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PRINCIPAL NEWS



R Pulbrook
Principal

Year 7, 2010

Following a very successful Year 7 2010 Information Evening held earlier in the term we have achieved almost a 30% increase in audition applications for next year. Most auditions were conducted last week, with Performing Arts staff commenting positively on the strength of this year's applicants. All applicants will be notified of the results of their audition by the end of the term.

2008 HSC High Achievers

Every year Campbelltown City Council acknowledges the HSC high achievers of the area with a Civic Reception. Ten of our students were honoured this year and four were able to attend on the evening to receive their framed certificates from the Mayor, Russell Matheson and Regional Director, Tom Urry.



Sherri Saunders, Courtney Higgins, Kristopher Jackson, Tim Clark show off their high achiever certificates

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 recently spent three great days bonding together at camp. Here are some pictures of the group and their teachers on the morning they set off for camp.

Assembly of Excellence

This term's Assembly of Excellence acknowledged the achievements of students who excelled in second semester 2008. It was gratifying to see the large number of parents, carers, family and friends who came along to support the award winners. Congratulations to all our award winners! The evening has prompted a rush of certificates being handed in by students to Mr Carlyon in readiness for the next Assembly of Excellence in Term 3.

Federal Government Stimulus Package

CPAHS will benefit very shortly from the stimulus package through a significant maintenance upgrade. We anticipate that most of the work will occur in the HSIE block and will include new floor coverings and much needed painting. We are looking forward to a great improvement in this block in the not too distant future!

Commencement of Gymnasium

Work has now started on our new gymnasium with earthworks well underway. It is anticipated that the building will be ready for day one 2010. In the meantime the PD/H/PE faculty will be planning for the resourcing of the new strength and conditioning room that will be an integral part of the new gymnasium.

New Head Teachers Selected

Thank you to our parent representatives who recently participated in two merit selection panels to select our new HT's of Visual Arts and English. Both panels had a difficult task to select the best candidates from high quality fields. The names of the new HT's of Visual Arts and English will be announced in the next newsletter.

Robyn Pulbrook
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – S QUINCE

Teacher Professional Learning

One of the most significant ways we can support student learning is through "Teacher Professional Learning" (TPL). TPL is the learning that we, as teachers, are involved in to continually evaluate and enhance our teaching practice. At CPAHS we place a major emphasis on teacher learning for the improvement of student learning outcomes.

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This year we have already engaged in a range of activities, both at a whole school level and individually. Some of the topics we have covered include literacy, numeracy, the importance of positive relationships, maintaining wellbeing, using computer technology to engage and challenge students, using data to drive teaching and meeting the needs of students from Language Backgrounds other than English to name just a few.

The executive will also be attending an Executive Conference in Week 10 that will focus on how we can refine our focus on assessment and continue to improve the quality of feedback we provide to students. As with all our TPL, this will impact on the students we teach, now and in the future.

Collecting students

Just a reminder to all students who collect younger siblings from primary school in the afternoon that they are NOT to enter school premises of any primary school until the bell has rung at the end of the day. This is particularly important on days when students from our school finish early.

Ms Quince
Deputy Principal

HEAD TEACHER – TEACHING & LEARNING

Parent/Teacher Evening

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in the school hall next week, on Monday 30th March, from 4pm until 7pm. This is a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and discuss with them your child's progress at school. Strong partnerships between parents and teachers are an effective way of supporting student learning and monitoring student achievement. In addition, teachers are often able to provide strategies you may use to improve or enhance your child's learning at home.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity and come along to meet your child's teachers on Monday 30th March.

Would you please ensure that your child organises an interview time with each teacher that you wish to see. A copy of the booking sheet is attached to this newsletter. Please indicate on that sheet a period of time during which you would like your appointments to be made. Your child should then approach the nominated teachers, who will make an appointment for you within your selected time period where possible. Please note that appointments must be kept to five minutes only. Please also note that teachers will generally not be able to see you unless you have made an appointment. This will allow teachers to keep as close as possible to their booking schedule and ensure that the evening runs smoothly. We look forward to seeing you on Monday the 30th of March.

NAPLAN

In May 2009 the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all state and territory Education ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 12th May: - Language Conventions test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 13th May: - Reading test

Thursday 14th May: - Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, Chance and data; and Space)

Friday 15th May: - A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a particular day.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the test. To do so you must sign a parent/caregiver consent form. Copies of these forms are available from the school.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Mrs Donna Pooley
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

This week we have been auditioning our potential Performing Arts students for Year 7 in 2010 and I'm pleased to announce that not only has there been an increase in numbers on 2009, but there has been a general increase in the quality of the candidature in some areas. Overall, we are very pleased. Year 7 students are our future and it is refreshing and motivating to see and read about students with dreams and aspirations of being a career professional in the Arts. As I have said many times, we can give a student everything, except the drive. If you have the drive, then this is the place for you! Great staff, great resources and great opportunities.

