

Cardiff Connection

September 2009

Celebrating Excellence, Opportunities & Success

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Once again our students excel.

Australian Defence Force Education Award

On Friday 14th August Captain Higginbottom, representing the Australian Defence Force, presented Thomas Goodwin with an ADF Education Award. Thomas received a certificate and a laptop computer to further assist him with his studies. Thomas' parents were in attendance to help celebrate this achievement. Congratulations Thomas.



P&C Support our Kokoda Trekker

Chris Foster in Year 11 will be pursuing a personal ambition on 21st September when he begins his trek. This trek is made possible by the generous support of Cardiff RSL and RSL Sub Branch who sponsor this trip. Our P&C also support Chris and have presented him with a cheque to purchase his all important boots. Good luck Chris.



Farewell Year 12

Time is drawing near to the end of Year 12 courses. Our Graduation Assembly is to be held on Wednesday 30th September at 7pm and parents and friends are invited to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12. They are a very special group of young adults who have displayed leadership, determination, sportsmanship, good

humour and we believe, academic success. It has been an honour and a privilege to have them as graduates of Cardiff High School. We wish Yr 12 students all the very best for their HSC examinations.

Our Ceremonial Poles and Native Garden Completed

Congratulations to our Aboriginal students who have worked so hard to complete the centrepiece of our assembly area. Special thanks to Tracey Lloyd, our AEO, and Shannon Archibald, our In Class Tutor, who assisted with the design. Mrs Cussan's horticultural skills were also on hand in the selection of the plants.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 9	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
Sept 11	Yr 9 & 10 Careers-Try-a-Trade
Sept 18	Yr 9 "Verbal Combat" Performance
Sept 21-24	Yr 11 Exams
Sept 28-29	Yr 10 SC Trial Exams
Sept 30	Yr 12 Presentation Day
October 2	Last day of Term 3
October 19	First day of Term 4 – all students
October 20	HSC commences
October 27	Yr 11 BOS Info Night
Nov 11	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library

Academic Commendation Assemblies

Congratulations to the award winners. It is wonderful to see so many students proudly receiving their awards on the day. Thanks too, to the SRC students who conducted the assemblies and our talented music students who entertained at each of the assemblies.

LAPTOPS for Year 9

At the moment we are anticipating the delivery of the laptops early in Term 4. Ms Copus has been appointed as Technical Support Officer and will be assisting students and staff in the implementation of this program.

P&C Raffle

This initiative of the P&C is an attempt to raise money to support 3 major projects they have in the school.

- Air Conditioning Phase 2
- Upgrade of the school canteen
- Support the introduction of Technology to CHS

We have been told that it is likely our canteen will be upgraded from the 1963 model, hopefully over the Christmas vacation time 2009-2010. While this is great news, the problem exists that an upgrade does not purchase any of the whitegoods – they are at the expense of the P&C. This means fridges, freezers, stove and dishwasher will need to be purchased.

Sue Russell
PRINCIPAL

DEPUTYS REPORT

Your support of the raffle will help us realise our priorities. Please sell as many as you can and send completed booklets with money to the administration office. We plan to draw the raffle at the Yr 12 farewell assembly on 30th September.

The Year 8 students who were involved in the SHINE program attended a graduation ceremony at the end of Term 2 at the Cardiff Christian Contemporary Centre. At this graduation all of the girls were beautifully presented and received a small gift and certificate for the successful completion in this program. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity for our girls and it was a very rewarding experience to see Cardiff girls appear as well groomed and confident young women.

It was also wonderful to have representation from our Cardiff Parents in attendance at this ceremony to recognise the achievements of their daughters. The photos of the proud parents and girls are included in this edition of Cardiff Connection.

The new cohort of students in the SHINE program includes Year 9 girls with Year 9 boys participating in the STRENGTH program. We look forward to continued success with Cardiff children succeeding within our community.

