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**Robyn
Pulbrook –
Principal**

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Changing of the Guard

After just a few days the school has settled into what promises to be an exciting and productive 2009 school year.

On Tuesday 27th January, teaching and administrative staff commenced their year with a thought provoking School Development Day that acknowledged and reinforced our commitment to making a difference for all our students. On this day we all also welcomed a number of new

permanent teachers to our school.

Mr McMullen joined us as Head Teacher HSIE replacing Mr Wagner who retired in 2008. Ms Lawson joined the English Faculty replacing Ms Gage who received a promotion to HT Mentor at the Hills Sports HS, Ms Le Grande joined the PD/Health/PD faculty, Ms Thompson joined the TAS Faculty and Mr Norris replaced Mr Hudson in the Science Faculty.

We also farewelled three long serving staff members at the end of 2008 who are yet to be replaced. Ms Holmes our HT English, received a well-deserved promotion to DP at Crookwell HS, Ms Lawrence our HT Visual Arts, successfully applied for HT Creative and Performing Arts at Keira HS and Mr Mackey received a transfer to Albion Park HS. All three positions will be advertised in the coming weeks. We wish all our teachers who have moved every success in their new schools and sincerely thank them for their commitment to CPAHS and for their efforts in consistently improving outcomes for our students.

On Wednesday 28th January we welcomed over 200 new students into Year 7 and 160 students into Year 11. One hundred and thirty students have returned to complete Year 12. It is fantastic to see the way that Year 7 students are settling in so quickly to their new school and class. Much of the credit for this successful transition can be attributed to the work of Year 7 Adviser, Ms Ellis, Assistant Adviser Mr Cotter and the Learning Support Team under the leadership of Mr Keogh. Year 11 and 12 have also started the year in a positive manner and are enjoying the exclusive use of the Senior Study and Quad under the guidance of Ms Pooley and Ms Hughes.

The remainder of the school student body returned to school on Thursday 29th January bringing our school population to almost 1100 students.

We welcome all our students, parents and carers back to school this year with a particular welcome to our newly enrolled students and their parents and carers. We hope that you have a positive and productive relationship with our teachers, administration staff and school in 2009 and beyond.

Students and Staff Good News Stories

The holidays proved to be very successful for a number of the CPAHS community. Mr McBeath, our Head Teacher PA, was awarded a prestigious Golden Guitar at Tamworth for writing the best heritage song, 'Too Dark for the Lighthouse'.

Year 12 student, Christie Lamb, was also highly successful at Tamworth winning amongst several other awards the TSA National Songwriting Competition for the second consecutive year and performing at a number of high-profile events.

Year 11 student, James Cassar, is busy rehearsing for a season performing in the Frank Ifield Tribute Show.

Year 12 2008 student, Peter McWhirter won the Telstra Road to Tamworth competition winning himself a trip to Nashville and a recording contract.

We have also started this year with some great leadership achievements from our students. Tamika Briggs from Year 10 has been selected as one of twelve students to join the NSW Reference Group representing the Commission for Young People. She has already undertaken two days of advocacy training in the holidays and will shortly be part of the selection panel to appoint the new Commissioner.

Year 11 student Emily Wadwell has been selected to attend the NSW Constitutional Convention. Congratulations to both girls on their success and for continuing the fine history of our students participating in these programs. I look forward to many more of our students becoming involved in extra-curricula and community programs throughout this year.

Community Cabinet Meeting

CPAHS has been selected as the venue for the next Federal Community Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday 17th February. The meeting will occur in our hall and is expected to draw an audience of 450 people.

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This is a great opportunity for our students who will entertain the community audience prior to the meeting and cater for over 500 people including Cabinet Ministers and the Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd.

Please note that any students and community members who intend to participate must have already registered for the event.

Japanese Exchange Tour

Last year we were forced to postpone proposed tours to our sister schools in Japan and South Korea. I am pleased to announce that our Japanese Sister School in Koshigaya has invited a group of our students to visit in January 2010 as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations. Their students will visit our school in their summer holidays of the same year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for any student who is currently in the junior school. The cost for the 10 day trip is expected to be approximately \$3000, paid in four instalments throughout the year. The deposit of \$750 would need to be paid by early April 2009. There may also be the opportunity for a small number of parents to accompany the group.

If you are interested in your child participating in this tour please contact me on 46251403 by the end of February. We can then make a decision as to whether there is enough interest for the trip to proceed.