We will be running some workshops in our feeder Primary Schools during the year to consolidate our Year 7 Circus ensemble 2010. This class is made up of students from our feeder schools in an effort to ensure that we have an equity of access for all students to our school. This works in conjunction with our Rolling Thunder Tour to Primary Schools in Education Week. We are very active in promoting our school and we are continually evaluating our contact with Primary Schools in order to get information to students to make the best considered decision. Students audition from forty eight different schools so we have to make critical decisions about where we focus our attentions. More needs to be done within the constraints of time and budget.

I have just spent five days in Orange High School presenting workshops for their HSC students and it is always interesting to go to a different environment and be a fly on the wall. It is a good way to learn to appreciate what you have at home and at work. I am privileged to work with talented and committed colleagues, with good students and with the level of support within the school. All schools are different and sometimes the curriculum, the timetable and budget keeper are not so understanding. It takes a long time to build a culture that everyone appreciates, and once established, it takes as much work to maintain and improve it. We have a good balance at CPAHS and I was happy to return home feeling supported and well connected. The students at Orange HS are no less talented, they simply operate under a different system. Sometimes we forget that our system is unique and not like all other high schools in the state.

We are also lucky that we have the opportunity to offer new and interesting subjects. With the creation of our new technology room, we are hoping to be able to introduce Video and Film and Entertainment Certificate into stage Five, or the junior years. Much depends on staffing and rooming but we will be looking to expand the access that all students have to our Faculty.

Thanks to Mr Johnstone for filling the role off Acting HT with aplomb. According to staff he was dressed in such a sartorial fashion that I will need to lift my game. We would also like to wish Darren and his family all the best for their OS trip to Europe for five weeks. He deserves a break as he is one of the hardest working staff members in the school. He will also visit Nordlingen, the hometown of Simone Schweda, who was our German exchange student in 2008.

Ken McBeath, HT PA

PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR 2009

TERM	WK	DAY	DATE	VENUE	EVENT
1.	10	Mon	30/3	CPAHS	Parent Teacher Night
	10	Tues	31/3	CPAHS	Yr 7 PA Parents night
2	3	Mon	11/5	CPAHS	7-11 Drama Night
	4	Tues	19/5	CPAHS	Vocal Evening
	5	All Week	25-29/5	Various	Rolling thunder
		Mon-Tues	25/26/5	CAPHS	Combined PS/CPAHS Concert
	6	Wed	3/6	CPAHS	Band Evening

VOLUNTEER TUTORING

South Western Sydney Institute, Macquarie Fields College

Are you interested in learning how to teach adults to read and write, or help your children with their homework? **A free 9 week course is starting on 29th April 2009 at Work Ventures, Macquarie Fields.**

Please contact **Debbie** on **9829 0235** for more information – Macquarie Fields TAFE

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The Entertainment Book which was bought by some people will be coming to an end soon. We will be selling the Books again and have just been informed that we can start taking pre orders now. If anyone is interested in purchasing a 2009/2010 book please let me know and I will start organising this. The Cost of the Macarthur Book is for \$55, Newcastle is \$60, Sydney and Sydney North is \$65.

No one has spoken to me about a subject they wish to hear at an information night, if you do have some ideas please let me know, why not come to the next meeting to discuss this! At the next meeting the new committee will start to organise the first information night.

Some of the ideas that were suggested are:-

- **Drug and Alcohol abuse**
- **Allergies, nutrition & behaviours. (How what we eat can change our behaviour)**

There are many subjects that can be discussed by **Traxside, Odyssey House and the Police**, these people are well versed in their field which would be of interest and benefit to you. If these subjects or any other subject are of interest to you please let me know and we will try to organise the subject requested.

Quotes for shade covers to go up over the seating areas within the playground have been obtained and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Some of the events that have been already organised are:-
- Bunnings BBQ's Sunday 14th June and Sunday 15th November

If anyone can help us on these days for 1hr or 2hrs or more please let us know. It would be very much appreciated!
- Shopping Tour will be booked for Sunday 1st

November 2009.

- **Still to organise** Bingo, Trivia Night and Market Day - to be discussed at the next meeting.

Our Next meeting is on Tuesday 24th March 2009 at 7pm meeting in the foyer.

We would love to see many parents attending. **The meeting is the AGM.** You don't have to stand for a position so don't let this stop you from coming to the meeting.

Any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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LEARNING SUPPORT MERIT PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to Ramish Amri in year 9 for receiving his award of a Dumaresq Street cinema pass. Ramish has received his award for improvement in maths and metalwork.

