



Christchurch Girls' High School

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Click the picture above to see Christchurch Girls' High School Orchestra performing at the Gala Concert recently. They played the first movement of the Bruch Violin Concerto with Diane Huh playing the solo.

Coming Events.....

Term 3 ends Friday 26 September 2014
Term 4 begins Monday 13 October 2014

Student News & Activities

SHE COMMITTEE

The Student Health Education Committee sold daffodils on 29 August for a donation in support of the Canterbury Cancer Society.

Congratulations to our students and staff who through their generosity enabled the committee to pass \$282.00 onto the Cancer Society for research.

CANTAMATH COMPETITION

On Wednesday 20 August, three teams: two Year 9 and one Year 10 competed in the 2014 Cantamath competition. The evening was memorable as the Horncastle Arena was filled with hundreds of excited and very noisy Year 7 to 10 students who were competing in the team competition for the prize of being the best mathematicians in Canterbury.

As well as the competitors there were displayed row upon row of Cantamath projects. Christchurch Girls' High entered projects in a number of categories. 23 CGHS girls received awards for their work. Of note were **Sarah Croft**, **Livvi Harris**, **Emma Glover** and **Stephanie Lester** who gained Excellence awards for their publicity motif, mathematical photography, posters and wearable art projects. 10FDE also received a Highly Commended in both the class project and theme categories for their project on Eudoxus and Archimedes.

In the team competition both our Year 9 and year 10 teams worked hard and finished their rounds placing in the top thirty. This was a great effort as competition was fierce.

Well done Christchurch Girls' High School.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

In 2014 we entered the University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition and the Australian Mathematics Competition.

In the University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition the following students performed commendably:

In Year 9 **Jessica Aitken** was in the top 100 students in NZ and **Sarah Bealing** was in the top 200 students in NZ. **Amelia Persson**, **Akeira Worthington** and **Julia Welsh** gained Merit certificates.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition the following students are to be commended:

Year 9 Distinction awards went to **Julia Welsh**, **Amelia Persson** and **Jessica Aitken**.

In Year 10 Distinction awards went to **Arlia Schurr** and **Lara Cunningham**.

In Year 11 Distinction awards went to **Claudia Prescott** and **Rebecca Welsh**.

In Year 12 special mention needs to go to **Sienna Macarthur-Beadle** who not only gained a Distinction award but also the Prudence Award for being in the top three students in Year 12 in Australasia. Also in Year 12 Distinction Awards went to **Jordan Whitteker-Love** and **Seoyun Song**.

In Year 13 a Distinction Award was gained by **Jingxuan Sun**.

Congratulations to all these students and to all the students who entered these competitions.

YEAR 11 CASIO CALCULATOR COMPETITION

On Wednesday 3 September **Rutvi Soni**, **Marian Maranan**, **Rebecca Welsh** and **Julia Gunn** competed in the annual Year 11 Casio Calculator Competition. Teams completed in four rounds of calculator problems. In round 1 the Christchurch Girls' High team was the only team to have a perfect round. For the rest of the competition it was a fiercely fought battle between Burnside and our team, with only two points in it by the final round. CGHS was placed second.

Marian Maranan represented CGHS in the individual competition and after another nail biting finish also finished second behind St Andrews. This was an extremely impressive performance by all four competitors.



L-R: **Rebecca Welsh**, **Rutvi Soni**, **Marian Maranan**, **Julia Gunn**

POPS CHOIR FESTIVAL

On September 4th a very excited and supportive audience filled the 'Big Room' at Boys' High for the combined Girls'/Boys' High Singers Night. Encouraged by fabulous sound and lighting set up by the boys, and thorough preparation, the girls stepped up to the plate and delivered one memorable song after another. The two hour programme included choirs and soloists from both schools. It was a fabulous evening and our girls did us proud.



CANTERBURY MODEL EUROPEAN UNION

On 4-5 September, 5 students from CGHS participated in Canterbury Model European Union, an event run by United Nations Youth. **Lucy Woods, Leah Tuckerman, Julia Gunn, Rutvi Soni** and **Georgina Sapsford** all posed as members from various different parties that make up the EU and debated the issue of Ukraine and Russia.



Approximately 150 students came from all over the South Island for this event and the girls learnt a great deal about international

L-R: Georgina Sapsford, Lucy Woods, Rutvi Soni, Julia Gunn

politics and about how the EU functions. United Nations Youth events are fantastic for students interested in developing public speaking skills and gaining knowledge about current affairs and international relations.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce that **Lose Moala** will be the Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees for 2014-2015.

Best wishes for this important position Lose.



