



CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of Caroline Chisholm College,

Had you visited the college last Friday you may have been surprised by the cast of extraordinary characters you would have seen wandering around the classrooms and corridors. We had Dorothy, The Tin Man, The Scarecrow and Lion. You might have seen Madeline, her classmates and Miss Clavel, along with various Harry Potters, five (yes five) Steve Irwins, a Beetlejuice and Edward Scissor Hands among hundreds and hundreds of others. Classes were being taught by the heroes and villains from Star Wars (our very polite librarian was a protocol droid called C-3PO! and her offsider: R2D2). Other students were taught their lessons by (almost) 101 Dalmatians and Cruella De Ville! There was even something strange in our neighbourhood: Ghostbusters from the TAS faculty.



You may wonder what lessons could possibly have been taught during our flamboyant Literature Dress Up Day. There may have been some maths, science and other subjects taught just like normal; however, the real lessons were far more profound. The day was FUN! I fear that sometimes the fun is squeezed out of children's lives by the challenges of navigating the modern world. Friendship pressures, social media vigilance, high expectations and just the hard work of growing up can combine to crowd out the opportunity to just play and be truly present and mindful in the moment. Last Friday, fun was official and judgement was suspended. I believe that was the second lesson from Friday. By putting ourselves 'out there' in crazy costumes we were all taking a risk - but it was safe because everyone wanted the best for everyone else and we celebrated the craziness of the dress-ups together. It was a reminder that we are valued, not because of how we look or what we have, but mostly for being ourselves. As Dr Seuss says "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You". The third lesson was about the simple joy of reading! We were reminded that reading, and literature of all types (yes, even film) provides a doorway to the magical and an insight into the rich experience of being human in another time and place. I hope that, as a result of Friday, students will put down their phone / iPad / computer and pick up a book and drift away on the language for a couple of hours. What a healthy and refreshing alternative! Thank you to Mrs Dudley and Mrs O'Keefe for their organisation of Book Week.



**Why fit in
when you
were born to
stand out?**

Dr. Seuss

Last Tuesday we blessed and commissioned our new College leaders at our Commissioning Mass. **Fr Chris** prayed for our new leaders and the whole community as we enter another year of learning and growth. We have adopted the theme: "Mercy is the foundation of justice" and we seek to teach the students and ourselves the vital importance of working for real justice. Each day we are reminded that so many in the world are crying out for justice: our aboriginal sisters and brothers, refugees, victims of family violence, even our environment. Over the next twelve months our college will re-commit itself to following in the footsteps of Caroline Chisholm as we answer Jesus' call to "Love One Another". In her speech, our new Captain **Hannah Azzopardi** challenged all the students to be the best they can be and to find ways of working for those in need and responding to the call to service.



She said: "This position allows great opportunity for our school community to be empowered and I therefore challenge each one of you. Unfortunately far too many of us take the extraordinary opportunity of going to a school, such as this, for granted. In a world where far too many women are denied an education, I challenge you to embrace everything that life throws at you, the positives and the negatives, the successes and the failures. God has given us today for a reason, to achieve something great and to never underestimate our strength and power when we simply put our mind to something. I challenge you to immerse yourself into the culture and life of the college. Get involved, help your sisters and be an instrument of God's love".

As we approach the final weeks for our Year 12s, please pray for them, that God will be with them during their preparations and study. Our Year 11s, too, are preparing for their Preliminary Examinations. Our teachers do a remarkable job keeping the girls moving towards their goals and ensuring they have what they need to succeed. Hannah is right. It is a privilege to learn here.

Prayer for Justice

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we come before you as many parts of a single body.
people drawn from every tribe,
every nation, every language;
some indigenous—peoples of the land;
some refugees, immigrants, pilgrims—people on the move;
some hosts, some guests,
all of us searching for an eternal place where we can belong.

Creator, forgive us.
The earth is yours and everything that is in it.
But we forget.
In our arrogance we think we own it.
In our greed we think we can steal it.
In our ignorance we worship it.
In our thoughtlessness we destroy it.
We forget that you created the earth to bring praise and joy to you.
That you gave it as a gift,
for us to steward,
for us to enjoy,
for us to see more clearly your beauty and your majesty.

Give us the strength to be your justice in the world.
Amen.

Mr Greg Elliott
Principal

SEMESTER 2 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The College Principal's Award is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment in all areas of their learning. It encourages all girls to strive for excellence in their work.

