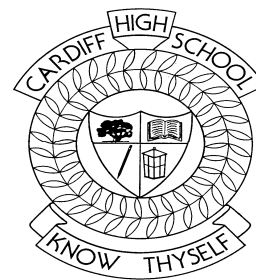


# Cardiff Connection

July 2009

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## From the Principal

### School Yard Blitz

What a mammoth effort. Despite the weather teams went ahead with their projects – gardens around the Library, on the embankments near the oval and construction of our ceremonial poles on the quadrangle. The mosaics are progressing as is the deck beside the Hall as I write. Thanks to the students and staff for your efforts. Thanks to Mrs Vincent for your help on the day. In particular, thanks to Mrs Gibson and her organising committee for their tireless efforts in organising this day. Thanks to our sponsors as well: Bunnings, Tile Warehouse, Watty and South Cardiff Butchery.

### School Photos

We hope you are happy with the new format this year. Many of the companies are going this way. Apologies for the slow turn around but this was beyond our control.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup> for Year 9-11 and 6<sup>th</sup> July for Year 7-8. Booking sheets have been sent home with the reports. Please get your son/daughter to make appointments to ensure you get to see the staff you want.

### Laptop Update

The latest information is that Year 9 laptops will be arriving in August – no firm date at this stage. We will organise a parent meeting as soon as we get some confirmation of details.

### Senior Study Days

Many of our Year 12 have been taking advantage of this opportunity to further their understanding and hone their skills in Ancient and Modern History as well as English.

## Year 10 Subject Selections

I have enjoyed the opportunity to talk with Year 10 students preparation for the Course selection day. This final selection will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July during sports time. Year 10 students will have an appointment with Head Teachers to finalise the selection and ensure Board of Studies rules have been met.

### Staff

Thanks to Mr de Beer for relieving as Head Teacher Maths while Mrs Kelsey has been on leave. Mr Honeywill will be on leave for the last two weeks of term and Mrs Farrugia will be relieving HT Industrial Arts/ Language.

## Our Achievers

### UNSW Programming Competition

Nathan Carter, Rick Langridge and Rogan Morrow received a Distinction, coming 17<sup>th</sup> in the state, for a Programming Competition run by University of New South Wales.

### Senior Boys Tennis

Have progressed to the Regional finals and play Hunter Sports High – good luck Tyler Neve, Callan Harvey, Joel Pilgrim and Zac Wilson.

## Community Service

Blood Bank Donations – thanks to these students for showing great community spirit. Thanks Ms Woodbury for your efforts in organising these events.

Hayley Millington  
Lewis Vincent  
Sarah Pateman  
Simone Gallagher  
Zoe Feighan  
Ivy Milne  
Jessica Madden  
Mitchell Tuck  
Callan Harvey  
Scott Bailey  
Steven Marriott  
Jorde Baker

Rakuji Namba  
Thomas Ryan-Allen  
Alex Dunn  
Katie Eggleston  
Chris Simpson  
Lauren Majdandzic  
Jacob Fifield  
Daniel Walton  
Daniel Parker  
Matthew Holloway  
Khaiyen Tempest  
Nick Hills

**Congratulations to our Star Struck team**

By all accounts a great time. Thanks to Ms Wright and Mrs Heggs for your assistance with this program.

**Geography Competition**

Great results this year, in particular Rachael Coughlan (Year 10) receiving a High Distinction and Lauchlan Harrison (Year 10) and Lani Hugo (Year 7) receiving Distinctions. Credits were also awarded to Ryan Thomson, Zac Wilson, Yuri Jaremus, Luke Donnelly and Dane Pittard (Year 10), and Tanique Munro, Kate Williams, Ethan Phillips and Luke Austin (Year 7).

**GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION**



Rachael Coughlan, Lani Hugo, Lauchlan Harrison

**Cross Country**

Great News– Clare Williams (Year 11) has made it to State. Good Luck in August.



**Tae Kwon Do**

Under 16 Age Champion in Asia Pacific Championships. Congratulation to Hannah Michael (Year 10).



Have a safe and relaxing holiday.



Ryan Thomson, Zac Wilson, Rachael Coughlan, Lauchlan Harrison, Yuri Jaremus, Luke Donnelly, Dane Pittard



Tanique Munro, Kate Williams, Lani Hugo, Ethan Phillips, Luke Austin

## DEPUTY REPORT

### Proud Uniform

Cardiff High is a proud uniform school and our uniform has improved enormously with most students wearing either the new uniform or the green and gold jackets. Mr Trayhurn and I both have lots of the wonderful bottle green jumpers for students and these have actually become quite popular with the students as they are so warm.

