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November 2009

School Leaders 2010

Congratulations to our new school leaders – Anna, Daniel, Jess and Chris. I have enjoyed their enthusiasm and look forward to them realising some of the great ideas they have this year.

Jessica Lawrence (Vice Captain), Daniel Mani (Captain), Anna Milat (Captain), Christopher Laidler (Vice Captain)



Congratulations to Ms Wagner

Jill has been notified today that she has been awarded the Endeavour Language Teacher Scholarship for 2009. This means Jill will have the opportunity to visit Japan for three weeks in January to gain further professional development. Our LOTE intern, Andrew MacAskill has also been awarded this scholarship as a pre-service teacher.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is great to be back. I enjoyed my long service leave, in particular being able to visit my son and seeing so many of the sights I had not only read about but also taught about. It is amazing to be walking where the Romans trod, see where kings and queens lived, but also to sit to watch and listen and absorb so many different cultures. I encourage our students not to wait as long as I have to take up the wonderful opportunity of seeing more of the world.

However, can I say, I really enjoy being back with students at Cardiff and talking and working with them. They are a delightful group of young people.

Thank you

I would like to thank Mrs Matthews for relieving as Principal. I would also like to thank Steve Trayhurn and Heather Kelsey who relieved as Deputy Principal and Andrew de Beer who relieved as Head Teacher Maths and Ms Deb Cairns who has been relieving as Head Teacher HSIE; her administration and management has been outstanding.

Staff Changes

This term has seen some changes to staffing. Ms Ann Cormick was appointed to Irrawang High. As a result Mr Trayhurn will resume his position as Head Teacher HSIE this term. I would like to acknowledge the great work done by Ann while she was at Cardiff. I know she will be missed by the students and staff.

Welcome

We welcome Mr David Smith to the Science faculty and know his experience will add another dimension to this faculty. Mr Smith is replacing Mr Strickleton.

Year 12

Year 12 have settled well into their exams and appear quietly confident each day.

High Achievers Camp

Anna Milat, Jess Lawrence, Bek Waters, Joel Irvine, Tyler Neve and Chris Laidler have been selected for the camp this year. We know they will have a great time. Mr Ribbons, our art teacher has also been asked to present some workshops.

Laptops

Laptops are coming – the DET website tells us the week of the 9th November. No firm date yet.

Whiteboards

Orders have been placed for the installation of two more interactive whiteboards for our classrooms. We hope these will be installed before the end of the year.

School Based Traineeships.

Congratulations to Emily Moore and Bonnie Mason who have attained school based traineeships for 2010. Well done girls.

Sculptures By the Sea – a great day was had by all. Thanks to Visual Art staff for organising.

Year 10 Information Booklets.

Parents, if you have not seen this booklet yet, please ask your son/ daughter to find it for you. This book outlines the requirements for School Certificate, including a timetable for their attendance at the online computer test and SCOPE interview. It also includes information about the exams and the responsibilities of students following the exams.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 9	Yr 10 School Certificate starts
Nov 9-12	Yrs 7/8/9 exams
Nov 11	P&C Meeting 7pm
Nov 18	Yr12 Formal
Nov 26-27	Surf Survival Cert. Course
December 7	Yr 7 PeriSCOPE
December 9	P&C Meeting 7pm

LEGACY

On Friday September 4, 2009 five Year 9 girls, Sara Herden, Madalyn McGrath, Jessica Lewis, Aimee Kentwell and Jossy Evans were selected to represent our school selling Legacy badges around Warners Bay. Legacy is an organisation which provides support and help for the families of deceased soldiers. The experience provided by this opportunity was different and fun. Many people generously helped the fundraiser by donating money or buying badges. The day was a success as we managed to raise over \$2000. It was an enjoyable and inspiring day.

Jossy Evans - Year 9



Jossy Evans, Jessica Lewis, Sara Herden
Maddy McGrath, Aimee Kentwell.



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Comment made in an email received from the Group Fitness Manager at Fitness First, Kotara in regard to our students:

"Love having you guys from Cardiff!!!"

Comment made in an email received from Dennis Salisbury, CYC Camp Burleigh after a visit from Year 11 last term:

"I am taking this opportunity in a quick note to tell you what a pleasure and a privilege it has been for CYC Camp Burleigh to host your Year 11 students for their camp. They have been polite, friendly and very well mannered and have been an absolute credit to themselves, their school and their parents. They have all meshed extremely well together and we have not heard one cross word from them. The three teachers, led by Andrew de Beer, have been fantastic in their approach to running the camp, and nothing has been too much trouble for them.