JUNIOR SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Tiger-Lily Perry** who won the finals of the junior speech competition. An excellent effort was given by all the participants. The speeches were very entertaining and were well received by the audience. Second place went to **Nina Sales** and **Mackenzie Hollow** and third place was **Sophie Marris**.

Well done girls.



ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

This annual event was held on Monday and Tuesday 15-16 September at the Aurora Centre. Groups performed in the either afternoon and then had a workshop with a guest conductor. All groups then played in the Gala Concert on Tuesday night.

Girls' High performed to an extremely high standard and the girls are to be congratulated for the effort and the commitment they showed in making the performances so successful.

In the afternoon we performed three pieces:

Warrior Legacy – Soon Hee Newbold

First movement of the Bruch Violin Concerto in G minor arranged by Mr Langdon with soloist Diane Huh

Pops Medley – Series of Pop songs arranged by Mr Langdon

In the evening performance, we could only play one piece and so performed the ***Bruch Violin Concerto***.

Thank you to everyone involved and the hours of effort put in to producing such successful and musical performances.



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VIETNAM TRIP 2014

Over the July school holidays 30 girls and 4 staff travelled to Vietnam and experienced the history and heat of that amazing country. We arrived into Hanoi and met our local guides, Mai and Luc. After a brief stay in Hanoi's Old Quarter, we were whisked off to Ha Long Bay where we had luckily been upgraded to a massive five-star junk. Two nights in Ha Long Bay meant plenty of time for taking in the incredible geography of the submerged karst landscape, with swimming, exploring caves and a bit of kayaking too. On return to Hanoi, there was shopping in the night markets, visiting the museums and galleries and a silent, solemn walk through Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum. On leaving Hanoi we travelled overnight on the (much-anticipated) night train. The most common remark being "You made it sound so much worse!".

In Central Vietnam we visited battlefields, monuments, and sites of remembrance. Most notable was a day-long visit to My Lai, site of a massacre in May 1968 where our girls were extremely subdued as they walked around the preserved remains of the village. Another sobering experience was a visit to an orphanage just outside of Hue. More than a few tears were shed as our girls got back on the bus after playing with and holding some of the very young children in that orphanage.

Central Vietnam was followed by a flight south, and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Here the girls experienced a much more westernized city (noticeable even since our visit in 2012). There was of course more shopping in the markets and more museums, but the highlight here was the visit out in to the Mekong Delta and an overnight stay in a



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homestay (no air-conditioning!).

The trip left each of us with a further understanding of Vietnamese culture and the depressing yet impressive Vietnamese history! An experience of a lifetime was had by all and we all came back to Christchurch very tired but very happy with the experience under our belt and ultimately understanding that Vietnam is a country not just a war.

Big thanks to all 30 girls who made this a trip to remember and also to our amazing guides - especially Mai who treated us so well!



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YEAR 13 TOURISM TRIP TO KAIKOURA AND HANMER

From August 25-27 the Year 13 Tourism students hit the road to learn more about the tourist destination known as “The Alpine-Pacific Triangle” which is the area connected by Waipara, Kaikoura and Hanmer. Students got to experience three different types of accommodation; Dusky Lodge-backpackers, Hapuku Lodge-Luxury Lodge and a Motor Camp-top 10 Hanmer. The operators of Kaikoura Whalewatch, Hanmer Thermal Pools and the managers of Hapuku Lodge spoke to us about their operations, careers in tourism and gave us a behind the scenes look into their businesses. Along the way students had the task of designing an itinerary for a British family of five that covered transport, accommodation, meals, attractions, activities and events. The highlights were the masterchef cook off in Kaikoura and Quadbiking in Hanmer. Thanks to everyone for making this such a great trip.



Sports News

2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Charlotte Sullivan Year 11 performed very well at the Commonwealth Games in the NZ Artistic Gymnastic team. She was very fortunate to compete in the All Around as three of her team mates were injured. Charlotte qualified for the All Around Final and finished with a placing of 16th. Her biggest success was qualifying for the Floor finals and finishing 7th amongst Olympians and World Champions. Charlotte had an incredible time at the opening ceremony, competing and village life.

Last weekend Charlotte competed at the South Island Competition in Timaru and won first All Around. She is training hard for the World Championships in Nanning, China in only 2½ weeks! After the World Championships Charlotte flies straight to Auckland for the National Gymnastic Championships which are held in the school holidays.

Mackenzie Slee Year 11 was also part of the NZ team who went to the Commonwealth Games but unfortunately Mackenzie suffered an injury during competition and this restricted her ability to perform to her potential. At present Mackenzie is training hard for the World Championships in Nanning, China and then heading to Auckland for the National Gymnastic Championships .

The future looks bright for both gymnasts and I am sure their sights will be set on future competitions.



