we were fitted out in all the required attire with some students that bulked up they looked more like venturing into outer space than hitting the slopes. With 20 skiers all fitted out and 40 snowboarders we were ready for the adventure of a life time. As the bus ventured higher and higher we were inundated with more and more information from our teachers on the safety procedures and techniques required for a fun filled day. Upon approaching Smiggins we were blessed with what could only be described as perfect conditions. Blue skies, sunlight and a perfect coverage of snow had our eager participants ready for a great day. With a large contingent of beginners and first timers this was great news.

As a great day came to a close many wonderful stories came filtering through of the falls, jumps and runs many of our now advanced skiers and snowboarders could successfully navigate down the slopes. With much anticipation of another fun filled day we headed off Friday morning ready to work on those subtle techniques we had learnt the previous day. As we climbed higher and higher the smiles turned gloomy as what could only be described as miserable conditions confronted us on the mountain. For those students who ventured out in the rain and came back drenched you did yourselves proud, for the remainder of us it was a time to reflect on what could have been if only.

For another year fun filled on the slopes we look forward to taking away another great group of students whose behaviour was yet again superb. A big thank you to Mr Hong, Mr Spence and Ms Chaloner for joining us on another great Chatswood HS PDHPE ski trip.

Jeff.Ward H.T. PDHPE

Year 7 and 8 attend Sydney Olympic Park School Sports Program

Year 7 and 8 sport enjoyed a change of venue on Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009. We travelled out to Sydney Olympic Park to participate in the School Sports Program and some of the best sports facilities in the country. We had a session in the gymnastics hall where we got to try lots of fun pieces of gymnastic equipment and apparatus. We bounced on the sprung floors, cart wheeled on the mats, jumped on the trampoline, practiced a vault approach and swang and hung on the bars. The best part though was free time when we played in the foam pit. You could swing into the pit using a tarzan rope and land right into centre of all the foam. Our coach was really nice, she had competed against Miss Currie in rhythmic gymnastics and she said Miss Chaloner had the highest bounce she had ever seen a teacher do.

The outdoor session was at the Hockey Centre on the astro-turf field. Luke our coach had played for Australia. He taught us to push, hit and trap, dribble and shoot for goal. Then the girls took on the boys in a goal shooting competition and a game. Both sides claimed victory but we know sport was really the winner on the day. It was really exciting just to be playing on a world class hockey field. The ball moved really fast across the astro-turf.

Thanks to Mr Ward for organising a sport activity away from school and to all the teachers that accompanied us.

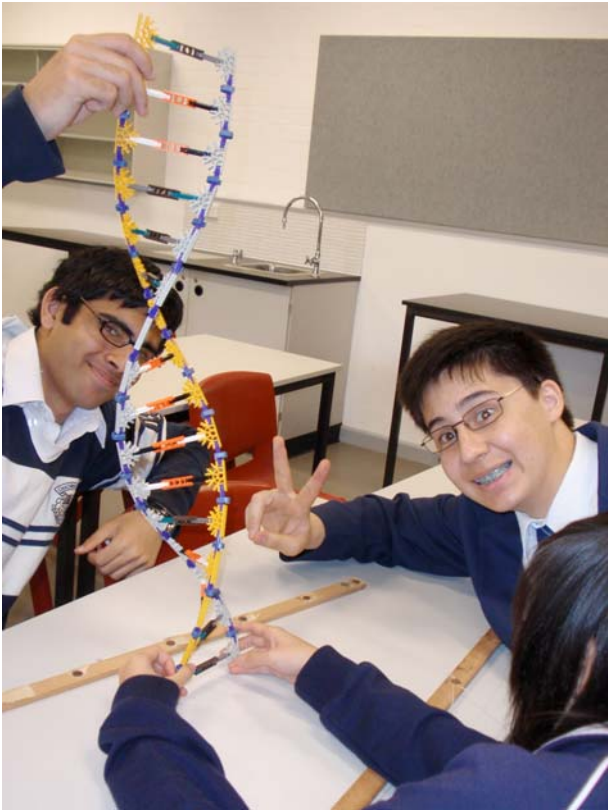
Year 7 and 8 Sportsmen and women.



Community support

Many thanks to Mr Lindsay MacInnes, Operations Director at Johnson and Johnson and to Mr Simon Wrangham for their generous donation of glassware, consumables and chemicals to our Science Department. The agar powder donated has recently been used by senior Biology students to test the quality of different water sources by culturing the samples on agar plates.

The Science Department has also recently purchased DNA model kits for use in Senior Biology.



Achieving success in the Science competition

Chatswood High School students did extremely well in the Science competition this year. Year 7 and Year 8 distinction award winners received their certificates on assembly.



The Digital Education Revolution at Chatswood High School

In the last two weeks of this term Year 9 students have been receiving their laptop computers. This has been a very exciting time for all students involved.