Helen Matthews
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Blood Bank

2009 is the 'Year of the Blood Donor'. In recognition of our students contribution to the blood supplies of the Hunter area, selected students will attend a breakfast and awards ceremony on Tuesday, the 8th September at Noahs.

Cardiff High is booked into the Blood Bank during the week commencing the 7th September. This week marks the National Blood Donor Week. The students of our school provide a valuable community service. Thank you for supporting your child during this process. New donors are welcome, but they must be 16 years old. Students need to see me to book an appointment time and collect permission notes. If you have any questions about your child donating blood please contact me on 49549966.

Thank you,
Ms V. Woodbury



Ms Cleary (Year Advisor) and the Girls

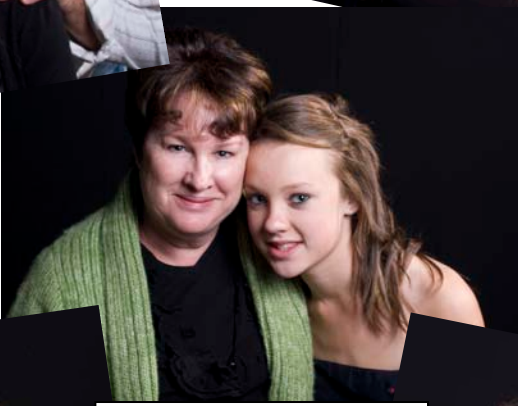
Shine Graduation



Judy Parker, Amelia Parker,
Jae Nielsen, Kurt Nielsen



Olivia and Diane Martin



Judy and Amelia Parker



Kurt and Jade Nielsen



Michelle and Emily Hure



Leah and Alyssa Luck

ENGLISH MATTERS

Third term is always a busy term and this year is providing no exceptions. All classes have faced the oral component of the syllabus and many students are to be congratulated for the depth of their research and their efforts in making class presentations.

For Year 12, their oral presentation was the last assessment task before the compilation of ranks for the Board of Studies. Trial Examinations indicated the imminence of the completion of the H.S.C. year and English classes are now embarked on a programme of intensive revision. The English Extension 2 candidates, who do not face an examination, have completed their Major Works and these have been submitted to the Board of Studies for marking, so they have completed their very satisfying and highly creative unit. Thanks to Ms Burdekin for her guidance and critical eye in this subject. The input of Mr Gaul is also much appreciated.

The creativity made manifest in senior years has its seeds in the work started with the Year 7 classes. The current Module – Science Fiction/Fantasy/Fairy Tales – provides a rich source of ideas and imaginative escapes. Ms Cussans contributed materially to this richness when she took her GATS class to see “Coraline”, a multi-layered example of the genre. Both teachers and students enjoyed the experience.

Parents are encouraged to support the work done at school by providing opportunities for children to read widely. The avid readers amongst the children are also the engaging and skilled writers in both the junior and the senior school. There can be no better way to equip your child for success than to make them familiar with the written word through reading. The value of the active support of parents cannot be over-estimated and teachers in the English Faculty thank all who provide such active extension of the work done at school.

F. Hawke
REL. HEAD TEACHER
ENGLISH

SCIENCE FACULTY

Term three commenced with students sitting for the Trial HSC exams. Continued commitment to a study program is required to ensure success in the HSC. Congratulations to those students who achieved success through hard work and perseverance.

Week two was a very busy time. Year 10 students attended the ‘Science and Engineering Challenge’. The students finished a creditable overall third. The finale of the day was our students winning the bridge building competition. Congratulations to all students who participated in the day, your behaviour and participation were great.

Year 11 Biology, years 10 and 9 students travelled to Dubbo on Tuesday. We stayed overnight at the Zoo and had two behind the scenes walks. The Biology students then participated in a study day on ‘Evolution of Australian Biota’, whilst the younger students spent the day in the Zoo with Mr Robinson. Again our students were great; they are a credit to their parents and the school.

