



Cardiff Connection

August 2009

Celebrating Excellence, Opportunities & Success

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Zone Athletics Team

What a wonderful contribution Kirsten Stanton, Alannah Jobson, Drew Lambert and Jesse Parkinson made at the Zone Athletics Carnival held late last term. Congratulations especially to:

- Alannah Jobson who achieved 1st in 100m, 200m, 400m, Long Jump and Shot put as well as 2nd in High Jump and Discus. A great achievement.
- Kirsten Stanton who achieved 2nd in Discus and Shotput
- Jesse Parkinson: 4th in 800m



State Cross Country

Clare Williams realised her dream of competing at State Cross Country at Eastern Creek on the weekend. Clare ran a highly commendable 28th out of 78 competitors. Well done Clare.



Senior Volleyball

The boys senior Volleyball team attended state finals at the end of last term. Congratulations to the team who came 14th in the state.

University of Newcastle High Achievers Program

Congratulations to Isobell Allanson and Lewis Vincent on their selection in the University of Newcastle High Achievers Program. Isobell will be completing Chemistry and Lewis Software Design.



Opportunities for our students

It always amazes me the variety of opportunities and experiences on offer at Cardiff High. Here is just an overview for the first few weeks of this term:

- Eighteen Year 11 students completed their First Aid Course
- Information Technology Work Placement has begun for seventeen students
- Twenty four students will be involved in the Engineering Challenge with Newcastle University
- Eight students will visit Taronga Zoo for the Meet a Zookeeper Program
- Thirty two Year 11 Biology Students are off to Dubbo Zoo for one of their topics

Enviro Inspiro

As part of our Schoolyard Blitz last term Luke Donnelly and Sarah Pateman created a video of the day for entry into the Enviro Inspiro Competition. We received word this week we were awarded a High Commendation for our efforts. Thanks again to all involved in the day and our sponsors.

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Farewell Mr Strickleton

Farewell and thanks to Mr Stephen Strickleton. We congratulate and acknowledge the career of Mr Strickleton who has been an educator for over 40 years with the DET. Mr Strickleton has provided quality educational opportunities for students both within the classroom and as a sports coach. I would also like to acknowledge and thank him for his administrative role in managing OASIS system at Cardiff High. We wish him all the very best in his retirement.

Course Selections

Congratulations to Year 10 who made sound decisions in their recent course selections for 2010. Year 9 will have the same opportunity shortly with an Information Evening on 18th August at 6 pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend. Head teachers will be available on the evening.

Year 9 2010 Elective Information Evening

*18th August
Cardiff High Hall
6 pm.*

Head Teachers will be available to answer any questions.

Students and parents welcome.

School Improvements

Federal funding of \$200,000 has been received and work has already begun in the school. During the holidays the ceiling in the main teaching block has been replaced and painted with new light fittings installed. External painting of the main teaching block is due to commence as well. These are the two main priorities of DET for upgrade.

Digital Education Revolution Has Begun

Nineteen staff members received their laptops at the end of last term and they have been busy learning the new Windows 7 software applications. Staff spent staff development day focusing on technology and its implementation into classroom programs. The first phase of the wireless network has been installed during the holidays with phase 2 scheduled for 21st September. We are expecting a Technical Support Officer to be appointed to the school soon to manage the rollout of laptops for our current Year 9. No firm dates on that yet. When we have more information we will be calling a parent meeting to explain the roll out and your responsibilities. Keep you posted.

Use of Mobile Phones

Some important information for parents and students. I have included this information from our Legal Branch for your information:

SEXTING – this involves sending sexually explicit and suggestive pictures to mobile phones or posting them on individual or interactive websites like Facebook. If the image is of a person under the age of 16 engaged in sexual activity or sexual context, it is regarded as child pornography. Any person who produces, transmits, sends, disseminates or possesses child pornography is liable to a maximum 10 years imprisonment.

Is it illegal to take photographs of persons without their consent. A person is guilty of an offence if he or she films or attempts to film another person who is in the state of undress or engaged in a private act or if a person does not agree to be filmed. Incidents of this nature must be reported to the police.

Win a Holiday to the Gold Coast P&C Raffle

As part of the fund raising efforts of the P&C for 2009 is the plan to run a raffle that is open ONLY to families of our school. This means that someone from our school community will be a winner. The eldest student in each family will be given a book of tickets to sell. Kris Eyre, our P&C President, has an article in the newsletter with more details. Please support our P&C fund raising efforts.

I will be on leave from the end of week 4 until the end of term. Helen Matthews will be Relieving Principal; I know you will offer her your positive support. Sadly, I will miss the Year 12 Graduation Assembly but I will leave my thoughts and a brief message for them. Have a great term.

Sue Russell
PRINCIPAL

CAREERS NEWS

Our Careers Adviser, Mr Bendall, is now publishing a separate booklet each month for Years 10, 11, and 12.

It provides information for students on apprenticeships and traineeships as well as various Universities and TAFEs. Please check that your child is receiving this booklet.

DEPUTY REPORT

Student Efforts Recognised

In Week 3 of Term 3 on Tuesday 11th August, Cardiff High will be holding a series of formal assemblies where we recognise the academic efforts of students as shown through their half yearly reports. We have many talented students in the area of academic achievement and we are proud of their success. Mr Trayhurn has organised these assemblies and Year Advisers will be invited to present awards.

Backyard Blitz

The second Backyard Blitz was held recently and was organised by Ms C Gibson and her capable team of students and this is where projects around the school have been completed to ensure the environment at Cardiff High is one which we can all be proud of. The recently completed deck has been stained and looks fantastic with the teal trimmed railings and doors to the hall. This area has enabled us to have an area where parents, staff and students can meet on occasions at school when we are celebrating and recognising our students at important occasions.

Students involved in activities in our Backyard Blitz project days are also achieving success in the completion of school to work outcomes and assists in skills which will enable them to put forward a positive impression to future employers.

School Uniform

Mr Trayhurn and I are also continuing to encourage the wearing of school uniform so that Cardiff High is a proud uniform school. The new school colours look fantastic and we would continue to appreciate the support of all our parents in ensuring that students do wear full school uniform to school each day. I would also like to request that strong support be provided for the wearing of safe black leather shoes. As you would be aware this is MANDATORY in practical subjects such as Home Economics, Industrial Arts and in Visual Arts and Science where practical activities are an essential part of the curriculum.

Awesome Athletics Stars

Alannah Jobson- Gained first place in her 14 years age group in the following events: 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, Long Jump and Shot Putt. She was 2nd in the High Jump and Discus.

Kirsten Stanton – gained 2nd place in her 15 years age group in the Discus and Shot Putt.

Jesse Parkinson – gained 4th place in the 800 metre race in the 13 years age group and only narrowly missed out on 3rd place in the event.

We are very proud of these talented Cardiff Awesome Athletes.

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Kirsten Stanton is also a member of the 15 Years Newcastle Representative Netball team who recently played at Liverpool in the State Age Championships. This team played 25 games and had one draw and won all other games. This means that they are NSW State Age Champions and we are very proud of Kirsten's efforts as Goal Defender and Goal Keeper in this representative team.

Mrs Matthews and Mr Trayhurn

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| August 12 | P&C Meeting 7pm in Library |
| August 16-19 | Yr 9 & 10 Snowy Trip |
| August 24 | MADD Night rehearsal |
| August 25 | MADD Night Evening Show 7pm in Hall |
| August 26 | MADD Matinee Show 11am in Hall |
| August 31- September 4 | Yr 11 Gold Coast Trip |
| September 9 | P&C Meeting 7pm in Library |