If this is the future of Cardiff High School and your surrounding area, you can rest easy as it is in good hands. Congratulations on having such a great group of students!"

Letter received from a Year 6 student on behalf of Cardiff South Primary School students regarding the MADD night last term.

"On behalf of Year 6 at Cardiff South Primary School I wish to thank you for the invitation to the MADD matinee held at your school last Wednesday. The whole Year 6 enjoyed watching the performers. Everybody who performed was brilliant. The singers were outstanding and all had beautiful voices. The first act with the drama was one of our favourites.

Congratulations to the staff who organised such an event. Thank you very much."

P & C NEWS

Thank you to those who supported our fundraising raffle (Gold Coast Holiday).

The winner was E. Brauer and the ticket was sold by the Flannery family.

Luke Travis Yr 10 was the lucky ticket seller who won the MP3 & Speakers. Congratulations to both.

To Year 12 we wish you well during your HSC and with what the future offers you or for what you have planned. Whatever you choose to do I'm sure your years at Cardiff High has prepared you well and whatever you do you will do it well and make an impact on the people you meet.

Good Luck to Yr 10 sitting for their School Certificate in November.

The Canteen could certainly use more helpers. Please assist if possible, one day a month would make a big difference to Mrs Salmon. Contact the school office.

If you have any ideas for fundraising or would like to contribute to the school in some way, come along to the next meeting. It is on Wednesday 11 Nov, at 7.00 pm in the staffroom.

Regards
Kris Eyre
P&C President

Memorandum

An extract from a memorandum sent to the Principal from Michael Coutts-Trotter, Director-General of Education & Training in regard to schools and their Parents and Citizens' Association.

Dear Colleagues

Public education draws its strength from partnership based on mutual respect, shared goals and trust. One of those most fundamental partnerships is between parents and their child's teacher. Students learning improved when parents and staff work together in the best interests of the child.

The organised voices of parents – the school's Parents and Citizens' Association, universally known as "the P&C" – can provide a supportive platform for developing partnerships in the school community.

We encourage parents of public school students to join the P&C at the school their children attend. The effectiveness of the schools P&C relates directly to the extent to which its membership reflects the composition of the school community, and the extent to which parents participate in the life of the school.

The key focus of the P&C is to provide a forum in which parents can articulate their needs and aspirations for their children and contribute to a developing partnership with the school.

P&C meetings are an excellent opportunity for school staff and members of the parent community to work together.

Michael Coutts-Trotter
Director-General of Education & Training

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HSIE Report

Coming into term 4 the HSIE faculty is full steam ahead. Expectations for our Year 10 School Certificate group are high with especially pleasing results coming from Lauchlan Harrison, Aaron Thick, Laura Niass and Morgan Shanks. Revision is the key focus in classes at the moment and home study is essential as students improving by just one mark may move their rank in the State by hundreds.

Year 11 Business Studies ably led by Emily Tobin and Jasmine Screen have planned an excursion to Tuggerah to investigate Business Management and Change. I still believe this is a cover for Retail Therapy.

While looking at Business, the Year 9 Commerce group has created their own business within the school. This term they will be selling shares in their company, organizing the saleable product (in this case it is a Car Wash combined with Food and Beverage stalls at lunch) and finally paying dividends out to shareholders. I can see Jake Bridge up to his elbows in soapy water scrubbing my car back to its pristine condition.

Other Year 9 classes are presently completing History Scope tasks on the "Depression" OR if doing Geography studying for their "Natural Hazards Task" where they will need information on Bushfires and their effect on communities.

Year 9 and 10 students have also been offered the opportunity to enter the "Simpson Prize Competition". By reading the flier provided by Mrs Cairns and writing an essay on ANZAC, students may win a trip to the battle sites of the Western Front in 2010.

Students should be aware that it is critical they are doing their best at this time of the year especially with final exams, book marks and overall attitude being examined.

Steve Trayhurn
Head Teacher HSIE

Mathematics Report

As the year comes to the end all our classes are participating in final assessments prior to their reports being written. These tasks are significant as they help us to determine class placements for 2010, as well as determining the level of outcomes achieved throughout 2009.