Robyn Pulbrook
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Ms Quince

Welcome to 2009!

It has been a wonderful start to 2009, with students and teachers returning to school looking refreshed and enthusiastic. Many students have told me about the interesting and/or relaxing way they spent their holiday but every student I have asked has told me that they were happy to return to school. Likewise, I have had a significant number of teachers tell me how motivated they are about teaching this year's classes.

Year 7 has been particularly impressive in the way they have settled into their new school, very ably assisted by their Year Advisers, Ms Ellis and Mr Cotter. I have the pleasure of teaching a Year 7 class and when asked how they are enjoying high school, their responses were very interesting so I thought I'd share them with you. Every student said high school was better than they expected, except three who cited the heat as their reason! The reasons they said they were really enjoying high school were varied and included:

- "The other students help you."
- "The lessons are really interesting."
- "You get to 'walk around' between lessons."
- "The teachers are really nice."
- "There's no bullying."
- "The rooms and equipment are great."
- "You make new friends."

A big thank you to those students and teachers, particularly all Year Advisers, who have helped Year 7 and all new students settle in so quickly.

Lastly, welcome to the parents and families of our new students. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with you and encourage you to contact the school if we can be of any assistance.

Stacey Quince
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mr Carlyon

Welcome back to 2009!

What a great start to the year. Our students came back extremely refreshed and eager to start their classes. Most pleasing was the support given to our year 7 students. It's very daunting to come to "big school", and to have our older students so supportive of the new members of the school body was great.

An example of this was some senior students who could have gone home at 2.30pm, but stayed behind until 3.20pm to take the year 7's to the station for the trains and buses.

Traffic around the School

Please if in this edition a notice from Campbelltown Council and NSW Police regarding traffic infringements in school zones. The fines and loss of points are quite hefty. At the moment police are targeting school zones and our school being so close to the police station, we see a lot of police vehicles passing by.

Lateness to School

At the start of each year there are always some problems associated with getting to school on time. Unfortunately, a lot of students have been coming late into the 2nd week of school. As we go straight into Period 1, those students who are late miss valuable learning. Students are requested to have a note signed by their parent or guardian explaining a valid reason for being late. Those students who do not have a valid reason will be placed on detention.

Welfare Team

If you have any concern regarding your child's welfare please do not hesitate to contact the year adviser for your son/daughter.

P Carlyon
Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELLORS

Parents, this article is to make you aware of the opportunity for your child/ren to access some Teacher Aide support whilst they are attending CPAHS.

Under current NSW Dept of Education guidelines CPAHS can apply for Teacher Aide time for your child/ren if there is a current diagnosis in writing from a specialist and the school can demonstrate that your child's school work has suffered or since deteriorated as a consequence.

Some of the conditions the Department recognises and therefore provides funding for includes - Depression, Bi Polar Disorder, Anxiety, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and many other Mental Health conditions, Autism, Aspergers Syndrome, Oppositional Defiance Disorder, Conduct Disorder, a Moderate Intellectual Disability or a severe hearing, vision or physical impairment.

For further information or to clarify if your child meets the required criteria please contact Leah Wellard (School counsellor) on 02 46 251403 (Tuesdays)

L Wellard
School Counsellor

NEWS FROM THE P&C

I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year and settled back into school easily.

The P&C Association would like to invite you all to come to our P&C Meeting. Come along and join the P&C of Campbelltown Performing Arts High School.

A special welcome to the new families starting at our School.

We need help to raise funds for equipment. This year we are looking to raise money to erect some shade covers around the school for the comfort of your child/children. For this to

happen we need some more support and help. We only need some of your time, 1 or 2 hrs occasionally would be great.

Some of the future fundraising events:

- 2 Bunnings BBQ's this year in June and November.
- Shopping Tour in November. Men, this is not just for the ladies, our previous Shopping Trips have had up to 3-4 men.
- Bingo Night (to be organised)
- Trivia Night (to be organised)
- Market Day (to be organised)
- Back to Campbelltown High Dinner/Show (to be organised)

Please if you could possibly help in any way we would love to see you.

If you can't make our meeting and still wish to help let me know. Please read the P&C News in our Newsletter as this will let you know of up and coming events.

Our first meeting of the year is on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7pm meeting in the Office foyer. Come along and see what we are up to and get to know us. We are only a small group and no one is asked to commit to anything.