Charlotte Sullivan

SKIING SUCCESS

Georgia Bushell Year 10 is competing in the under 16 age group for Alpine Ski Racing. The racers compete for a series title held over four weekends as well as the National titles held on specific weekends and disciplines in the New Zealand Youth Series (NYS) ages up to U18.

Results:

In July Georgia was selected for a NZ Youth Development team which held two training camps at Coronet peak.

Ohau Ski Field NYS races – August:

1st place Giant Slalom and a 2nd place in the Slalom.

Coronet Peak Late August National title races:

Georgia won the NZ U16 Giant Slalom title and placed 2nd in the National Slalom.

Mt Hutt September the National Super G race (speed) and 3 NYS SG races and 1 NYS Slalom:

Georgia won the National Super G title and was the fastest competitor on the hill including the boys – over 80 competitors some from overseas.

She then won the following 3 Super G races over the next two days and placed 2nd in the slalom race held on Sunday.

The season is drawing to an end with the secondary races in Cardrona and South Island Champs at Mt Hutt then back to Cardrona for the NYS finals on the last week of term.



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SKI & SNOWBOARD NEWS

The last few weeks has been all go for the CGHS ski & snowboard team who went to two competitions in the past month. Firstly we went to Canterbury at Mt Hutt for a giant slalom race. We achieved well here taking out 3 placings; 1st to **Fiona Brunton** in the snowboarders and 3rd to **Freya Dixon** and 2nd to **Georgia Bushell** in the skiing. This was a great result considering bad weather postponed the race and cut it short, and then it kept us stuck up the mountain until 7:30pm.

Our next event was the most important, South Islands at Cardrona. Our ski and snowboard team of 7 (**Georgia Bushell, Sara Buerki, Millie Stead, Lucy Brook, Rebecca Baddeley**) made up the ski team, and **Fiona Brunton** and **Freya Dixon** the snowboarders) travelled down on Friday night after the Year 12 Biology exam. We arrived at our luxurious accommodation, Oakridge, in Wanaka at 11pm, ready to wake up at 6:30am for a big day competing the next day. We were again unlucky with the weather on Saturday with heavy, wet fog lingering almost all day. However despite this we still managed to achieve some great results. **Sara Buerki** came 3rd in slopestyle, while **Millie Stead** took out the win and **Fiona Brunton** took home 2 golds, 1 for slopestyle and one for GS.

Sunday brought better weather and the event was gravity cross where we took home another two medals, a gold to Georgia Bushell and a bronze to Fiona Brunton. After all our hard earned success we travelled back to Christchurch arriving at 11:30pm. All in all it was a long weekend and a huge thanks must be given to Mrs Passchier, the only teacher to come along and who put up with our late night antics and cooked us dinner, and to Dave Dixon who did all of the driving and supplied some great snaps. It's thanks to them that we managed to get down to Cardrona and compete and we're all very grateful for the opportunity. Until next season!



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NZSS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three of our promising junior swimmers – **Amelia Davies, Hannah Bates and Jasmin Dreaver** – travelled to Wellington to compete in the NZSS Swimming Championships over the weekend 30-31 August. The combined efforts of our three swimmers saw CGHS take third place overall for the girls' trophy.

Hannah was the leading individual overall – both girls and boys. She claimed 9 gold medals and 1 bronze medal; in doing so made 4 new NZSS meet records!

Amelia won a gold and a silver medal and Jasmin received some minor placings.

Hannah and Jasmin then went on to compete in the week long NZ Short Course Nationals. At this meet Hannah gained 1 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Well done to all three swimmers, especially Hannah, for great swimming performances.



L-R: Hannah Bates, Amelia Davies, Jasmin Dreaver

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - TAUPO

During Tournament Week the First XI Football team traveled to Taupo to compete in the NZ Secondary School's Football Tournament. Pool play began with a frustrating scoreless draw with Sacred Heart, and a 2-0 loss to a strong Epsom Girls team. The final pool game against Dioceson School saw a strong performance and a 2-0 win.

Unfortunately other results did not go our way and we missed out on the top 16 section on goal difference. Post-section play saw injuries finally catch up with us, and a win against Wellington Girls' College was followed by a loss to Massey High School and a disappointing penalty shootout loss to New Plymouth Girls' High School. A final win against Gisborne Girls' High School saw the team finish in 23rd position.

Although we lose a number of valuable Year 13 players this year, our junior girls performed well during the week to give this squad the confidence to continue our development in 2015.

FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Whitney Hepburn 12LGF** who has been selected for the 2014 Mainland Pride Squad to contest the ASB Woman's National League. This is Whitney's second season in the squad as they try to defend their 2013 title.