Recently, years 8 and 10 attempted an assessment task that required a model to be built. Models of high quality and unique design were submitted. Year 9 completed a poster design on an environmental issue. Again, high quality work was presented.

During the next two weeks, students from years 8, 9 and 10 will be attempting an assessment task which will assess their ability to interpret scientific information and draw graphs.

Year 7 students will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to Taronga Park Zoo (Sydney) on Friday, the 25th September. Further information and permission notes will be distributed shortly.

This term we welcome Ms Newton who is filling the position left vacant by Mr Strickleton’s retirement. A permanent replacement will be announced in the near future.

Congratulations to Mr Robinson with the birth of his baby daughter, Maya Paige. Mother and baby well.

Ms V. Woodbury

YEAR 8 CATERING

On Friday August 13 Year 8 had the challenge of catering for Mrs Russell and her guests. This celebration was to congratulate Thomas Goodwin and his ADF achievements.

8-1 Technology in the morning prepared Tomato and Zucchini Quiche, Bruschetta and Fruit Kebabs.



8-4 Technology set tables and presented the food items. The class served and cleared. Ethan Turk, Katelyn Mignanelli, Josie Lee Langridge and Tarn Wahlstedt prepared and served espresso coffee, pot tea and cold beverages.



An excellent dining experience was had by all. Congratulations to all students involved.

K Osborne
Hospitality Teacher.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION 2009

SYDNEY GOOD FOOD SHOW

Students from Years 7-12 went to Sydney on the bus to taste and see many new and different types of foods. A celebration of good food and good times! Students went and discovered the thousands of tastes, flavours, products and techniques from hundreds of exhibitors at the 2009 Good Food and Wine Show.

It's like Australia's biggest gourmet deli, most fascinating kitchen shops and delicious restaurants – and it's all waiting for you to discover!

Imagine the delights of:

- Seeing your favourite celebrity chef appearing live in the LG Celebrity Theatre presented by Lifestyle FOOD Channel, with demonstrations and book signings throughout the show.
- Tasting new dishes designed by our celebrity chefs including Tobie Puttock, Matt Moran and Alastair McLeod in the Show Restaurant.
- The students saw Matt Moran cook up a three course feast and he invited people to the stage to taste the prawns dipped in tempura. His secret is to have the water icy cold, as it will explode into bubbles as it hits oil when being deep fried. This gives a light and crispy batter coating.

Students got to taste many different foods from – curries, pasta, breads, nougat, icecream and designer cakes, tea's and coffee's.

There were a few competitions for the students to enter such as the Smiths new flavour chip. Gobble Doc wandered the area giving away packets of chips and inviting those to enter the competition.

A great day was had by all and the students enjoyed the day. Some purchased treats to take home to their families.

K Osborne
Hospitality Teacher.

HSIE REPORT

Cardiff students are taking advantage of opportunities offered in HSIE this year. It has been very pleasing to see students willing to compete in the broader educational environment outside the school and performing with distinction:

Chris Foster (Year 11) has been sponsored by the local Cardiff RSL Sub-Branch to take a place in the annual regional tour travelling to experience the Kokoda Track in New Guinea. The Track, which played such an important role in Australia's World War II history, is a test of mental and physical endurance, so Chris is training hard prior to his departure.

Jessica Madden (Year 10) has moved on to the regional selection round for the NSW Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholarship for travel to sites connected with the ANZAC tradition. Jessica is competing for a chance to win a trip to either Belgium and France or Japan and Korea in 2010.

Cardiff students performed very well in the NSW Geography Competition this year. Ten students performed at "Credit" level, Lani Hugo (Year 7) and Lauchlan Harrison (Year 10) received "Distinctions" and Rachael Coughlan (Year 10) a "High Distinction". Well done to those students! Year 10 will also have the opportunity to take part in a NSW Australian History competition in September.