THIS IS NOT THE AGM so you will not be asked to take up a position at this meeting.

Any enquiries please do not hesitate to phone me.

Trudy Terelinck

P&C President

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e-mail: trudyter@optusnet.com.au

CAREER NEWS

Yr 11 Subject Changes

Changes can not be made until week 4. Students are to remain in present classes until changes have been processed. The first stage of the application process is an interview with Ms Hughes. Students are invited to arrange an interview at the beginning of week 3.

TVET 2009

Final arrangements for TAFE 2009 are now in the process. **TAFE begins week 3.** Students are asked to take photo ID on their first day to enrol. First day arrangements have been given to students at a meeting held recently. Students who are going to be absent from TAFE need to inform Ms Hughes ASAP so that TAFE can be contacted.

MHScareers

www.mhscareers.com

The school has recently joined this career site. All students are allowed to register for email alerts which will provide current career information and opportunities. To access the latest news you will need to login. Login is student and the password is *****. There is a link to Latest News. To receive email alerts fill in the email form under contact us heading. Parents are welcome to register. A paper copy of the career newsletter will be available in the Snr Study.

Macquarie Fields TAFE College 2009

Soft Furnishings

Learn to make Curtains, Cushions, Bed linen, Swags and Tails, Pelmetts and Roman Blinds the professional way. Redecorate your own home in the fabrics and colours you choose

Many of our students have started their own decorating and manufacturing business with skills learnt in this course. Courses are scheduled during the day.

Have an enjoyable time learning new skills!!

Cost is approx \$670 for Cert 3 which is 3 days a week for one year (which works out about \$1 per hour!) **OR** you may qualify for an exemption! This can be paid in two instalments.

We are still taking enrolments. Classes scheduled to start on the **9th of February. Plenty of parking available!**

For enquiries please call Janette at Macquarie Fields on 9605 6100 or 9829 0231

A Hughes
Careers Advisor

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

The Visual Arts staff is proud to announce that 2008 finished up to be a very successful year. The quality of work produced by the students was outstanding. I hope that 2009 continues in the footsteps of the previous year, with even better results.

I would like to congratulate Allison Lawrence in getting a transfer as Head Teacher at Keira High School. Allison has been an outstanding Head Teacher over many years at CPAHS, and will be greatly missed by her colleagues and students. Her year 12 Visual Arts classes over the years have achieved great results, and have been nominated and accepted into Art Express many times. This is a huge loss to Campbelltown, but a great gain for Keira High. The Visual Arts staff would like to wish her the best.

Now that 2009 has started without any hiccups, I would like to remind Visual Arts students of their responsibilities when in class. All students must have a visual arts diary, and have that diary with them during each lesson. They must, also have a lead pencil, eraser, ruler, glue stick and sharpener. All writing materials must be provided by the student. The Visual Arts department is not responsible for providing each individual student with stationary equipment. With this in mind, I look forward to a great year.

P Kanaris
Relieving Head Teacher Visual Arts

WELCOME TO YEAR 7

We would like to welcome all of Year 7 to the school. It was a busy first couple of days learning where everything is and meeting new people. Thank you to all parents for ensuring their child has their full school uniform. They all look great.

Please don't forget to finish paying for camp and to return all permission and medical notes. The camp preparations are going well and we are all looking forward to three action packed days.

Again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Miss Ellis (Year Advisor)
Mr Cotter (Assistant Year Advisor)

MENTAL HEALTH

How can you help?

Much has been discussed in the media about mental health issues, including signs and symptoms; who is most susceptible and the importance of ensuring people get help. What we hear, read or watch is often informative, sometimes confusing and even frightening to comprehend. Despite this, there is the certainty that there is help, and services like Kids Helpline rely on society to look after its own, watch out for those around them and help young people find their way to our service.

MENTAL HEALTH CHECKLISTS

Symptoms of two of the most common conditions experienced by young people include:

Depression

- Weight loss or gain when not dieting
- Less interest or pleasure in all activities
- Tiredness or loss of energy
- Feeling worthless
- Difficulty concentrating
- Thoughts of death

Anxiety

- Feeling very worried and finding it to hard to stop worrying
- Anxiety interfering with everyday activities (e.g. work, study, seeing friends and family)

A range of websites include symptom checklists for mental illnesses. Visit Reachout at www.reachout.org.au for youth focused information about young people and mental illness and Beyond Blue at www.beyondblue.org.au for other resources.