Congratulations to **Blair Currie 9WNA** who has been selected in the North Canterbury 13th/14th Grade Girls' Football squad to contest the South Island Tournament.

BADMINTON NEWS

This year, five teams were entered in the A, B and C Grade inter-school competition which ran over terms 2 and 3.

On August 27 and September 3, we also ran a Girls' High School Championship tournament.

Congratulations go to **Emily Lai** who is the Senior Badminton Champion for 2014, and to **Tigerlily Perry** who is the Junior Badminton Champion.

Emily Lai and **Niksa Ngampetvilai** are the Senior Doubles champions and **Tigerlily Perry** and **Janifer Lai** are the Junior Doubles champions.

I would also like to commend the enthusiasm and dedication of junior players such as Manjot Kaur Danoa and Eva Hu of Year 9.

CUDDON SCHOOLS CYCLING TOUR

On the 30-31 August, five of the Cycling team went to compete in Blenheim in the Cuddon Schools Cycling Tour. The racing was tough and the course was challenging but everyone gave it their all each day of racing and achieved some great results.

Sammi Ogle, Izy Alloway and **Aleisha Scott** all placed in the top 10 overall in the Under 15 girls, **Christine Lambley** placed 2nd Overall in the Under 17 girls and **Kate Keenan** placed 11th overall in the Under 17 girls.

It was a really well run event and everyone had a great weekend away.

Kate Keenan



OCEANIA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP, FIJI

Mia Evans Year 12 competed at the Oceania Karate Championship in Fiji recently and was placed 3rd in the Under 59kg Kumite.

Congratulations Mia!

SUCCESSFUL NETBALL SEASON

Tournament week saw the end of the netball season for another year.

The Senior A team travelled to Invercargill to compete in the *SISS Netball Tournament* during this week; a long trip south but, once there, the benefit of playing in the new Southland Stadium was very enjoyable for the team. Led by coach, Lucy Newton, the team had a mixed week of some success but also some frustratingly close games. Out of the 8 games played, the team had 3 good wins, 2 draws and 3 losses (2 of these by 1 goal!). The last day saw the team finish with 2 good wins, a great send off for captain and Year 13 player Lily Fletcher, and a final placing of 13th.



On finals day for the Saturday club competition CGHS had 5 teams competing. The A team played STAC in the final of the Senior 1 competition. Although the team had had some great encounters with STAC over the season, this one saw STAC take out the title with ease, 54 – 37.

Other teams in finals and results were:

CGHS D vs St Margaret's B	loss	48 - 26
CGHS F vs Cashmere High C	win	34 - 18
CGHS K vs St Margaret's I	win	26 – 13
CGHS S vs St Margaret's M	loss	28 – 27

Well done to the F team, coached by students Katie Morris and Georgia Harrington, and to the K team, coached by past pupil, Rosie Stewart, and Georgia McCrae for their decisive wins and respective titles.

The Wednesday netball competition finals day on 20 August also saw our CGHS teams well represented in finals over the various grades. We had 11 teams who gained top 3 places; the J team, the K team and the W team won their grades; second places went to the M team and the S team (another loss by 1 goal to St Margaret's); third places went to the C team, the F team, the H team, the N team, the O team and the V team. Well done to all players in all teams.

It was great to have a season with no weather interruptions at all, either on Saturdays or Wednesdays – quite amazing. Thank you to all of our coaches who have trained our teams so well over the season, also to our umpires who have volunteered their time to umpire for our Under 14 grade teams on Saturdays.

FEDERATION CUP - DUNEDIN

The 1st XI Hockey team travelled down to Dunedin this past winter tournament week to compete in the Federation Cup the premier level national tournament for girls. The tournament is composed of the best 16 teams from around New Zealand playing pool games and then depending on pool placing they continue on for final rankings. CGHS was in pool A which was made up of St Margaret's college (defending champions) Rangi Ruru (8th seed) and Waikato Diocesan. The team was excited about the opportunity for the first time this year play together as a full squad and the return of our captain Catherine Tinning from her NZ YOG duties. Game 1 vs St Margaret's a tough start and both teams fought very hard game with great intensity the final whistle saw a 1-1 draw. Game 2 later in the afternoon in the hot sun (yes it was) vs Rangi Ruru, a fast paced and tight game with players giving everything but, unfortunately a 1-2 loss. This meant that our pool placing was now out of our hands but we still had a chance. Game 3 vs Waikato Diocesan and unknown team who had gone down in both their games 1-0. The team pulled together and recovered from being down to win 2-1. Unluckily for us results didn't go our way and we ended up missing the top 8 playoffs again. We continued the tournament determined to achieve the best result we could. Game 4 vs Epsom Girls Grammar, a tough game to lift for and they threw everything at us again we were down early but the team fought hard to come back to win 2-1. Game 5 vs Westlake High School (Auckland Champions) and extra support had arrived Mrs Duthie was at the ground hoping to break the tradition of principals watching Hockey games and CGHS losing. The match was a tense affair, the return of Georgia Surie, who had been placed on medical suspension for a head injury on day 1, was the difference. Her goal saw us winning 2-1 and playing for 9th on the final day. Game 6 vs Palmerston North Girls' High the final game for all our Year 13 players this year (Catherine Tinning, Hannah Boyd, Georgia Surie and Isabella Pearce). Both teams put together some amazing play and spectacular goals during this match seeing a final result of 4-4 and 9th equal in New Zealand.