We congratulate the following recipients of the Principal's Awards for Semester 2 for Year 12.

Emily Alexander
Chantelle Al-Khoury
Sarina Attard
Elizabeth Bakous
Emily Baxter
Claudia Beghetto
Tara Bennett
Nicoletta Bellino
Isabella Bird
Jessica Bowe
Tori Campbell
Jemima Chaghouri
Jasmine Clarke
Briony Clay
Lauren Cottilli
Shania Coutinho
Ciara Cullen
Shaniah Ellul
Taemara Engel-Winsor
Julia Faccioli
Maddison Farrugia
Laura Feeney
Victoria Fenech

Emma Finlay
Madison Garde
Laura Gillis
Sarah Glynn
Shannon Grigg
Ashleigh Hermann
Racquel Holmes
Brittany Hutchinson
Faria Kazi
Brittany Kelaart
Isabella La Malfa
Abby Lee
Anita Lopez
Tanielle Luke
Jordyn Main
Samantha Mamo
Atheen Mapooth
Brianna McCarthy
Shawnea Micallef
Reena Mukherjee
Sian Muller
Gabriella Mulock
Aman Nagra

Jasmine Neal(Pathways)
Breanna Noble
Taylor Oberman
Caitlin O'Neill
Melanie Or
Elizabeth Paluzzano
Kirsten Pennings
Nicole Pinto
Mary Pulikkal
Charlotte Roth
Camellia Saab
Ainslee Saywell
Angela Sciacchitano
Shehzil Sharif
Monique Smith
Kathleen Sta Ana
Mireille Tamer
Caitlin Urweiss
Caitlyn Vernem
Brooke Vincent
Paige Ward

St Bernadette's, Castle Hill 60th Anniversary

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Nepean Centre
FAMILY FUN DAY
facebook.com/rdansw.nepean/events & Variety Night
1 pm to 9 pm
SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER
A day of family friendly fun and entertainment!

Exciting Riding & Horsemanship Demonstrations
Pony Rides & Outdoor Games & Activities for Kids
(Long pants & closed shoes essential)
Cowboy & Cowgirl Dress-up Prizes!
Live Music & Performers
Idlewild Hot Rod Showcase
Kick up your heels after dark
with Live Bands & Dancing

\$15 Single
\$45 Family
*2 adult & 2 children +
\$5 each additional child

RDAN(SW) Nepean Centre
Lot 18 Samuel Marsden Rd
Orchard Hills, 2747
Tel: 02 9623 4173
rdanepean@gmail.com

Tickets available 1 August
rda-nepean.eventbrite.com.au

Better get your boots on!

St. Bernadette's
60th
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us
22ND OCTOBER 2016

Novotel Sydney, Norwest
1 Columbia Court, Baukham Hills
6:30 – 11:30pm
*75 per person
Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: www.sbchpf.com
ENQUIRIES: sbchpf@gmail.com

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
1956-2016

Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SMS notifications of absence

Parents are reminded that they are sent SMS notifications if a student is not in homeroom. If you are not receiving these notices, please contact Student Services. Parents are also reminded that they can now send a message in reply to the text notification of the absence and it will count as a written explanation for the absence. This is a lot more convenient than sending letters which may get lost in transit or not handed it. Remember, that the SMS explanation of absence only works when replying to the SMS notification of a particular absence.

Uniforms – blazers and stockings

Just a reminder that it is compulsory for students to wear their blazer and stockings to and from school each day in Terms 2 and 3 or until otherwise advised. If the weather turns consistently warmer before the end of term, students will be notified that it will no longer be compulsory to wear the blazer to and from school.

Uniforms – skirt length

A few students who have had growth spurts really need to see about letting their skirts down or purchasing new skirts. All students whose skirts are not to the bottom of the knee need to do something about it over the holidays. As next term progresses, all students whose skirts are too short will get reminder notices with the expectation they do something about it immediately, whether it is getting a hem let down or purchasing a new skirt. As the same skirt is worn by all year groups, skirts can be purchased at any time during the year with the expectation that reasonable wear will be had from any purchase.

If a new skirt is needed, it makes sense to purchase it in Term 4 when there aren't quite so many demands on money as there are at the start of a year. Just make sure the new skirt has plenty of length to accommodate future growth. Given the time they spend in the skirts, the \$50 cost will be one of the more cost-efficient clothing purchases you make for your daughter.

Parents should also check that their daughters have college socks, as they can be worn again from the start of Term 4.

