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From the Principal

As the 50th Anniversary Year for Cardiff High comes to a conclusion we can only look back on a year of school pride, successes and enormous parental and community support.

Over the last month our students have been involved in:

- The Lions Youth of the Year presentations with Rhys Taylor excelling at the local level.
- Year 10 students have experienced a Driver Training program, completed their mandatory "All my own work" Board of Studies units and produced the goods for their SCOPE interviews where local Business identities were suitably impressed with the presentations.
- Our Captains starred at the Remembrance Day celebrations and participated at a State wide Youth Leadership Council in Sydney.
- Junior year groups have participated in organised Welfare activities and fundraising for up-coming excursions (Yr7 Luna Park, Yr8 Ice Skating, Yr9 Movies).

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- I was amazed at the maturity and glamour which was on display at the recent Year 12 Formal. The students and support networks who came to Fort Scratchley were a credit to themselves and the School. Feedback from venue owners indicated that our students were "one of the best this season", high praise considering the difficulty in booking these venues.
- Riley Parkinson Yr11 received one of the highest honours for the region by being selected as the School Based Trainee of the Year, an amazing result and an indication of the quality service our Career and Transition team provides our students.

Just on a staffing note, Jill Wagner, presently our languages teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the year. Jill has been the driving force behind Japanese and our relationship with our sister city in Japan. We would like to thank her for her efforts and wish her luck in her new endeavours. A new LOTE teacher will be appointed for 2014.

Like-wise Tye Swadling and Sue Burke, staff members at Cardiff, have excelled in their fields. Sue has been appointed State Diving manager for the NSWPSA and Tye has recently returned from the World Championships where he competed in both the Individual and Teams events in Trampoline. Here he Medalled (Bronze) in the teams (highest level in 30yrs) and obtained his personal best in the individual events. We have amazing staff.

On closing, thanks go out to all students, staff and supporters of the school. You should be enormously proud of the little gem we call Cardiff High. I wish you all a safe and well-earned break and look forward to further developments of the school in the new year.

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Dates to Remember

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| Tuesday December 3 | NSW Teachers' Federation stop work meeting (Students start school with roll call at 11.30am) |
| Tuesday December 3 | Year 7 End of Year Activity - Luna Park 7.45am from Myall Road(Excursion will go ahead as normal) |
| Wednesday December 4 | Year 7 2014 Orientation Day. Students 9.15am to 12.15 pm; Parents 6.00pm to 7.30pm |
| Thursday December 5 | Year 9/10 PE Excursion - Special Olympics |
| Friday December 6 | Year 9/10 PASS Excursion - V8 Supercars, Sydney |
| Tuesday December 10 | Term 1 2014 Sport Choices |
| Tuesday December 10 | Music Night 7pm in the School Hall |
| Wednesday December 11 | P&C Meeting 7pm in the Administration Building |
| Thursday December 12 | Year 9 End of Year Activity - Movie Day |
| Thursday December 12 | Year 8 End of Year Activity - Ice Skating |
| Friday December 13 | Year 7-10 reports given out |
| Friday December 13 | Year 7-11 Presentation Day 9.45am in the School Hall |
| Friday December 13 | Year 9-10 PASS shirt monies due |
| Wednesday December 18 | Last day of school for all students |
| Thursday December 19 | Staff Development Day |
| Friday December 20 | Staff Development Day |

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| Tuesday January 28 | Staff Development Day |
| Wednesday January 29 | First day for Years 7,11,12 |
| Thursday January 30 | First day for Years 8, 9, 10 |

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Careers and Transition News

It has been another big year for Careers and Transition in 2013. We have had many opportunities for students to be involved in programs and excursions to aid in developing future plans. Careers and Transition have also taken a further step in developing a website for parents, students and community members to access current information in our school for careers. The website can be accessed on www.cardiffhighcareers.com with links to all our most recent news in Career and Transitions.

Year 9 students this year had the opportunity to take part in a program with the NSW Rural Fire Service. We had 13 students graduate from NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary Schools Cadet Program at the end of Term 3. This program gave students an excellent opportunity to develop employability skills such as team work and communication, as well as develop excellent values for future volunteering and community projects.

Cardiff High had a group of students develop competencies in brick and block laying with Newcastle TAFE and the Australian Brick and Block Laying Foundation (ABBTF). The ABBTF bricklaying program went over five days and offered students valuable on-the-job work skills for use in the construction industry. Our students who took part in the program developed works and planned jobs around our school.

Cardiff High School students undergoing School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships this year had many success stories. Some of our SBAT students transferred into full apprenticeships. Our star School Based Trainee this year Riley Parkinson won the Careerlinks School Based Trainee of the year for her role with Hunter New England Local Health. School based apprenticeships have the opportunity to develop skills on the job while working towards achieving a vocational qualification as part of their HSC.

Cardiff students have also participated in the following programs and courses this year Careerlinks Hunter Career EXPO, Yakka Day, Participation Pathways that Work, The Employability Passport Program, Work Experience, Construction Safety Training Induction course, First Aid courses and Year 11 Study Skills program to name a few.

Congratulations to all year 10 students who participated in their SCOPE interviews, students were interviewed by a panel consisting of a community member, teacher and a year 9 student in a formal interview based on their learning throughout the year.

The Cardiff High Careers Team recognises and thanks all staff parents and community members for their efforts in helping bring our school program and activities to life for our students. We would also like to congratulate all the students who have achieved their goal of transition from school into the workforce or post school education. The Cardiff High Careers Team looks forward to strengthening and developing our community links and facilitating career-building opportunities for our local youth and students in 2014.

Yours Faithfully

Carolyn Gibson and Daniel Clapé

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