I want to thank all the players and parents for their effort and support during the week. I especially want to thank Mrs Boyd and Mrs Helmore for their work before and during the week.

Dwayne McCormick
1st XI Hockey Coach



CGHS 2ND XI TOURNAMENT

This year the 2nd XI Hockey travelled to Auckland to defend their Chris Arthur 2nd XI tournament title with coach Jack Wheaton, John Robinson as manager and Miss Burtt as assistant manager. Our first pool game was bright and early on the Monday morning against St Cuthberts, which meant a 5:30am wake up call! This was a very close 1-1 draw. The pool games ran until Wednesday and we won all of these; 2-0 against Otumoetai, 2-1 against Rangitoto College, 3-0 against Waikato Diocesan and 1-0 against Auckland Diocesan. The ice baths



at the end of each day were something that most of us came to dread and others (mainly Jack and John) loved. Thursday was semi-final day against familiar rivals St Margaret's College. To take our mind off the big game we did the traditional '\$10 holla' challenge at Kmart and also did a wee roadie to Mission Bay. The semi-final was an extremely close game, that although we played our best game of the season, we narrowly lost 1-0 to SMC. 3rd/4th play-off was against Whangarei High School on the Friday.

Unfortunately weren't able to beat them, losing 2-0. Although we didn't manage to defend our title, I know that tournament was definitely a highlight of the year for all of us! Special congratulations to MVP of the tournament

Rose Wells and top goal scorer **Sophie Jenner**. As well as a huge thank you to our coach Jack and fantastic managers Miss Burtt and John. It really wouldn't have been possible or as enjoyable without all of your effort!



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Under 'Not from a *Tuakiri member institution*':

Username: uniprep

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Canterbury's Future

KEY GROWTH SECTORS

Source: Christchurch Economic Development Strategy 2013, CDC

ICT - eg electronics, web & digital media, technical equipment.....

Value Added Manufacturing
eg plastics, electronic and electrical goods, food processing, construction materials and products...

Health
eg medicine, nursing, specialist professions, mental health, hospitals, home care...

Construction
eg painters, plumbers, glaziers, carpenters, joiners, infrastructure...

Professional Services
eg project managers, lawyers, accountants, engineers, researchers...

Agribusiness
eg rural activities involving crops, animals, pest management, silviculture and their management...

Some examples of the Canterbury labour market right now...

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Average age of workers in the health sector is 55 years

90% of all materials from all sectors are transported by road - the average age of professional drivers in Canterbury is 55 years

Manufacturers unable to attract staff which in turn means lower productivity - this sector offers a multitude of career paths

IPENZ (Institute of Professional Engineers) had flagged significant shortages across all fields of engineering in New Zealand BEFORE Canterbury's earthquakes - this means attention must be paid to the STEM subjects

A shortage of agribusiness graduates New Zealand wide. How will that impact upon Canterbury's agricultural heartland?

Employment Opportunities

Source: Christchurch Development Corporation 2013

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Immediate (2013)

Construction Sector, engineers, design/architects, project managers, building administration and management, food processing.

Soon

Tourism, hospitality, manufacturing, ICT, professional services (lawyers/accountants etc), information and design media.

In two years add...

Agriculture, science and research & development (relating to agriculture, ICT, software and health)

AND finally, as it all relates to the Canterbury labour market...

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As the most important influencer, all families need to be fully aware of the opportunities open to the children within the future Christchurch and Canterbury economy.



International News

ANTARCTIC CENTRE

During the September exams, five international students participated in the alternative programme. They learnt about Antarctica for 6 days and on the last day, they went to the Antarctic Centre. The Centre is like a museum and an information place where people can learn and experience Antarctica. The girls saw some Blue Penguins during their feeding time and learnt about them. They went in the snow room where the temperature was -8 C and during the snowstorm, the room was about -19 C. They also had a 4D movie experience where they had water splatted at them, their seats rocking back and forth, wind through the room and some unexpected graphic surprises. They all had a great time and ended the day with lunch at MacDonalds.



