

Chatswood High School

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE - ACHIEVING SUCCESS

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Term 4 Week 2

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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 6	
Wed 25 November - Fri 27 November	D of E expedition Yrs 9 & 10
Week 8	
Thursday 10 December	Annual Presentation Day
Friday 11 December	Year 10 Presentation Day

We are now at the "pointy end" of the year. The HSC has begun in earnest, the School Certificate is around the corner, Year 11 have commenced their HSC course of study and assessment tasks now count toward their HSC results in 2010. Years 7, 8 and 9 have their yearly exams scheduled over the next weeks. All students should be spending some time during each week reviewing work from each subject. This is not homework but rereading material to review and check for understanding.

Outstanding achievements

Outstanding achievements from Chatswood students have, once again, demonstrated student excellence in academic, sporting and community service. My congratulations go to the students who gained High Distinctions (7) and Distinctions (16) in the Chemistry Competition; High Distinctions in the Geography Competition; and who gained Distinctions in the Computer Programming Competition.

Wheelchair Push

I am also extremely proud of the Year 12 of 2009 who raised over \$1800 for North Shore Hospital with their "Wheel Chair Push" as their farewell event as part of the school. Students at Chatswood High are renowned for their community spirit and they have further enhanced the reputation of Chatswood High School.

Building a new Chatswood

Construction of a new lift facility, adjacent to the library, has commenced. This will provide disabled access to three floors of the Science/Library block and to the Administration and classroom facility scheduled to commence in 2010.

The rekeying of the school is well underway. My thanks go to Deputy Principal, Justin Hong and the staff from Archer Locksmiths, Chatswood. This will increase our security and ease of building management.

This will be our last 'paper' newsletter. The next newsletter will be available by email or on the website. Please let us know your email address.
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Technology Update

Our network cabling has been upgraded, 7 interactive whiteboards have been installed and another 7 are on order and computers in the Soundhouse and Apple labs are being upgraded. Add to this the laptops program where all Year 9 students now have their netbooks and the Chatswood community is well on the way to being a state-of-the-art centre of excellence for whole-school technology.

Community of schools

The CALI (Centennial Avenue Learning Initiative) initiative, our Community of Schools partnership with Chatswood Public School, is well on the way to the development of a combined Moodle site where interactive online resources will progressively become available to students Years 5 to 12 from early 2010.

Our schools are working together to cater for the digital natives in our classrooms.

Sue Low Principal

National Chemistry Quiz

The results of the National Chemistry Quiz came in at the end of last term. This year, 87 students entered the competition. The results achieved show the high calibre of students here at Chatswood High School:

7 High Distinctions - which included Andrian Hartoyo of Year 12 who came within the top 1% of the state!

16 Distinctions

12 Credits

Congratulations to the award winners and to all who participated.

**Peter Rogers
Relieving Head Teacher Science**

Australian Computer Programming Competition

Last week Callan McNamara and Andrian Hartoyo (Year 12) received Distinctions in the Australian Computer Programming Competition.

David Grover Head Teacher Computing

TAFE TVET Outstanding Student

Lawrence Wong has been awarded TAFE TVET Outstanding Student for excellence in Business Services. Along with a Certificate, Lawrence also wins a 430 gift voucher from Borders.

Congratulations Lawrence.

Another successful fundraiser by Chatswood High School Year 12 students.



Chatswood High School Year 12 students showed their community spirit recently dedicating their last day of school to raising money for the Royal North Shore Hospital. The Wheelchair Push from Chatswood High School to the Hospital has become an annual tradition for the school.

With much enthusiasm the students were able to raise \$1862.10, exceeding the amount raised last year, which will go towards new wheelchairs for the Hospital.

The Year 12 fundraisers were a shining example of the community spirit of all students at Chatswood High School and are a credit to their school and community.

Well done Year 12 and all the very best in your future endeavours.

Vampire Shield

Congratulations to those students who participated in the blood drive for the Vampire Shield. Chatswood High School came second overall.

Sport

At the end of last term we played St. Ives High School Badminton played and won three games congratulations to B2, C2 and D2 teams. Mr. Johnson and the boy's cricket team have been forging ahead each week. He is pleased with their progress. The boys have had to contend with the heat and stronger teams but each week they play extremely well. Girls Basketball won 19 – 11, special mention to Keehsa Murray 3pts, Vany Attarian 2pts and Jacqueline Tong 1 point.

Frisbee boys enjoyed a 20 – 0 win, they played an outstanding match great teamwork boys. Junya Ichiones received 3 points, Lakshya Bhatt 2points & Chris Aramas 1 point. Well done to all teams.

As summer is now here we need to remember our sun safety: water to replace fluids lost during exercise, a hat to shade us and sunscreen to protect us from the sun's UV rays. Remember to participate but take to the shade in extreme temperatures. We return in term 4 to play Turramurra high school. To all, have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Sarah Graham Sport Co-ordinator.

Chatswood High School turns 50

Congratulations to all who helped organise and assisted on the night. The entertainment was outstanding it was good to see so many of our students past and present displaying so much talent. Congratulations on achieving fifty years Chatswood.

Sarah Graham

Ryde Spectacular was spectacular

This week, the committed and hard-working students of senior girls dance group represented Chatswood High School or the Ryde School Spectacular performance at the Opera House. On Monday the 26th, we spent a day filled with jazz splits and spirit fingers, working and rehearsing our routine to ace our performance the next night.

Through several chaotic hair and make-up stresses and somewhat severe nervous breakdowns, the night turned out to be a spectacular success with the crowd cheering and screaming for us like no other performance of the night. All credit to Adriana Paczynski and Jessica and Won for their amazing choreography and endless support.

Nancy Lloyd-Green

Canteen News

A fond farewell to Mrs Jeong, one of our wonderful Canteen Assistants. Thank you for your tireless service to staff and students and your beautiful food. Best wishes in your new job.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Canteen is looking to hire a casual Canteen Assistant/s. If you have food service experience or have volunteered in school canteens and are looking for regular work or are prepared to come in at short notice, this could be your opportunity. Please contact Maureen Chaffey, Canteen Convenor, on 0414 900 323 for further details. Applications close 3pm Wednesday 4 November 2009.

NEW MENU ITEMS

Mount Franklin sparkling water: \$2.50
Pirhana vege chips(salt & vinegar, BBQ): \$1.00

IS HOMEWORK A PROBLEM FOR YOU AND YOUR TEENAGER?

Northern Beaches Business Education Network Invites you to attend a **FREE** workshop!

Homework Support Strategies for Parents

This interactive workshop teaches valuable tips and proven strategies to help your high school child with:



Time management

Organisational skills

Prioritising tasks

The T.O.P. Skills Program – For Parents

Research indicates that maintaining a positive connection between parent and child throughout their education not only strengthens the level of communication, but also has a positive impact on student learning and development of valuable, transferable life skills.



Date: Wednesday 18th November 2009

Time: 6:45 pm – 8.30 pm

Venue: Warringah Mall Community Room, above Warringah Mall Library

Who: The event is open to all parents, with particular focus on skills for students in years 5-12.

Cost: This is a **FREE** event, all you need to do is register with the NBBEN.

Register: **PLACES ARE LIMITED** so reserve your seat and register with Thali at the NBBEN on 99073133 OR email your name & mobile number to rsvp@nbben.com.au

Presenter: Angie Wilcock B.A Dip Ed
Director-High Hopes Educational Services