It is important to remember what might appear to be a symptom of mental illness may have a perfectly reasonable explanation. However, if in doubt- don't wait, contact a professional for advice.

MENTAL HEALTH DOS AND DON'TS

What can you do if you suspect someone you know may be developing a mental health problem?

DO:

- Be there to listen
- Be patient and give them time
- Get professional support and guidance for them and yourself
- If the young person's behaviour is becoming dangerous to themselves or others, accept that they may not be able to organise their own treatment and that you may need to take responsibility for organising it, even if the person affected does not believe it is necessary.
- Learn what you can do by reading and talking to others who have been through similar experiences.
- Look after yourself and the rest of the family. There may be a lot of emotions and feelings about the situation. There may also be feelings of loss and grief involved which need to be addressed.
- Build support networks that will be able to take pressure off you when needed. These may involve relatives or friends.
- Keep an open mind.

DON'T:

- Blame yourself. Most conditions do not have one cause and build up over time and/or are triggered by various factors.
- Ignore it – it won't go away.
- Tell them to "pull their socks up" – mental health problems are real.
- Give up – it takes time to understand a mental health disorder and they will need support.

If you or someone you know is between 5 and 25 years and has a mental health or other concerns KIDS HELPLINE is available 24 / 7 to help. Call 1800 55 1800 for help or visit www.kidshelp.com.au.

S KEOGH

Head teacher welfare

CHILD ECZEMA MANAGEMENT STUDY

Dear Parents,

My name is Amy Mitchell, I am from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) School of Nursing. I am conducting a study to examine parent management of childhood eczema.

Managing a child's eczema can be a difficult, frustrating, and time-consuming task for a parent or caregiver. I am seeking parents of children (aged up to 12 years) with medically diagnosed eczema to complete an online questionnaire about managing childhood eczema.

I am keen to hear from parents of children with eczema of any severity, from mild to severe. In recognition of their contribution to the study, participants will be entered in a draw to win one of five one-year subscriptions to the Eczema Association of Australasia, worth \$30 each.

Details about the study and how to participate can be found at the following website:

www.quteczemastudy.com

Alternately, please contact me on (07) 3138 3856 to request a printed information sheet and survey.

Thank you!

DANCE NEWS

Welcome back to all Dancers! Another big year in Dance is ahead. A special welcome to our new Yr 7 Dance students and their parents/guardians, keep your toes pointed this way for news and reviews of dance life at Campbelltown PAHS.

We welcome back Ms Cameron who will be taking Miss Baso's classes while she is on Maternity leave this term and Ms Moore who will be taking Ms Leary's Friday classes throughout the year. Miss Henville will also be working with Yr 9 and 10 dance classes this term.

Congratulations to Miss Baso who had a beautiful baby boy, O'Neil, born late January. She should be back on board next term!

Also, congratulations to Brittany Williams who was accepted to participate in the debut season of Fast and Fresh Dance at Parramatta Riverside Theatre last year while the rest of us were busy at the Schools Spectacular. She choreographed her own solo dance and performed amongst a very serious group of dancers from around Sydney. Well done, Brittany! Lets hope she is the first of many dancers 16yrs + who take this opportunity.

Excursions have already been planned for:

-Year 11-12 Dance to "Callback" at the Studio Theatre, to see the best 2008 HSC works on Saturday 7th Feb

-Year 8, 9 and 10 will work again with the Fondue Set at the Campbelltown Arts Centre on Thursday 19th February, in a combined dance work, which will be performed in the gallery forecourt on Friday 20th February at 7pm, with a rehearsal at 5pm. A fantastic community event to start the year off!

Dance Companies:

Please be advised that Company rehearsals will commence on Tuesday Week 3, however, due to the Federal Parliament visiting the school on Tuesday, week 4, we will be unable to have rehearsals that week.

Dance Uniforms:

All female dancers are required to bring to each dance class a black scoop leotard and a pair of $\frac{3}{4}$ or full length tights or dance pants. We often use this uniform under costumes throughout the year also. These are available at a discounted price when you mention our school, from 60 Queen St, Campbelltown. Please make sure that students have their correct uniform available for their classes at school and not for studio lessons.