Whanau Report

Tēnā koutou e te whanau.

Four of our students were selected as recipients of the Rakatahi awards for Māori students. These awards are presented by 'Te Puna Wānaka' of CPIT. They recognize the outstanding achievements of Māori youth in Canterbury.

Congratulations to:

Teghan Bain: He Uruka Mau Tonu. Commitment to Māori Tikanga and Kawa, Years 9 and 10.

Sapphire Wairau: He Reiputa. Excellence in Sporting Performance, Years 9 and 10.

Ariana Faulkner: Te Iti Kahuraki. Excellence in Academia, Years 11 and 12.

Laken Wairau: He Reiputa. Excellence in Sporting Performance, Years 11 and 12.

Special congratulations to the Wairau sisters who received the Poutama awards in their age categories. This award makes them both eligible for a supreme award. The nominees for this award will be judged against other Poutama winners and will be announced at a special dinner at the end of the year. Good luck to both girls for this further acknowledgment of their sporting successes.

Adrienne Taylor

Kaiako i te reo Māori



Teghan Bain



Sapphire Wairau



Ariana Faulkner



Laken Wairau

Principal, BOT & PTA Report

Dear Parents and Friends

Recently I was fortunate along with the Senior Leadership Team to visit Auckland to investigate school structures and buildings, with our own master-planning in mind. We visited a variety of schools, from private schools to lower decile state schools, and as you would expect all of them operated in different physical and structural environments. Certainly a school which is 33% Indian, 30% Chinese, 12% European, 6% Maori and 19% other would be hard to imagine in Christchurch or even the rest New Zealand, yet it is the reality of some Auckland schools today.

It gave me pause to consider what do parents from such diverse backgrounds want from the schools their children attend? Or do we all want basically the same thing?

The priorities may vary but a UNESCO study revealed all parents whatever their cultural, or even socioeconomic background, want essentially these same things for our children to be happy and healthy, for them to have a way of earning a living, for them to be able to form good relationships and be able to live in safe communities. UNEXO did note the order of priorities may differ and not all cultures valued the education of girls.

Professor Keri Facer would ask us to think deeper. She would argue the real aspiration of education and schools should be to teach our children to live well in the future. That education and schools are not about future proofing but future building. Schools then have to build in their students the capacity not only to shape their own destiny but that of the world around them as well. Her premise would be that if we want our children to live well in the future, then what schools should explore is what are the best strategies for building communities and societies that allow our children to grow up to be economically viable and resilient people.

There is no doubt that the world our young people are entering will be different from the world we entered as young adults. In the not too distant past people by and large were educated locally and stayed locally. Gradually over the years the net has widened and many young people are furthering their education or finding employment nationally and internationally. We are, indeed, a global village.

The challenge for schools is not picking, as Facer would argue, the one powerful knowledge that is needed for the future but enabling people to learn from and think carefully about which “knowledges” (whether it be traditional subject based knowledge, historical knowledge, thinking skills, competencies etc.) are useful in which situations and how they might come together.

To quote a cliché the future is unknown. To quote John Schaar: “The future is not a

result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created - created first in the mind and will, created next in activity. The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them, changes both the maker and the destination.”

Pauline Duthie
Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

With the end of the third term now upon us, the board are heavily involved in planning for the 2015 year. The enrolment process is all but complete. I say “all but” as there are still some families that have been offered positions but are still uncertain as to where they may end up in 2015.

At Acland House the demand is usually far greater than places available which is also the case for out of zone girls looking for a place on the ballot. Typically we find that once girls have been offered a place at Acland House, our private school neighbours start offering scholarships to lure these girls to their school. Inevitably we do tend to lose one or two girls to what they perceive are greener pastures.

What we are starting to notice is that it is not just our Year 9 boarding stocks that are being raided but also some of our talented sporting or performing arts students in older year groups that are being targeted by the likes of St Andrews offering scholarships.

Is this a problem for Christchurch Girls High? Of course it is a concern, as we want to hold onto all our students, but it also creates a positive challenge in what is becoming a competitive environment. The challenge is to ensure we create and maintain an environment that sets the standard and ensures that students (and their parents) choose Christchurch Girls High as “the” school where they can excel.

In order to do this we need to be smart. We need to ensure that our programs, whether cultural, sporting or academic are of the highest quality and will provide an environment and culture which will attract girls to Christchurch Girls High. If we don't do this, we run the risk that our talent is lured to other schools.