Doing the Right Thing

Congratulations to **Ammaleah Astruc** (7 Jackson), **Summer Northey** (7 Wright), **Phoebe Anderson** (11 Gilmore) and **Paris Garner** (11 Wright). They have been selected to receive a \$5 canteen voucher for college service.

Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal

DIARY DATES

Year 7 Items, Year 8 Items, Year 9 Items, Year 10 Items, Year 11 Items and Year 12 Items, Whole School Items

Wednesday 7 Sept	<p>Rotary Club West Wyalong Excursion</p> <p>Year 7 Science Incursion</p>	Monday 12 Sept	Preliminary Final Examinations
Thursday 8 Sept	<p>Music Practical Exam</p> <p>Preliminary Final Examinations</p>	Tuesday 13 Sept	Preliminary Final Examinations
Friday 9 Sept	<p>Rotary Club West Wyalong Excursion</p> <p>Preliminary Final Examinations</p> <p>Rotary Club West Wyalong Excursion</p> <p>Year 12 Chemistry Excursion to Australian Maritime Museum</p> <p>Year 11 Primary Industries Uni School Steer Closing ceremony</p>	<p>Wednesday 14 Sept</p> <p>Thursday 15 Sept</p> <p>Friday 16 Sept</p> <p>Monday 19 Sept</p> <p>Tuesday 20 Sept</p>	<p>Preliminary Final Examinations</p> <p>PDSSSC Dance Competition</p> <p>Preliminary Final Examinations</p> <p>Preliminary Final Examinations</p> <p>NSWCCC Athletics Carnival</p> <p>Year 12 Revision Program</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation Day Liturgy</p> <p>Year 12 Graduation Mass - 6.30 pm Padre Pio</p>



FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Way of Mercy

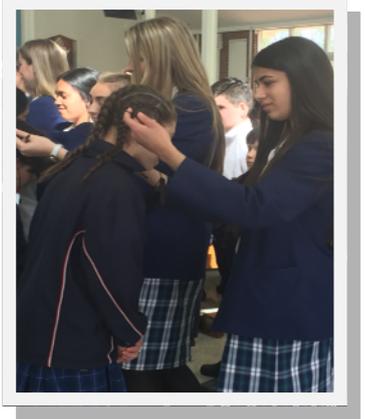
Pope Francis calls our church to celebrate God's mercy in a special way during this Jubilee year, mindful of the many areas of life where people hunger to experience God's grace. He says:

"Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should involve the tenderness she makes present to believers: nothing in the preaching and the actions of the church can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love."

At the recent Leaders Mass crosses were blessed by Fr Chris to be presented to all students at Caroline Chisholm College to remind them that in this Year of Mercy we are called to be the "Face Of Mercy".

The crosses that were blessed were distributed by the Caroline Chisholm student leaders to the Year 6 student leaders from Bethany Primary School as part of our celebration of the Way of Mercy signifying that they too are called to be the face of Mercy in the world and to lead this in their own school community.

Students at Caroline Chisholm College each received one of the wooden crosses during a prayer service conducted in their Religious Education Class. They were reminded that as we are all called to be people of faith in the world today. We are called to be people of Mercy ... to forgive others when they hurt us and cause us to feel upset or angry or hurt.



We are called to be the face of mercy to our family: to appreciate our parents and the great love they have for us. To love our siblings and extended family members ... the people who know us best and accept us for all our faults and failures. We are called to be the voice of mercy in what we say and do ... in how we speak about people and how we speak to people. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world today extending mercy to the thirsty, the hungry, the homeless, the sad and the lonely, to the sick, to the dying, to those who have died and the ones they have left behind that need our comfort and support. We are asked to visit the imprisoned. None of these things are easy.

No one said being a Christian was easy. We are called by God to be people of action ... "to love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our mind and all our strength" AND to "love our neighbour as yourself".

Cross of Mercy Prayer

All Loving God of Mercy

Leader: As your voice

All: Let us speak of love and acceptance of all people

Leader: As your feet

All: May we walk alongside those who need our help

Leader: As your hands

All: May we be model our actions on your loving Son, Jesus

Leader: As your body

All: May we live out the actions of Jesus.

Justice

Justice is one of the core Christian values articulated in our College charism. Justice is the act of treating all people with respect and dignity, to identify with those who are oppressed, and relieve their burdens by offering preferential love.

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself". (Mark 12:31). It is here that Jesus teaches the importance of loving and looking after every person. He reminds us of the need to treat every person with respect and to always see the good in others even in difficult times. This calls us to constantly long for God's love, and, through that, offer love to others.