Mr Trayhurn and I both wore our red jumpers on Friday to support the SRC and Mr Trayhurn had a wonderful cherry red knitted jumper which was extremely eye catching.

We would like to request all of our parents to assist us in ensuring that our students do come to school wearing their full school uniform.

Reports are being distributed at the moment and all parents are invited to make an appointment to talk to teachers on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July for parent teacher interviews. If you are unable to make it on these afternoons please contact the school and make an appointment for another time to discuss your child's progress.

### Proud Achievements

#### Student Representative Council

Cardiff High on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June conducted an out of uniform day to raise funds for SIDS. This is an extremely worthy cause and the red clothing was bright, cheery and emphasised the support which Cardiff High students can exhibit when supporting the SRC fundraising initiatives. A gold coin donation will support the SIDS for kids foundation and help in the research for a cure.

The SRC are constantly seeking to find new and different initiatives to develop school culture, promote our achievements with pride as well as support worthwhile charities.

Regular meetings offer students the opportunity to discuss ideas and put forward strategies to enable CHS students to participate in activities and support our school and community.

Mr Welch is the coordinator of the SRC at Cardiff high and encourages all students to develop their leadership skills and exhibit active citizenship within our school.

The Year representatives at these meetings put forward ideas and suggestions which will make our school excel in both academic, sporting, cultural and other areas.

Mrs H Matthews and Mr S Trayhurn

## RED NOSE DAY - JUNE 26, 2009



Josh Robinson and Odette Brown



Jess Fitzsimmons, Gadis Randa,  
Thomas Goodwin and Nathan Carter



Matthew Robinson, Nic Robinson, Beau  
Taylor, Sam Taylor, Cameron Herring

## DRAMA Achievements

Three talented Year 10 students: Matilda Eyre, Laura Goodwin and Cassie Nicholas are members of the Hunter Region Drama School – an Academy for young actors. They are currently rehearsing for Stage 3 Project which relates to the stress involved in the HSC and how young people cope with the stress and how this then impacts on family and peer relationships.

This show opens on the July 2nd with a follow up show on July 3rd at the Civic Playhouse and tickets can be purchased from Ticketek. The performance starts at 7:30pm and it would be great to see lots of Cardiff community supporting our students.

Mrs H Matthews and Mr S Trayhurn



## Schoolyard Blitz

Yes, it rained a bit on Friday the 19 June – But the Blitz was on! 84 students as well as teachers and community members were out in force on the day. As a team we achieved the following:

- Shade trees planted on the banks of the oval.
- Constructing Tree guards and garden borders
- Building a deck off the Hall
- Establishing an Aboriginal garden
- Planting out gardens along the Industrial Arts/Music Block
- Four new gardens around the library
- Mosaic works of art for the gardens

The enthusiasm and teamwork was evident on the day. Students worked tirelessly to achieve goals and were very proud of their achievements. They especially enjoyed the barbeque in the Hall where they had an opportunity to dry out under the heaters.

Wide ranging support for the Blitz came from the following community partners: Cardiff BI-LO, Cardiff South Butchers, Bunnings Trade Centre at Cameron Park, The Tile Warehouse, Trees in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie Landcare Resource Office, Cardiff High School P&C, Wattyl Trade Paint Centre and Yamuloong Cultural Centre.

A big thank you to everyone who supported us on the day. The Blitz teams' efforts have enhanced our environment and made a space that is aesthetically inviting for students and the community.

Landcare Committee

## Dates To Remember

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| July 3    | Food & Wine Show Excursion<br>Darling Harbour 7.30am-5pm |
| July 6    | Parent/Teacher Interviews<br>Yr 7/8                      |
| July 8    | P&C Meeting 7pm in Library                               |
| July 8    | Yr 7 Performance<br>"The Hurting Game"                   |
| July 10   | Last Day of Term   |
| July 27   | Staff Development Day                                    |
| July 28   | Students first day of Term 3                             |
| July 28   | Yr 12 Trial Exams begin                                  |
| July 29   | Yr 8 Performance<br>"Sticks and Stones"                  |
| August 4  | Yr 10/11 Dubbo Excursion                                 |
| August 5  | Yr 12 Trial Exams end                                    |
| August 12 | P&C Meeting 7pm in Library                               |

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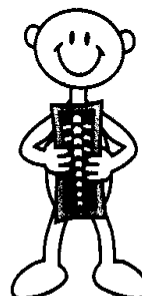
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