Boys should have a short and long pair of plain black pants that are stretchy enough to dance in. They should also have a plain black BONDS t-shirt/singlet.

| Dance Uniform Options | Childrens Sizes DISCOUNTED PRICE | Adult Sizes DISCOUNTED PRICE |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Energetics black polycotton scoop neck sleeveless leotard | \$18.85 | \$22.45 |
| Energetics black polycotton scoop neck long sleeve leotard (optional) | \$30.55 | \$34.15 |
| Plain black 3/4 length dance pants OR | \$28.80 | \$31.50 |
| Plain black long dance pants OR | \$33.25 | \$35.95 |
| Plain black polycotton 3/4 or long tights | | |
| Black crossover (optional) | \$34.85 | \$27.00 |

* Remember that all dancers should have a book for dance and carry their own bottle of water.

Dreamworld 2008

Last year we had our inaugural dance tour to Brisbane. We have posted articles about our tour however, the story would be incomplete without a report from Brooke Nibre, Yr11, 2008, about the day at Dreamworld:

On the 23rd of October, the third day of the tour, we finally danced at Dreamworld on the Goldcoast. We began our day by waking up really early ready to begin the long train ride to Dreamworld. We arrived a little late after catching a train which had been delayed and having to stop a few times along the way due to problems with the tracks.

Almost immediately after arriving we performed our half hour show, which paid tribute to Madonna. We danced to songs such as; Vogue, Holiday and Get into the Groove, which had been prepared during our Company rehearsals.

After the show we were allowed to go on rides before having a much needed healthy lunch. After lunch we spent the remaining hour on rides such as the tower of terror and the Giant Drop. We all enjoyed the excitement and adrenaline rushes that each ride gave us.

We left Dreamworld at 2pm and began the long journey back to Brisbane ready to pamper ourselves in time for the performance by the Queensland Ballet.

L Leary
Performing Arts Faculty

THE POSITIVES OF SAYING NO!

"No" is the word that teaches children many things, it can be the cue for children to put on their 'brakes' and stop. It reminds children that there are rules and boundaries about what they can do, that they consider the rights and needs of others and that they can control their impulses and cope with life's inevitable frustrations.

Saying "No" sounds negative but in fact it has a very positive influence on our children. It gives them the security and confidence in the world, to manage their frustrations and relate positively to others.

Why we may be reluctant to say No?
Sometimes we may be reluctant to say "No" to our children because:

- We don't want to upset them
- We don't want to deal with their reaction
- Fear of not knowing how to respond
- We believe that it may affect their self esteem
- We are afraid of public embarrassment

It is normal for parents to have these feelings. Whilst we can acknowledge these feelings we must move on to focusing on what is best for our child in the long term.

The best parenting happens when we do two things

Firstly we are warm and supportive towards our children whenever we can. At the same time we need to have expectations for their behaviour and to respond firmly when they are doing the wrong thing.

Being reluctant to say "No" can cause a problem because it probably means that we are not guiding them enough. However saying "No" too often means that we are restricting and inhibiting our children.

Our job as parents is a complex one that is about guiding, understanding, teaching and supporting our children. The best parents are ones that use a variety of strategies in managing the complexities of raising children

In the next issue of our school newsletter there will be some useful tips on how to say No.

Learning Support Team

NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome to a new school year!

Please don't forget the clothing pool to purchase uniforms and to donate any un-used uniforms.

Here is a handy way to remove paint from clothes that you may find helpful.

1. Separate the stained garment from the rest of the wash
2. SOAK OVERNIGHT in COLD SOAPY water
3. Rinse in COLD water
4. HANDWASH in LUKE WARM water using ORDINARY SOAP (e.g. Sunlight bar soap)
5. Gently run soap into the stain
6. Change the water if necessary
7. Continue until the stain has gone
8. Then machine wash
9. DO NOT USE hot water, detergent or spray-on stain remover

Have a great year!

M Ellis
Year 7 Advisor

MATHS MATTERS

Welcome back to 2009 and another year of working co-operatively and successfully with members of the Maths staff and our students.

STAFF

At the end of 2008 we farewelled Mr Craig Mackey who transferred to Albion Park High School. He is a major loss to the faculty and the school as he did lots of great things with his classes using technology to support the learning of Maths. Students might remember him for his involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and his hikes with members of the Year 11 PD/H/PE classes. He also made significant contributions to the timetabling process of the school. We wish him well at his new school.

At this stage we have Miss Stephanie Smith taking the classes in place of Mr Mackey. We will be conducting interviews for a permanent replacement for Mr Mackey in the near future.