In particular it is an important time for year 10 and year 11 into year 12. Year 10 sit their external School Certificate exams which allocate them a grade of 1 to 6 on the results solely on the exam in early November. The ongoing school assessment over the last two years determines the student's grade. This is a result for Mathematics ranging from the top level of A10 to E2. Students are awarded a grade depending on the level of Mathematics studied and the number of topics they have been able to complete throughout the year. These grades and the relationship between the levels of Mathematics studied were provided in the last newsletter. The School Certificate external exam only covers work common to all three pathways in the syllabus, referred to as Stage 5.1. Students studying Stage 5.2 and 5.3 have the extra components assessed in the school grading process. It is important to realise that students who have elected to study either Extension, or Mathematics next year rather than the General Mathematics course need to complete all components of the stage 5.3 and 5.2 courses. This content is assumed knowledge for the senior courses. We will continue to present new work from the year 10 course to these students for a number of lessons after students sit the external exams. If your child misses any of these lessons they will be severely disadvantaged at the commencement of Year 11 classes. I would urge you to support your child in their preparation for senior school by encouraging them to attend school during the latter part of November.

Year 11 have now finished their Preliminary courses and have commenced the HSC course which continues over the next four terms. It is timely to remind students, and parents, that in the Mathematics courses up to 30% of the HSC exam can be material covered in the Preliminary course. All classes have their first assessment task scheduled for Week 8 of this term and the planned lesson time for this task is Period 0 on Wednesday 9th December.

If at any time you have a concern with your child's Mathematics please contact us to discuss what action may be appropriate.

Miss H Kelsey
Head Teacher Mathematics.

Parent Fact Sheet:

Heads up on Helmets

Encourage your teenager to wear a bike helmet correctly

Parent attitudes do matter to teenagers

- Have a "no helmet, no bike" rule - remind your teenager about this rule on a regular basis.
- Always check to see your teenager is wearing their helmet.
- Always wear your helmet when riding a bike - lead by example.

Discuss with your teenager why a properly fitted bike helmet is important

- Talk regularly about the benefits of bike helmets in reducing the risk of head injury.
- Discuss the possible consequences of head injury such as permanent brain damage.
- Remind them to wear their helmet correctly each time they ride their bike - bike crashes can happen anywhere.
- Talk about the law and the risk of a fine for not wearing a helmet or wearing it incorrectly.

Get friends on board

- What friends think and do is really important to teenagers so encourage other parents to also have a "no helmet, no bike" rule.

Buying the right helmet

- Where possible, let your teenager choose their own bike helmet.
- Make sure the helmet complies with Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063).
- When buying a bike helmet, ask an experienced staff member to fit the helmet and show your teenager how to adjust it correctly.

Damaged helmets are unsafe

- Helmet damage is not always visible - buy a new helmet rather than a second-hand helmet.
- Replace your teenager's helmet if:
 - it's been dropped on a hard surface
 - it's been involved in a bike crash
 - it has visible signs of damage to the shell, foam or straps
- Bike helmets don't last forever - it's a good idea to replace a bike helmet every 3-5 years.

Remember... no helmet, no bike - no exceptions!

→ For safe cycling, teenagers also need to know about road rules and bike maintenance. For more details go to the RTA website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au

→ For further information about youth injury prevention contact Youthsafe on (02) 9809 4615 or check the website: www.youthsafe.org

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Heads up on Helmets

Why your teenager should wear a bike helmet

Facts:

1. Teenagers are less likely than other cyclists to wear a bike helmet.
2. Half of the teenage cyclists involved in a bike crash risked serious head injury by NOT wearing a bike helmet.*
3. 1 in 4 teenage cyclists who end up in hospital after a bike crash suffer a head injury - a head injury can have lifelong consequences.
4. Cyclists can reduce the risk of head injury by more than 60% by wearing an approved bike helmet which is correctly fitted and fastened.

It's the law

All bike riders must wear a helmet that complies with the Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Each year in NSW over 3000 young cyclists are fined for not wearing a helmet or wearing a helmet incorrectly. That's more than 60 fines a week! The fine is over \$50!

A bike helmet will protect the head only if it is the right size and worn correctly. This means:

Firm fit. The helmet has a secure fit and cannot move around on the head.

Sit square. The helmet sits straight on the head, not tilted in any direction.

Protect forehead. The rim of the helmet sits 2 finger widths above the eyebrows.

Closed buckle. The buckle is securely fastened under the chin - check that no more than 2 fingers can fit between the buckle and chin.

Snug straps. The straps are not loose or twisted. Adjust straps regularly.



This is a joint project between Youthsafe and the NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA.

* where helmet usage is known

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