Congratulations to **Macarthur House** led by **Shaniah Ellul, Mr Martin Edwards** and **Mr Greg Elliott** for the work they have done over the last few weeks in raising our awareness of the plight of refugees. The advocacy work they carried out through homeroom each day in debunking myths associated with refugees and asylum seekers is true evidence of justice in action.

Thankyou also to the **Social Justice Committee** for all their hard work throughout the year working to raise awareness of issues that deal with the marginalised and oppressed in our society today. Thanks to **Mireille Tamer, Mary Pulikkal, Madeline Haydon, Leslie Buadromo, Keisha Chilmoid** and **Jessica Williams** for all their hard work. This term they have organised staff and students to bring in food items to support the work of the Penrith Food Kitchen. This organisation has been operating for 19 years in the Penrith. Staffed by volunteers it provides a meal without cost to those in need. On behalf of the committee I would like to thanks all those who have contributed so generously to our appeal.

Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week and National Numeracy and Literacy Week are over for another year, but they provided a fun few weeks of opportunities to celebrate literature and reading. **Literature Dress Up Day** provided lots of laughs as students (and staff) donned character outfits, which sparked much talk about literature. A few students took up the opportunity to be involved in our **Stories of Western Sydney** initiative and this will continue into next term. I hope more students will share their family stories with our community.



Over 40 Year 11 students went over to Bethany Primary School on 30th August to be involved in **Read For Australia**. They got to share the book *My Two Blankets* with classes of primary students K-6, and complete a literacy activity with the children. The girls were well prepared and enthusiastic and spoke of their enjoyment of the experience. Bethany staff spoke highly of our girls and the children loved working with them. Activities like this foster strong bonds between the two schools, which benefits all students and adults involved.



Congratulations to the 39 students who completed the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** and 19 seniors who completed the **CCC Senior Reading Challenge**, with the \$50 Dymocks book vouchers going to **Isabella Fava** (Year 7), **Bonnie Steel** (Year 8), **Rebecca Borg** (Year 9), **Nadera Slaibi** (Year 10), **Yar Dhieu** (Year 11) and **Bridget Turner** (Year 12). Well done to the final group of students to complete the challenges: **Elise Flynn, Taranpreet Kaur, Bonnie Steel, Danielle MacKay, Courtney Brettle, Madelyn Kroon** and **Bridget Turner**.

Year 12 2017 text book lists have been sent home in printed form, via student school emails and details are on the school website and the Skoolbag app. To receive text books ready to start Term 4, orders need to be submitted online with Campion by 19th September. (www.campion.com.au access code W4UX). If you are sourcing them elsewhere such as book shops or second hand, please make sure you have them by the end of the holidays.

Happy reading!

Mrs Teresa O'Keefe - Teacher / Librarian

LANGUAGE PERFECT NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Language students at Caroline Chisholm College participated in the Language Perfect NSW Championships from 29 August to 5 September 2016.

Year 7, particularly, were enthusiastically involved and enabled our College to achieve 2nd in Japanese in NSW! Many students achieved awards for their achievements and special mention is to be made of **Taylor Cunningham-Domingues**, **Ella Desmond** and **Kaleesha Short** who achieved Gold Certificates for earning more than 3000 points.

Congratulations to all students who contributed to our combined achievement.

Mrs Wendy Merriman - Leader of Learning LOTE

Results are final!

Viewing: School Stats Average All Countries All Student Categories Japanese Refresh

Rank	Country	School (50 out of 232 Schools!)	Students	Score
1	AUS	Catherine McAuley, Westmead	945	124,588
2	AUS	Caroline Chisholm College	847	64,143
3	AUS	Mount St Benedict College	912	31,434
4	AUS	Pymble Ladies' College	1,127	23,946
5	AUS	Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta	659	21,239
6	AUS	Asquith Girls' High School	240	15,812
7	AUS	Carinbah High School	500	15,693

CAROLINE CHISHOLM UMPIRES AT THE ST NICHOLAS NETBALL GALA DAY

On Tuesday 23rd August, many of our students assisted at the St Nicholas Netball gala day in Penrith. The day was organized to provide competition for our local primary schools in the area. It was held at Jamison Park, Penrith. Our college netball players / umpires did not hesitate to offer their services to help out on the day. Without their assistance the day would not be possible. I would like to share an email I received from a teacher from a local primary school that some of girls helped umpire on the day.