We welcome the return of Ms Lorien Mackriell from maternity leave in 2008. She will be working 3 days per week (Mon, Wed and Fri)

Other members of staff include:

Ms Jenny Lew – Head Teacher, Miss Susan Dawson, Miss Kellie O’Neil, Mrs Jenni McGrath, Mrs Lee Jackson, Mrs Samantha Siutz and Mr Stephen Keogh.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

There are a number of simple things that you as a parent can do to assist your student as they are doing their Maths. The first thing is to ask your child if they have homework to complete. The answer to that question should be yes as most students will get some piece of work to complete at home in addition to the work they have done in class. Maths for each student happens on 3 of the 5 days of the week and hence they will have homework on 3 nights.

It is a good idea to keep track of the amount of work they are doing in their work books. Get into the habit of checking their exercise book on Friday nights. You can then keep track of how much work they are doing (or not doing) in the course of the week.

Try to be positive about Maths as there are a lot of negatives that have been associated with Maths in the past. Stress that Maths is important for future careers and while not all parts will be used all the time it is still important. This will emphasise the positives rather than the negatives.

Make sure your child has all the right equipment ie: grid book, calculator, textbook, geometry set etc. so they have all the right tools to do their work. Make sure all of the necessary equipment is brought to school each day. The Maths faculty will be having a blitz on students who regularly fail to bring their equipment to school.

When problems arise, please keep in contact with your child’s teacher so we can work together to address the issue that has arisen.

Some of you may also consider seeking tuition in addition to the work that is done in school. Make sure the tutor you use is able to assess the gaps in knowledge and problems that your child is having and is then able to teach them the work in a way they will understand.

Ms J Lew
Head Teacher Maths

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Welcome back to 2009. We are looking forward to the New Year with interest and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Ms Baso who is now the proud mother of young O’Neill. We miss the Baso busy-ness and look forward to her return.

Congratulations to those Music, Dance and Drama students who did well at the HSC. Music had eleven Band Five achievements. Drama had one Band Six and a number of Band Fives. Sherri Saunders also received a callback for Callback. Staff who have just seen Onstage 2008, the best of HSC Drama, remain bewildered that Luke Diamond did not get selected for that show.

We have had a number of improvements made late last term and over the holidays. We had successful Friends of the Performing Arts raffle in December and despite the end of year timing it did quite well. We are looking to have a major raffle each semester in 2009. Thanks again to Friends and to Speciality Donuts who supply us with much of what we sell at shows.

In a major fit of nesting and cleaning, we cleaned out under the stage, the Drama Store Room, Drama control room, the Container and the costume Room. We filled an enormous rubbish skip full to the brim and there is no longer any

significant amounts of rubbish to be seen. All our spaces are pristine and that’s the way we like it. The Costume Room, now renamed The Janet Shaw Room, in homage to one particular staff member who persisted in campaigning for changes in that area, now has a dividing wall to separate Dance and Drama. New props and hat racks have been built to keep these in a sensible and orderly way, and a new lighting system put in place to help keep each area separate. Students have no access to these areas without direct staff supervision. Everything looks great and we have spent much time and money getting things up to standard.

As a side benefit of my National Teaching Award in 2008, CPAHS received \$5000. This has enabled us to put air conditioning into both Creative Arts staff rooms and into the C-11 Technology Room. It has been a windfall [literally] that enabled us to upgrade our spaces at no cost to the school. In the current heatwave, Creative Arts staff has been smiling and relaxed. This is a small reward for the many hours that we have put in over the years. Hope to see you at the next show.

PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR 2009

| TERM | WK | DAY | DATE | VENUE | EVENT |
|------|----|----------|-----------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 | | | | Seymour Cent. | Onstage |
| | 4 | Tues | 17/2 | CPAHS | Community Cabinet |
| | 4 | Wed | 18/2 | STC. | Exc. "The Removalist" |
| | 5 | Tues | 24/2 | CPAHS | Yr 7 2010 Info Evening |
| | | Fri | 27/2 | N/A | Auditions close |
| | 6 | Tues | 3/3 | CPAHS | Assembly of Excellence |
| | 8 | Tues-Fri | 17/3-20/3 | CPAHS | Auditions 2010 |
| | 10 | Tues | 31/3 | CPAHS | Yr 7 PA Parents night |

Ken McBeath
Head Teacher Performing Arts