As a board we are constantly reviewing our programs within the school to ensure we maintain our high academic standards. Often in a public school environment we are restricted by funding which places constraints on resources that may be more readily available to our private schooling neighbours. I don't believe this can be used as an excuse. We just have to be smarter and this is the challenge for our board. Over the

next 12 months we will be reviewing our sporting and cultural programs to ensure we remain competitive in this space.

At Acland, we are in the later stages of the rebuild which will ensure we have a top class facility. We also have a similar opportunity with the building renewal programme at school for which we are currently master planning. If we can combine quality resourcing with outstanding programs and a positive culture, then Girls' High will lead the way.

Have a great break and we look forward to seeing all the girls at the start of term 4.

Mike Lay
BOT Chair

Hi to all Parents and Caregivers

A note for your diaries for our upcoming quiz night which will be held on Sunday 2nd November at Elmwood Robbie's on Wairakei Road this will be a good opportunity to socialise with other parents and also gives you the chance to win prizes and even place a bid on a variety of items in our silent auction. This is also where we could use your help as we are looking for some additional items to be used in our auctions especially if you have a family batch or any product that you are able to donate.

We know that there is a good number of parents who are more than happy to pay their PTA donation and the PTA appreciates funding that is provided, but as we have found over recent months the percentage of parent donations has decreased to a level that as a committee we now have to re assess our financial outlay to the school that involves over \$40k towards the computer leasing and also providing travel grants to travelling sports/ academic groups or individuals. To continue funding events and activities that supports the school and often provides extra resources that fall outside of the BOT's funding we will have to find other means of funding such as quiz nights or other fund raising events where we will require parental support.

Available to purchase now are our CGHS logo umbrellas we have two sizes available a smaller folding one that would be ideal to fit into school bags for \$25.00 and a larger golf sized one that sells for \$35.00. We also have our CGHS logo blankets for sale at a cost of \$45.00 to purchase these umbrellas or blankets please just contact us via email pta@cghs.school.nz.

We encourage you to have a look at our PTA page on the CGHS web site where you can keep an eye on activities that may be coming up and even purchase household items such as large rolls of glad wrap etc. at a competitive rate while also helping fundraise for the PTA.

As this year quickly moves on we need to look forward and again ask for your help as at the end of this year we unfortunately lose some of our office holding committee members and this is where we need you to become more involved with your PTA and school, if you would like to know more about any position please contact us. Positions that will need to be filled next year are Treasurer & Uniform Shop Co-ordinator and assistant these positions will be advertised on our web page and I will continue to ask through the newsletter. If you are interested in these positions we encourage you to join us this year so that you can become familiar with our systems and this would make the transition easier.

Thank you for supporting your PTA and we do look forward to meeting with you at some stage and hope you have an opportunity to attend one of our meetings which provide valuable information from our Principle and the BOT as both provide reports each month.

These meetings also give you an opportunity to meet other parents and we do value your opinions and ideas.

John Drummond
President CGHS PTA
pta@cghs.school.nz

Next Meetings:

(Meetings are held in the library unless otherwise notified)

Monday Nov 3rd

President: John Drummond
Vice President: (position has become vacant)
Secretary: Dibs Kennedy
Treasurer: Paula Le Compte
Uniform Sales Co-ordinator: Ann Margaritis
Uniform Sales Assistant: Judy Williamson

All visitors to the school must sign in at reception.

General Information

CULTURAL AND SPORTING PHOTOGRAPHS

These photographs were taken on Monday 22 September. Orders will be able to be made in the first week of term 4.

2014 CGHS SCHOOL DATES

Term dates:

Term 3: **Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September**

Term 4: **Monday 13 October - Tuesday 9 December**

Labour Day - 27 October

Show Days - 13 & 14 November

Monday 8 December – Prizegiving

CHRISTCHURCH AVON ATHLETICS CLUB – Junior Section

We are a well-organised Junior Athletics Club – catering for children of all abilities in the 5-14 year age groups.

Club nights are Wednesdays 5.00pm-6.45pm (5/6 years finish by 6.30pm) – at Burnside High School.

First Club night for the new season is Wed 15th October.

Saturday Inter-Club Competition is available and top-quality coaching is also provided.

REGISTRATION DAY - for all new members:

DATE: Monday 13 October

TIME: 5.00pm-6.30pm

PLACE: Christchurch Avon Club Rooms – Burnside High School
(access from Greers Road beside tennis courts)

FEES: \$80.00 per child (with reductions for 2 or more children in the same family)
Fees are payable at time of registration

Please note that our very popular Junior club fills up quickly - so it is essential that new members attend registration on Monday 13 October to secure a place.