“Many thanks for your part in arranging for the OLOW ex-students to umpire for us today.

The six ex-students from Our Lady of the Way were wonderful ambassadors for Caroline Chisholm College and were a credit to their families. They were outstanding in their roles as umpires. They also proved themselves to be caring and supportive towards the students from OLOW. Many parents from OLOW commented on their maturity and willingness to assist when necessary.”

Thank you to the following students who assisted on the day.

Lila Anderton	Tayla Gallen	Jessica Murray	Holly Smith
Sarah Blaikie	Mia Gleeson	Hannah Parsons	Kailah Stapleton
Adelle Brett	Chloe Godwin	Laura Patterson	Molly Summerhayes
Emma Cutts	Mia Hosking	Kirstie Penton	Sarah Webb
Rebecca Dunn	Nevine Idris	Emily Radisavljevic	Madison Whiteley
Alanah Eisenhuth	Tara Langford	Jasmine Ridding	Bridie Witjes
Emily Fagan	Ruby Lowe	Savannah Roberts	
Alison Gallen	Emily McMillan	Jessica Rowe	

Mr Stephen McIlveen - Sports Coordinator

PDSSSC ATHLETICS

The annual PDSSSC Zone Athletics Carnival was held at Blacktown Olympic Park on Wednesday 17th August 2016. With track events commencing at 8am and the rounds for the field events at 8:30am, it was always going to be a busy day. A fantastic effort by all students and there were many excellent results achieved including;

- 1st place **Georgia Dengate** 16yrs Discus
- 1st place **Monique Quirk** 15 yrs 100m, 200m and 400m
- 1st place 4 x 100m Intermediate Relay: **Monique Quirk, Sarah Blaikie, Zoe Walther and Tahlia Faint**
- 2nd place **Mia Gleeson** 13 yrs High Jump, Discus and Javelin
- Equal 2nd place **Abbey Tricot** 16yrs High Jump
- 2nd place **Tayla Gallen** 13 yrs 1500m
- 3rd place **Sarah Blaikie** 14yrs Long Jump
- 3rd place **Summer Northey** 12 yrs 400m
- 3rd place **Tayla Gallen** 13 yrs 800m
- 3rd place **Tatyana Elisara** 16 yrs Shot Put
- 3rd place **Kate Wakeling** 16 yrs 1500m
- 3rd place 4 x 100m Junior Relay: **Kailah Stapleton, Mia Gleeson, Bridie Witjes and Adelle Brett**

Big congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships at Homebush; **Monique Quirk, Zoe Walther, Tahlia Faint, Sarah Blaikie, Mia Gleeson** and **Georgia Dengate**. Your ability and sportsmanship will do the college proud.

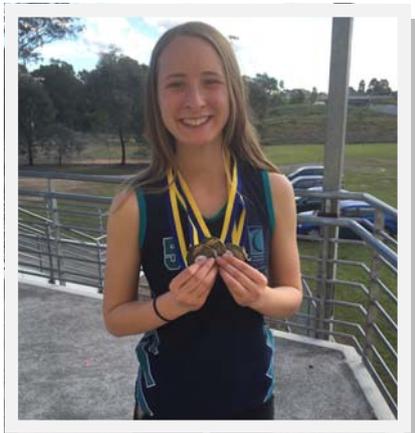
A big thank you goes out to all the people who made this day possible especially **Mrs McElroy, Mr McIlveen, Mrs Hodges** and **Miss Cassells**. Thank you also to all the parents who came to support us on the day.

PDSSSC Athletics Team 2016

Taylah Cunningham
Niamh Farrell
Paige Lownds
Summer Northey
Vivien Toth
Kailah Stapleton
Brielle Danes
Mia Gleeson
Bridie Witjes
Tayla Gallen
Sarah Blaikie

Zoe Walther
Alison Gallen
Rebecca Dunn
Ruby Lowe
Keisha Chilmaid
Adelle Brett
Monique Quirk
Ashleigh Macerola
Alisha Ford
Emma Ward
Tahlia Faint

Abbey Tricot
Elizabeth Wakeling
Kate Wakeling
Georgia Dengate
Tatyana Elisara
Tanya Borazio
Emily Perring
Emma Finlay
Kayla Zakrajek
Madelyn Haydon
Paige Ward.