Students across a range of years, ably led by Ms Gibson, also took part in the *Enviro Inspiro* competition and won a "Highly Commended" for their efforts. Not only did the students gain an award and personal satisfaction for their efforts, they also made a positive contribution to the environment of Cardiff High, even though the environment didn't help out on the day. Staff and students managed to accomplish lots even in the driving rain!

The "Digital Education Revolution" is unfolding at Cardiff High and the HSIE teachers are looking forward to being able to utilise this technology in their lessons. The "Connected Classroom" in U1, which allow a variety of media to be used and opportunities to connect with people outside the school, is already proving to be a valuable resource which adds an extra dimension to class work for our pupils.

Year 12 students are completing their final topics and working on consolidating and revising their studies prior to the HSC. Year 12 Society & Culture Personal Interest Projects (PIPs) have been sent away and Year 11 Senior Geography Projects are underway. We are hoping for good results from both. All Year 11 classes are working towards the close of their Preliminary studies.

Year 10 Geography students are attending an excursion examining Coastal management and using Field Studies techniques on Monday 31st August. Year 10 History students have been studying the ways in which Women's Rights and Freedoms have (or have not) changed since the early 1900s.

Year 9 students have changed subjects for the semester. 9H1 and 9H3 are now doing Geography, while 9H2, 4 and 5 are doing History. Year 8 History is continuing to study the Middle Ages and Year 7 are looking at the effects of Globalisation on the world.

We look forward to a productive semester for all students.

Mrs D.Cairns
Head Teacher (Relieving)

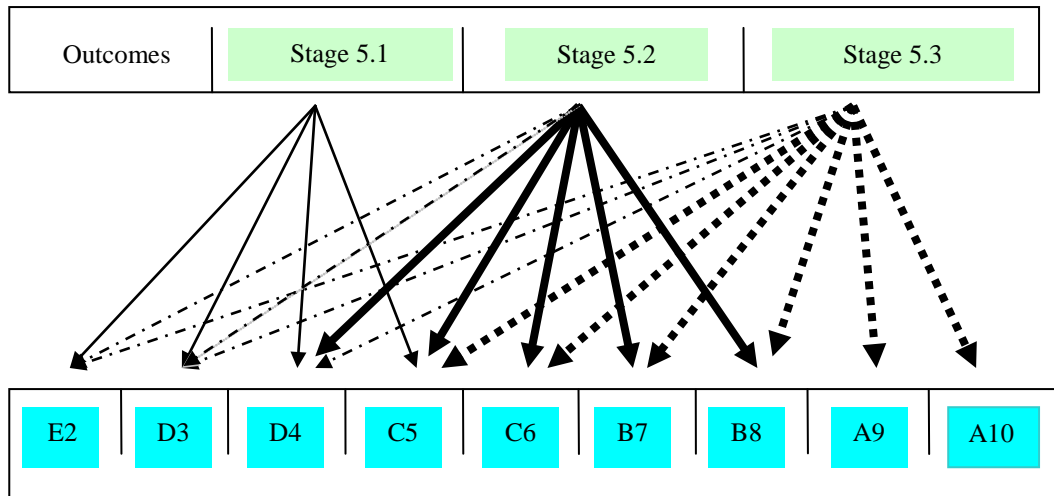
MATHEMATICS NEWS

Classes are continuing with their coursework and will have assessment tasks between now and the end of the term. In particular it is an important time for Year 10 as they prepare for the School Certificate trials at the end of this term and their examinations in Term 4. Attached is a diagram showing the connections between the grades that can be awarded and the different stages of the Stage 5 syllabus. It is most important for those students who have elected to study Mathematics in the senior school to continue to attend every lesson as the requirements for the Mathematics course in Year 11 expect students to have covered as a minimum the Stage 5.2 outcomes and for those wishing to study Extension to have completed Stage 5.3. The School Certificate exams only cover the content from Stage 5.1, so the additional work is still being taught up until the end of the year. All Year 10 students should be accessing the Board of Studies website and practising the Online Multiple Choice questions in preparation for the upcoming tests.