For any other information contact Marilyn Morrison (Junior Club Captain) by email at marilyn Morrison@xnet.co.nz

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

Thank you for continuing to support the secondhand uniform sales. The PTA sees this as a valuable service that provides good quality clothing at reasonable prices. We have a good range of sizes in all summer and winter uniforms. There are frequent sales, usually the last Friday of each month. 70% of the uniform selling price is returned to the seller with the remaining 30% used to benefit the school. Garments may also be donated.

The secondhand uniform sales shop is located at the back of the Gymnasium at Christchurch Girls' High School, accessed from Matai Street. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

The next sales are:

Friday 26 September - 3.15 - 4.00pm - end of term 3

Friday 31 October - 3.15 - 4.00pm

All garments offered to us for sale must be clean and only excellent quality clothing will be accepted. Please label each garment with owner's full contact details. Kilts and blazers are to be dry-cleaned.

The shop is only open on sale days and will not be opened for one-off requests. Payment is by cash or cheque only. Any enquiries please telephone:

Ann Margaritis

Ph. 354 5935 or leave a message.

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2015 CGHS SCHOOL DATES

Start dates are:

- Monday 26 January – International Orientation
Tuesday 27 January – Staff Only Day
Wednesday 28 January – Years 9 and 13
Thursday 29 January – Years 9, 10, 11 and 12
Year 13 Peer Support Leaders only
Friday 30 January – First full school day

Term dates:

Term 1: **Monday 26 January - Thursday 2 April**

- Waitangi Day - 6 February
Good Friday - 3 April
Easter Monday - 6 April

Term 2: **Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July**

- ANZAC Day - 27 April
Queen's Birthday – 1 June

Term 3: **Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September**

- Exeat Day (no school) - 21 August

Term 4: **Monday 12 October - Wednesday 9 December**

- Labour Day - 26 October
Exeat Day (no school) - 12 November
Show Day - 13 November
Wednesday 9 December – **Prizegiving**

Christchurch Girls' High School

PTA Quiz Night



When: 2 November 2014

Where: Elmwood Bar and Bistro (ex Robbies)

Time: 6.00pm

We are raising funds for shade sails and outside furniture for the grassed area where the auditorium was, for the girls to sit during lunch breaks.

The PTA are asking for any items that we could use for prizes for our auction and raffles or make up a table of 6 (tickets \$10.00pp) and come along.

We would really appreciate your support as we believe this will benefit the girls in 2015.

For ticket sales please contact Karen Watson
karen.ianwatson@vodafone.co.nz

For donations of items please contact Heidi Macfarlane
heidandstu@ihug.co.nz or 355-3445
or drop off at 15 Strowan Road, Riccarton.

Your support for this fundraiser would be appreciated.

WORLD CHALLENGE 2015 FUNDRAISER FIRST AID KIT



Students of CGHS will be heading to Nepal in April 2015 to undertake a World Challenge and conduct a charitable project with the poverty stricken children of Nepal.

In order to help with fundraising the school has been kindly donated a large number of Pocket First Aid kits.

These kits pictured above contain gauze pads, non-woven pads, plasters, tape, tweezers, scissors, gloves, bandages and sterile wipes. All contained in a handy 14cm x 10cm canvas bag with room for those little extras you want to add.

Great for the car glove box, the school sports bag, a kitchen draw, taking for a day walk or just leaving in the shed or garage just in case!

All we ask for is a minimum donation of \$10.00 for each first aid kit so we can make a difference to the lives of the Nepalese children we will be working with.

World Challenge Nepal First Aid Kit Order Form

Student Name: Form Class:.....

Parent/Caregiver name:

Email: Cell or Ph No:

	Quantity	Total
First Aid Kit @\$10.00	\$ _____

Payment Options:

Please return in an envelope addressed to **World Challenge Nepal** with cash or cheque, to the Red Desk.

Please make cheques payable to **Christchurch Girls' High School**.

A PTA Fundraiser

BLANKETS & UMBRELLAS

Support our school with these stylish new umbrellas and warm blankets. Perfect for the sporting field, A rainy, cold winter day or as a gift for grandparents!



The Blanket is a good quality navy polar fleece with red stitching and school initials. \$45.00



*Golf umbrella - navy blue with white school crest - \$35.00
Student mini umbrella - fold-up with push button release with protective sleeve - \$25.00*

BLANKET & UMBRELLA ORDER FORM

Student Name: **Form:**.....

Parent/Caregiver Name:

Email:..... **Cell or ph. No.**

		Quantity	Cost
Blanket	@ \$45.00
Golf Umbrella	@ \$35.00
Student mini umbrella	@ \$25.00
TOTAL:			\$ _____

Payment Options:

Please return in an envelope addressed to **PTA**, with cash or cheque, to the Red Desk.

Please make cheques payable to **Christchurch Girls' High School PTA**.

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