Miss Alara Cassells-Foward

THE HILLS DANCE SPECTACULAR AND PDSSSC DANCE COMPETITION

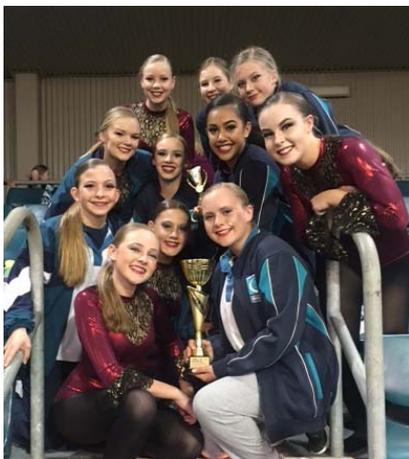
On Sunday 28th August, The Caroline Chisholm Dance Company competed in The Hills Dance Spectacular in Dural. Both the Jazz and Contemporary troupes performed well and represented the College with pride.

We are happy to announce that the Jazz troupe placed second and received Most Entertaining Senior Secondary School.

This follows our success at the PDSSSC Dance Competition on Friday 12th August where Jazz placed first and our Irish troupe placed 2nd in the Cultural section.

These eisteddfods actually complete our competition season. All representative dances will perform at the annual Dance Showcase held on Friday 28th October 2016 at St Dominic's. Please come along to watch.

Mrs Brooke Hughes - Creative Arts Dance



ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,

Case Study 44.

This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 12 September 2016.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444.

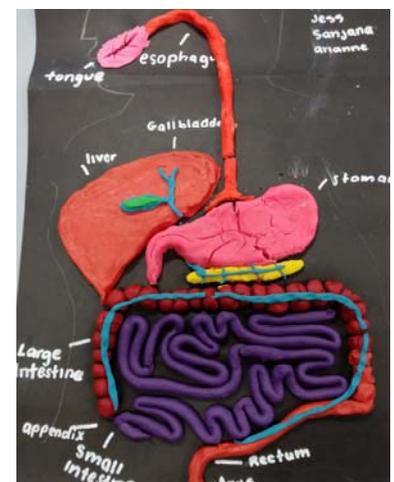
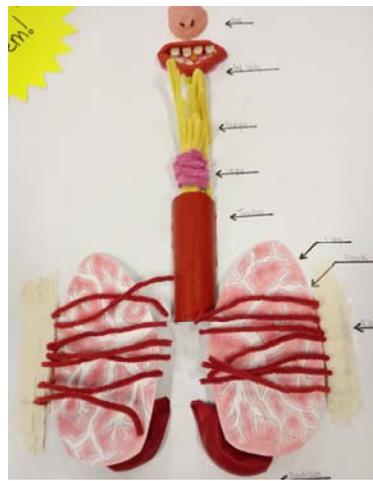
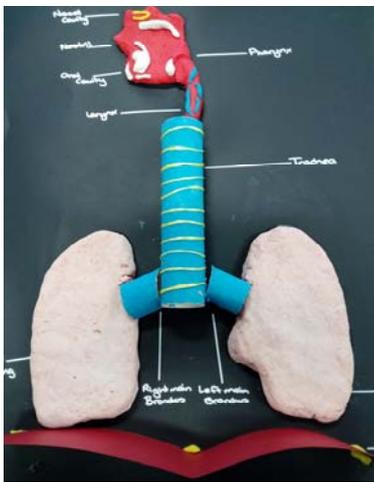
The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

SCIENCE NEWS**The Scientific World of Gaming**

Mr Waldon showcased the video game "No Man's Sky" in the Science rooms at lunch for science week. No Man's Sky is a space exploration game with a strong focus on the science of planets and their environments. Within the game the player has the chance to roam different planets and harvest resources for their survival. The girls at Caroline Chisholm were able to travel between planets and move around the worlds they landed on to discover and learn about new animals, planets and ecosystems. Mr Waldon provided commentary about the development of the game and the science behind the worlds with a healthy hint of nerdy love for gaming."

Year 8 PBL

Year 8 has been working this term on a PBL on body systems. Students have been designing models on body systems using everyday materials and their imaginations. Their models have been designed in groups promoting teamwork and collaboration. Year 8 has been very enthusiastic in embracing model design. We are looking forward to their presentations next week when they will use their models to teach their peers about human body systems.