Year 12 should also be focusing on finishing their course work and then undertaking practice questions in preparation for their HSC exams.

Miss H Kelsey
Head Teacher Mathematics

School Certificate Grades -



- Students are awarded grades (E2, D3 etc) by the school according to the achievement levels they have been able to demonstrate through the assessment of their work throughout year 10.
- The arrows indicate the range of grades possible for a student who has attempted 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 outcomes. The mathematics undertaken in Stage 5.3 is more difficult than Stage 5.2 which is more difficult than Stage 5.1.
- All students undertake the content of Stage 5.1. Some students undertake the content of Stages 5.1 and 5.2 and a few undertake the content of Stages 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.
- A student having only addressed the outcomes for the 5.1 Pathway could expect to receive a maximum grade of C5. To receive a grade of C6 or higher the student would need to have studied and achieved some or all of the 5.2 or 5.3 outcomes.
- Students also sit for a state wide exam based on their ability to work mathematically with 5.1 content and are awarded a band 1-6, 6 being the highest band.



An ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence initiative with The Smith Family

- **Do you receive income from paid employment?**
- **Do you have a Pension Card or Health Care Card?**
- **Do you have a child/ren attending school this year and/or next year?**
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If your answer is **YES** to all questions then you may be eligible to participate in The Smith Family's Saver Plus Program, delivered in partnership with the ANZ Bank.

Saver Plus is a matched savings program in which you save money for your child/ren's education expenses (including tuition fees, laptop, excursions & uniforms), and the ANZ bank will match \$1 for every \$1 you save, up to a maximum \$1000.

If you think you are eligible and you are interested in joining the Saver Plus program, please contact Christine at The Smith Family on 4927.8385 or email christine.buckley@thesmithfamily.com.au



9/10 PASS SKI TRIP 2009

As a part of our annual ski trip to Perisher, 46 students from years 9 and 10 departed Cardiff High School at 10.30am on Sunday 16th August. After almost 9 hours we arrived at Berridale ski hire to equip ourselves with our ski attire for our next 3 days of skiing and snowboarding.

Off we trekked at 8.00am the next morning and headed for Perisher Smiggins. The weather had turned cold and favourable for snow falls. After an hour bus ride we arrived to minus 2 degree snowy conditions that continued for the entire day. It was exhilarating to see the excitement and anticipation in the eyes of the beginners. They were embarking on an activity that most likely will become a lifelong recreational pastime.

As expected, the adventure was amazing and life changing for most. There now has emerged a new generation of Cardiff High snow lovers.

Greg Skaza was quoted as saying, as we departed for home, "Can I pay for next year's ski trip now?"

It gets mentioned every year by our staff and the staff involved at the snow; "Can Cardiff High School students get any better?" – And as expected, they do!

We are so lucky to be a part of such a great school and an even better community. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for Cardiff High and their families. They were a delight to take away, having wonderful manners and respect for all. The team work, leadership and camaraderie were extremely admirable.

Last but not least a big thank you to Ms Harvey, Mr Honeywill and Mr Bendall who gave up their time to be a part of this successful and enjoyable excursion.

Mrs Crow
(PDHPE)

MADD Night

MADD Night 2009 was a raging success demonstrating, once again, the breadth and depth of talent in our student community. A wide variety of drama, dance and musical items were presented, accompanied by short films and supported by an outstanding exhibition of art works. Last Tuesday night's performance was followed up with a shortened matinee for our feeder primary schools on Wednesday that was also very well attended.