Mr Matthew Khalil has been appointed to the school as our technical support officer and his job is to maintain the laptops throughout the school and help the students with any technical issues they may be having. The school has also been equipped with 13 wireless access points through which the students can connect to the internet in those classrooms.

Staff are working hard to up-skill themselves on the many software applications that come with the laptop computers. This is an enormous and exciting change to education not just at Chatswood High School but across the state. Students remember to bring your laptop to school everyday fully charged.

Justin Hong Deputy Principal



They allowed us to explore how genes are expressed whereas our lolly models were eaten after the structure of DNA had been explored!



Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Smith, parents of Nicole Smith who completed Year 12 in 2008, for their generous donation. The Science department has purchased a suite of interactive software on Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics that can be used by a wide range of students.

50th Festival Day

Congratulations Chatswood High on putting on a great 50th birthday celebration! Thank you to our principal, Mrs Sue Low, who had a decided that the 50th Anniversary celebration should be not only for past students, teachers and parents visit the school, but also a time of celebration for our own students and the whole CHS community. It was a great day and everyone who came to it had a wonderful time. Thank you to all that were involved in making it such a memorable occasion!

In particular we'd like to thank:

Our amazing Year 11 students who helped set everything up, especially the Captains and student leaders.

All the students and staff who ran stalls and open classrooms.

Ms Jenny Jones and the SRC.

All the parents and staff who volunteered on the BBQ and welcome desk.

Susan Latty for all her work preparing the library display.

The wonderful office staff, plus Adrian and Alfonso.

Maureen and the canteen staff.

Students and teachers who videoed and photographed the occasion.

A special thanks to parent Stafford Sanders and former student Arman Shokrollahzadeh Haghi (Yr12, 1999) who worked tirelessly all afternoon to keep the stage program on track in ready for the fireworks at 7pm.

All the wonderful student musicians and dancers who entertained and impressed us all with their talent!

Former students Bobo and Ella Nielson (Yr 12, 2006) who wowed us with their performances.

David and Erin from Willoughby Council.

We'd also like to thank John Brickwood from mobilestagetruck.com.au who provided a wonderful stage and sound system at a very generous price. Thanks to the 'Paris Crash' and William Singe who gave us fantastic performance for free.

We're ready for the 100th! (: The 50th organising Committee

WINNERS FRUIT 'N VEG WEEK

Congratulations to our Fruit 'n Veg Winners.

Student: Waheed Choudhury

Staff: Ms Sarah Graham

A special thank you to our sponsors: Willoughby Fresh, our local fruit & veg supplier, and the Sydney Marketing Authority.

As well as the two major prizes there were 20 prizes for runners up and over 100 participation prizes.

50TH BIRTHDAY THANKS

Thank you to our Canteen staff and volunteers for food and catering services during the festivities.

A special mention to the EDDD team of Year 11 young men - Ed, Darren, Dominic and David. They worked like Trojans to assist Canteen staff doing did whatever they were asked with good grace and a smile. Well done guys! We're proud of you.

Maureen Chaffey

Students achieving success

First in Sydney University NCSS Computer Programming Competition

Callan McNamara (Year 12) has finished in FIRST position, shared with 5 others, in Sydney University's Programming Challenge at the Advanced level with a PERFECT SCORE of 220 out of 220.

The competition is a major commitment for any student as it extends for 5 weeks and involves solving 31 problems perfectly during that period of time.

Callan has been a highly gifted programmer. First showing his talents in his early years at Chatswood High. He attended the Sydney University NCSS Summer School in January 2009.

High achieving Year 7s

Rowan Phipps and Matthew stark have achieved exceptional results in their first year participating in the Year 7 – 8 regular level of the NCSS Programming Competition.

Rowan achieved 198 and Matthew 169 out of a possible 220 and were both placed on the Leaderboard. Rowans' result was third in Australia and Matthew's was 10th.

Ex student Peter Ward (yr 12 2009 and a winner in 2008) is now a member of the Sydney University staff who run this competition.

University of NSW Programming Competition 2009

Chatswood High School's team, the Fighting Mongooses, were awarded a Distinction in the Open Round of this intense competition.

Callan McNamara, Luke Midworth and Patch Hutley were required to solve a set of problems under strict conditions and in limited time.

Their achievement was to reach 12th position in a field of over 120 school teams.

Invitation to showcase major works at Adobe HQ

High above Chatswood High School, on the 14th floor of the Zenith Tower, our Year 12 Multimedia class were invited to present their final digital works to Adobe staff and via video link to an overseas audience.

Adobe staff viewed these works over nearly 2 hours and were highly impressed with our student work. It was suggested that some of these works will be showcased on Adobe's online site.

David Grover HT Computing