**Year 7 Wildlife spotters**

To celebrate science week Year 7 have been involved in a citizen science project called Wildlife Spotters. Citizen science is when members of the public collect and analyse data which can then be used by professional scientists. Year 7 students have been viewing images of Tasmanian nature reserves, far North Queensland, South-Central Victoria, Northern Territory arid zone, NSW coastal forests, and Central mallee lands of NSW. Automatic cameras have been set up in these areas to capture images of the wildlife during the day and night. The data provided by our Year 7 students to scientists will help research that aims to preserve Australia's iconic wildlife and support threatened species.



EDUCATION PERFECT WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Students at Caroline Chisholm have been competing in the Education Perfect Science World Series. The competition involves students answering as many science questions as they can to gain points. This competition allows students to compete with school students across Australia and New Zealand but also has a hidden advantage as students are revising science whilst competing. We have had 450 students take part in this world series event.

The following awards were achieved

Gold

Taylor Cunningham-Domingues
Georgiannie Maron
Tiarna Parkinson

Silver

Olivia Camilleri

Bronze

Sukhamrit Sandhu
Simone Spisiak
Layla Hawli
Tara Langford

Ms Liesel Simpson - Leader of Learning Science

GRADUATE NEWS

Former student, **Jessica Tso**, recently contacted the College to share her story since graduation and express her thanks to her former teachers. Jessica was a dedicated student of Japanese and her hard work and perseverance has paid off for her. As she writes ...

I am a proud CCC graduate, from the class of 2008.

I recently stumbled on the article published by 'Western Weekender' about the visit of 16 Japanese exchange students to CCC. I am so proud and happy to hear the school is still hosting Japanese students for short term visits to Australia.

Sports, math and science subjects were not my not best subjects during high school, but my favourite was definitely Japanese. Going to Japanese classes each week was a nice reprieve away from my other subjects.

I began to study Japanese in Year 8 and continued through to my HSC year. I was also a member of CCC's inaugural trip to Japan in 2006, where we visited our [then] sister school in Aomori, located in the northern part of Japan. I still keep in regular contact with my host family - it is a wonderful connection to have.

Like many new high school graduates, I had trouble deciding on which university degree I wanted to study, or even my future career path! So, I decided to continue my Japanese Studies at UNSW and, later, I completed a Master's degree in Interpreting and Translation (Japanese to English) at the same institution. Currently, I work at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.

Learning a foreign language does require time, dedication and motivation. But if you continue to persevere, the results will begin to show gradually. I know this sounds hard, but it is possible! I cannot stress how important and wonderful it is to be bilingual, or even trilingual.

Without the school's ongoing support of 'Faith, Courage and Tolerance' in my junior years, I probably wouldn't be where I am today. I have many nostalgic memories of CCC, and I hope you will also create some fond memories during your time at the school.

Best wishes,

Jessica Tso (Class of 2008)



Leaders' Commissioning Mass



Literature Dress Up Day



Medieval Day



PENRITH SHOW WINNERS 2016

Our exhibitors achieved great success as shown here:

Agriculture

Our heifer Hershey donated by the Emu Plains Corrective Services was awarded fourth place
The ewe spring earned Second place.
First place for our ram
The drake and duck earned red ribbons (Second)
The Sussex hen placed First
Jade Ellison placed reserve champion in sheep judging

Thank you to Emu Plains Corrective Services calf - Castle-reagh Feed for providing 240 kgs of calf pellets and the Penrith A.H & I for the ribbons and prize money

Best in Show

Year 8: Saffron Snowball (Ceramics)

First Places in School Section

Year 8: Saffron Snowball (Ceramics)
Year 10: Lillian Neal (Ceramics)
Year 10: Mercedes Heiler (Woodwork)
Year 11: Tia Madden (Drawing)

Second Places in School Section

Year 7: Sophie Beedham (Drawing)
Year 8: Erin Dargan (Technology - Boxes)
Year 9: Alexia Nicholopoulos (Drawing)

Year 9: Chloe Cunningham (Japanese Scrapbook)
Year 9: Tegan Tripodi (Woodwork)
Year 10: Riley Hayward (Textiles - Costume)
Year 12: Taylor Oberman (Printmaking)

Third Places in School Section

Year 7: Chloe Brame (Drawing)
Year 8: Rebecca Hocking (Ceramics)
Year 8: Claudia Fava (Technology - Boxes)
Year 9: Rebecca Borg (Woodwork)
Year 10: Elizabeth Wakeling (Painting)
Year 10: Hannah McCrorie (Woodwork)
Year 10: Elizabeth Wakeling (Textiles & Design)