The CPAHS Learning Support Team recognises the importance of acknowledging all students achievements and rewarding them for their effort.

Students who have received LST merit awards are reminded that when they have three of these awards, bring them to the Learning Support Office and they will be awarded with a Dumaresq Street cinema pass.

A special thankyou to the Dumaresq Street Cinema for their generous support in donating the cinema passes for this program.

S Keogh

Learning Support Co-ordinator

CAREER NEWS

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 Senior Study.

Graphic/Interior Design

An excursion to CATC Design College in the Rocks will be held in August. Students spend part of the day involved in interactive activities which allows individuals to grasp what is actually involved in graphic and interior design. The only cost is transport to the city. Any student in Yr 11 or 12 who wish to register please see Ms Hughes.

RTO Career Expo

Early term 2 a number of Private colleges will be coming to school to speak to Yr 11 & 12 students in regard to numerous courses that these colleges offer. Keep posted to find out more details.

Macarthur Career Expo

The Expo this year will be held on Thursday 11th June. This is an excellent opportunity, with over 150 exhibits, including universities, TAFE, Employment & Apprenticeship groups and a multitude of other career exhibits. All Yr 10 and interested Yr 12 students will be able to attend. There will be no cost involved as School to Work funding will cover all costs.

Tax File Numbers

Students are able to apply for a Tax File Number through the Career Office. Birth Certificate details are required on the application before it can be processed. The applications are sent each Friday and Tax File numbers are posted to the student's home address.

A Hughes
Career Advisor

STATE ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Students write about their State Ensemble Auditions

Two students write about their experiences at the State Drama and Dance Auditions held earlier this term. In 2009 CPAHS has outdone previous records of the number of students accepted into these State level ensembles and Companies. Again, well done to all of the talented students who took part in the audition process.

Ms Leary
Performing Arts Faculty

STATE DRAMA ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

By Madeline Humphrys Year 7

From mid-February to the beginning of March auditions were held for students who wanted to try out for the State Drama Ensembles. There are 5 ensembles: Primary (Years 5 & 6), Year 7, Junior (8 & 9), Senior (10, 11 & 12) and Drama Company (10, 11 & 12). Students in this age range from all over NSW audition annually to try and gain a place. Fortunately, 4 students at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School were successful in their audition into these ensembles, me included.

The auditions were held at Lewisham Primary School - the home of the Arts Unit. As I had been accepted into the NSW Primary Drama Ensemble last year I received an automatic callback audition. For this reason I can not tell you much about the first audition but my fellow peer has told me it was very similar to the audition process for the callbacks which I am about to explain.

We began with a fun warm up. In two teams we had to create all the letters of the alphabet with our bodies. Then we got down to business. In groups of 4 we had to act out one person's day. Then every group had to perform their improvisation. Many of them were quite funny. After that we did an individual improvisation with the starting line "Can I help you?" After that was a final activity. We were given a selection of starting lines that could lead to so many different paths. It was interesting to see what other people came up with in such a short amount of time. I quite enjoyed the audition.

Roughly a week after the callback audition the results were in. I felt a little nervous, but mostly eager about finding out if I was in the ensemble. The results were posted on the Internet. I searched around for my name on the list of successfully auditioned students and there I was! I was so glad that I had made it in.

The other students who have successfully auditioned are:

Year 7 Drama Ensemble
Dempsey Bloom

Junior Drama Ensemble
Dylan Crismale

Senior Drama Ensemble
Kyle McLeavy

To conclude, I would like to congratulate all the students who gained a place in an ensemble. Also, big congratulations to the students who tried out but unfortunately did not make it in, for giving it their best shot and for many, making it as far as the callbacks! So keep practising and maybe next year you will be given the opportunity to represent Campbelltown Performing Arts High School in such a prestigious role.

STATE DANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

By Kyara Treuer Year 8



On Tuesday 17th February, I and several other CPAHS students auditioned for the NSW State Dance Company with other students from all over the state. This took place at the University of NSW Dance Studios in Kensington.

It was interesting to see what the other dancers were like. The warm ups were quite challenging especially because we had to know what we were doing right there and then. I and the three year seven students that auditioned with me were quite nervous as it was our first time at such a major audition. This was such a good experience for everyone.

I really enjoyed the contemporary piece we were taught for our audition. It was quite difficult and included a lot of rolling, jumping and turning.

There was a nervous wait until several of us were invited to the callbacks. The callbacks were held on the Friday afternoon and lasted for 4 and half hours. It was a tiring but rewarding experience especially when I received the exciting news that I had been offered a place in the State Intermediate Ensemble.