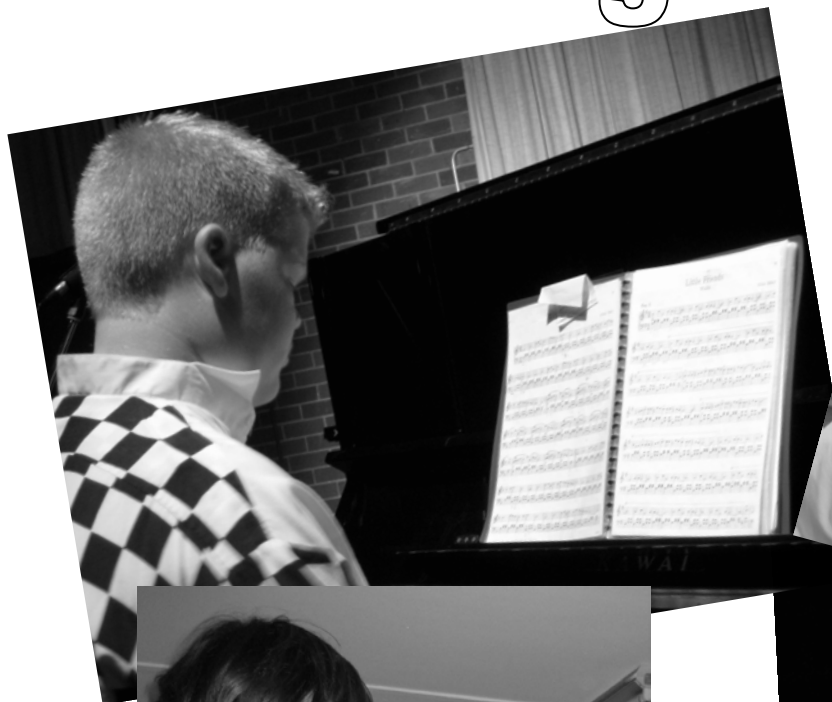
It was significant to note that the night was initially sold out well in advance and, even with the cramming of extra rows of seating and expansion of the seating plan, the performance was still sold out prior to the night. The MADD committee is now considering expanding next year's show to a second full performance to cope with demand.

A noteworthy statistic is that more than 10% of the current school student population was directly involved in the staging of these performances. It was great to see such enthusiasm and variety of approach in the various acts.

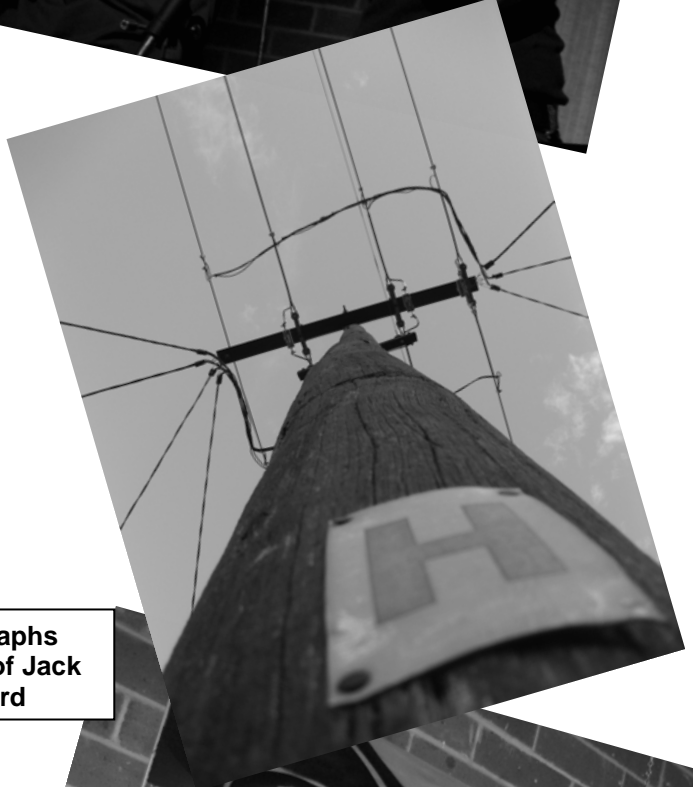
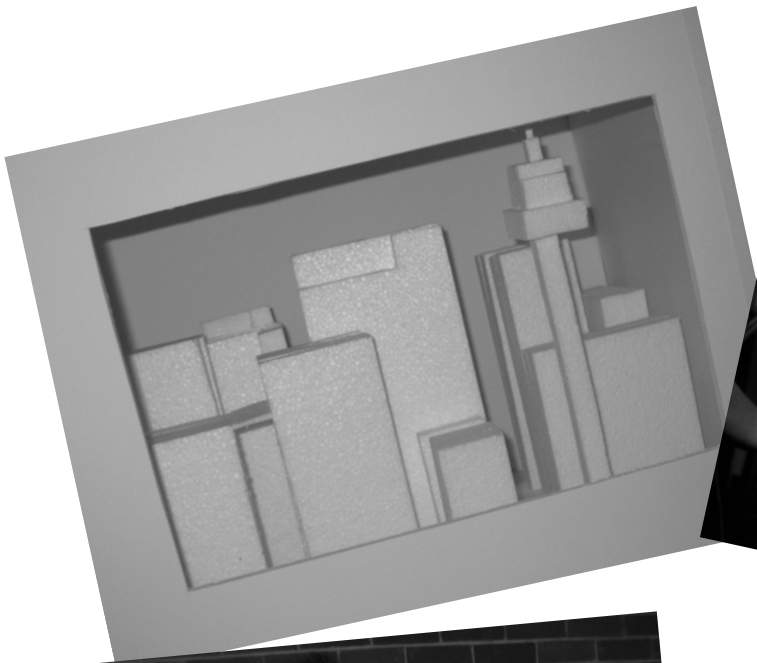
Congratulations to all the musicians, drama students, artists, short film makers and dancers for your outstanding performances at the two shows and thank you to the production crew, SRC and Cardiff high staff for all your help and support in staging an outstanding event. Above all, thank you to the Cardiff community for so wholeheartedly supporting the endeavours of our students!