Highly Commended

Year 7: Emily Borg (Drawing)
Year 7: Emalee Clague (Drawing)
Year 7: Amber Dempsey (Drawing)
Year 7: Nourien Tanaz (Drawing)
Year 8: Monique Rice (Technology - Cushions)
Year 9: Samantha Morrison (Drawing)
Year 10: Isabella Knowles (Painting)
Year 10: Angelique McErlain (Painting)
Year 10: Rebecca Borg (Woodwork)
Year 10: Angela Hocking (Textiles & Design)
Year 11: Lillian Neal (Drawing)
Year 11: Nadyne Kemister (Drawing)

LANGUAGE PRIZE IN THE PENRITH SHOW

While we all know that Caroline Chisholm College regularly wins prizes in Agriculture and Art at the Penrith Show, did you know we also achieve prizes in Japanese?

Each year, our Year 9 Japanese elective students create beautiful scrapbooks, in which they write in Japanese about themselves, their friends and family, their school life and recount their excursion to the Tanken Centre (see previous newsletter).

We enter their work into the Penrith Show in the category of "Project in Book Form - LOTE". We regularly win ribbons and this year, **Chloe Cunningham**, has been awarded Second Prize.

Congratulations Chloe!

Mrs Wendy Merriman - Leader of Learning LOTE



YEAR 10 PDHPE EXCURSION

On the 18th August, Year 10 students went to the Bstreetsmart event which was held at Sydney Olympic Park. The entire day was focused on learning about the impact of dangerous driving for those who are both directly and indirectly involved in a crash, and aimed to influence teenagers into thinking about their actions when driving on the road. The day began with a Crash Scene Recreation, where we saw a live role play of a situation where two vehicles crashed because of someone's wrong decisions while driving (looking at a picture on a phone). This taught us to not only consider the physical consequences of a crash but also what can happen to passengers, other vehicles involved, family, bystanders and the restrictions which may be implemented on your future. After this recreation, two brain injury victims spoke to us about how they ended up in their situation, the recovery process they were required to go through and what it is like living with their injury in their life today.



The students were given the opportunity to take part in a circuit of a wide variety of interactive displays that circled the event. Some exhibits allowed us to test our knowledge of significant organs in the body and how they can be harmed by dangerous driving methods. Others were very positive and encouraged students to become involved and participate in circuits with students from other schools. There were engaging activities that required students to experience what it is like being affected by alcohol, through a pair of distorted goggles, and how this impacts coordination on the road. A popular station involved sitting in a wheelchair and attempting to use only arm muscles to manoeuvre a wheelchair. Many students were intrigued by the role that fire engines and ambulances played in an emergency situation, and we were able to look inside at all of the elements of these rescue vehicles. There were many other opportunities for students to



enhance their perception of road safety, through fun and engaging activities. Some displays relating to youth trauma and safety at the event were Westmead Hospital's Emergency Department, Brain Injury Association, Donateliflife NSW, Drink Drive Prevention Team, Red Cross and Wheelchair Sports NSW.

Before the end of the day, a motivational speaker, Heidi Haydon, encapsulated the audience with her inspirational story. Heidi is a motorbike crash survivor and bstreetsmart speaker. She is now a paraplegic and is in a wheelchair as a result of a motorbike accident. Heidi made the audience of students laugh, feel sorrow and have a deep concern and awareness for the responsibility that drivers have on the road. She explained how her life was changed because someone else took away her abilities to walk or sit up straight, because they had crashed into her while distracted by a mobile phone. It was a very emotional experience for the students of Caroline Chisholm College, who returned to school with a deep awareness and understanding of the need for safe driving.

A sincere thanks to all the teachers and PDHPE staff from the college who attended this excursion, because of the constant support they provided the students with on the day. It was a deeply motivating experience that we're sure will remain in our minds and influence our future decisions to act consciously when controlling a vehicle.

Written by Shaylan Whatman and Elizabeth Wakeling

Leaving Caroline Chisholm College in 2017?

This is a reminder that families must inform us, in writing, by Friday, 23rd September, if they intend to discontinue the enrolment of their daughter at Caroline Chisholm College in 2017. If this written notice is not received by 23rd September and your daughter does not continue her education here in 2017 then you will be liable for the payment of fees for Term 1, 2017 as detailed in the agreement signed on enrolment at the College. Please note if you are discontinuing the enrolment of your daughter at Caroline Chisholm College you must also provide written evidence of the enrolment of your daughter in another school.

Your appropriate response is requested so that we can offer places, in a timely manner, to new families seeking enrolment.