R. Glassop
Head Teacher
Music

MADD Night



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Photographs
courtesy of Jack
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Australian College of Educators (Hunter) Teacher Recognition Awards

Students in the Hunter will get a chance to acknowledge their teachers by nominating them for recognition in the ACE Hunter Teacher Recognition Awards. These awards recognise teachers who do their job “above and beyond the call of duty”. Unlike many other awards, the ACE Hunter award is nominated and supported by the teachers’ students, people who work with these teachers and are best placed to comment on their effect.

Students, and/or their parents and community served by the teacher, can nominate the teacher who offers inspiration, support and clearly gives extra to encourage a love of learning, showing respect for their students and support for community engagement in education.

The nominations can be made in early childhood, primary, secondary, University, WEA, and TAFE levels of schooling and cover all sectors; state, Catholic, independent and other systems.

In keeping with our students’ abilities and interests, nominations will be made through an online form available at <http://eduleader.org/ace/awards2009>.

Students who nominate a teacher need to find other students who agree with their nomination, as well as an adult who is able to confirm the details. This awards process gives our students a voice in determining who should be recognised for giving them educational support, motivation and direction.

The online nomination form requires details on nominators and supporters with a 100 word description detailing why the teacher nominated deserves recognition for excellence. All nominations will be assessed and checked for reference and accuracy by the ACE Hunter Awards Panel.

Students will receive emails through their school accounts over the coming weeks giving details on how they can nominate their teachers, and for what. This is a unique opportunity to recognise and acknowledge excellence in the professional practice of teaching through listening to those who most benefit: students, parents and the community. So if you, or your friends, parents or community members, have been taught by an outstanding educator, complete the nomination form online and publicly acknowledge their contribution. If you know of an outstanding educator, encourage his or her students to consider nominating them for an award.

Nominations open on August 11th and close on September 11th.

Awards will be made at a special ceremony at the Newcastle Town Hall on November 3rd. Awards will be presented by representatives of the various education sectors in our region; state, independent, TAFE and University dignitaries.

Be part of the ACE Hunter Teacher Recognition Awards by nominating today!