

# CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The beautiful hymn "Amazing Grace" has one of the most encouraging lines I can think of in sacred music. We sing 'I once was lost, but now am found'. We don't sing 'I once was lost, but then I found my way' - we sing that we have been found by the God who loves us. What a powerful way to think of the role of God in our lives, if we are open to it.

At the assembly on Friday, I shared with the students how I had got lost several times on my way through Glenmore Park to get to my new school. I don't have a GPS in my car and I got lost. Our students are too young to know what a street directory is! I remember that using one was basically a two person job! It is so much easier now - I even have a watch that navigates for me. I think about how good it would be to have a map for the rest of my life, too, a way for me to get directions and avoid getting lost along the way. I have three children. How good would it be to know exactly which way to turn in order to be a good father? When I was choosing a career, it would have been great to know how to navigate to just the right



training and employment. Even as a principal, I would love to know that the decisions I am making are leading in exactly the right direction . . .

The big one would be a map for adolescence - that tells young people which way to turn on the journey from childhood to adulthood. Many ancient cultures had a process of initiation which was like handing the young person a map for their life, showing them how people before them had found the best and most successful ways of being an adult, of relating to others and taking responsibility. These initiation ceremonies were vital to supporting the development of healthy families and societies, because there was a shared understanding of what it takes to be an adult. In our world we have lost this map - and young people often feel as though they are lost and directionless. They look to celebrities for clues about how to be successful, but this is ultimately unsatisfying and, at worst, very damaging.

Our faith in Jesus provides the map we need to help us move through the world and towards God, and yet so many young people feel as though they are all alone in their search for meaning and for their true identity, which can lead to wrong turns and the danger of becoming lost. In the Bible, it says that God loves us so much he will look for the lost, save them and bring them home. It's like the story of the lost sheep, with Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

For tens of thousands of years, the Aboriginal people of Australia followed their song lines through the landscape. These song lines led them to their resources and to safe havens. These traditions, along with strong initiation rituals, were violently interrupted when the British came and occupied this ancient land. During NAIDOC week each year, we remember the culture and heritage of our indigenous brothers and sisters. We can learn so much from their spirituality, with its sophisticated systems of guidance and meaning making.

This is the final newsletter before the winter break. Most of our Year 12s have only one assessment left before the HSC, so this upcoming break is their big chance to prepare and stretch themselves for the final push. For the rest of the students, many have recently taken home your reports, and you should be using those reports to work out what your next goal should be. In a way, the academic report is a map we can use to navigate the next steps in our learning journey. The end of the term is also a good opportunity for me to thank the teachers and support staff for all they do for our students. I am grateful every day for the professionalism and care of this community.



Our students and teachers in MacKillop House have led us in fundraising and education about the work of the Sisters of St Joseph these past few weeks, especially their support for Australia's first people. Let us pray for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as we, hopefully, move towards their recognition in our constitution.

Living God, draw us into unity. Creator of all things, both seen and unseen, speak to us in your great wisdom.

Make us strong as we seek your help and guidance. Teach us to love all people regardless of race or colour or belief.

May we listen with great care to the heartbeat of this land and to its people who cared for it so well and for so long.



May the peace these people and their land have always enjoyed continue to be strengthened and preserved by all who wish to come and be part of this country and its 'Ancient Dreaming'.

> Glory to you, God of Life, Creating, nurturing, reconciling. Glory to you forever.

Elizabeth Pike. http://www.natsicc.org.au/resources\_liturgy.php

Mr Greg Elliott Principal

# SEMESTER 1 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 1 for Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10

#### Year 10

Courtney Aiken Alissa Anastasio Daniella Apap Jacinta Aquilina Lucy Arnold Adriana Azzopardi Ashlin Biju Chloe Bowen Leslie Buadromo Jenny Byun Sally Byun Courtney Camenzuli Justine Chaghouri Rochelle Connell Jennifer Cooper Chloe-Anne Cortes

Anna Cullen Victoria Cutts Lily Danby Cheyne Easthorpe Bianca Esterhuizen Nicola Frugtniet Kaitlin Glass Olivia Groves Rachael Harlock Maddison Harvev Claire Henen Indianna Hutchinson Angel Jojo Isabelle Kitchener Isabella Knowles Delia Leota

Hannah Macinante Kenyana Martin Hannah McCrorie Kiara McDonald Tahnae McLaughlan Natasha Mills Kaylee Moorfield Kaitlin Patterson Maddison Pepperell Jacinta Rastegorac Tamara Reid Claudine Rule Kayla Sycz Lucy Shaw Cassandra Sidhom Nadera Slaibi

Kellie Stanley Naveena Stephen Abbey Tricot Madeleine Tucker Jayde Vincent Alina Wakeling Elizabeth Wakeling Katherine Wakeling Shaylan Whatman Jessica Williams Jessica Williams Jessica Willmette Georgia Wood Lily Xiberras Chloe Young



#### Year 9

Channie Arancon Isabelle Attard Kaitlyn Attard Shannon Bailie Rebecca Borg Kiara Case Lauren Cockings Sophie Connell Kaitlyn Cooney Maddison Craig Chloe Cunningham Chloe Daley Claudia Dixon Casey Douglas-Torrie Jada Edwards **Rachelle Ellis** Victoria Ellul Katelyn Fenech Samantha Feneck Lily Franich Sophie Garde Ellen Gibbons Mary Go Sonya Grabez Caitlin Grech Havley Gudgeon Kate Hanigan Claudia Harvey Kristy Hayward Mercedes Heiler Maddison Hughes Caitlin Karlsen Myra Khan Johanna Kroon Amy Lampard Niamh Le Breton Ellie Loughman Belle Lucas-Smith Ashleigh Macerola Danielle MacKay Lily Marmont Siobhan McDowall Isabella Meekings **Angelique Minas** Ebene Montgomery Isabella Morlin Samantha Morrison Molly Mullins Sarah Mundy Brooke Naicori Briannan Nand Alexia Nicholopoulos Hannah Norrie Erika Palagyi Erica Pannone Laura Parker Jade Parkes Emma Parrish Carla Penza **Brooke Perkins** 

#### Chloe Petterson Monique Quirk Alicia Robinson Elizabeth Rouen Lilly-Rose Saliba Sukhamrit Sandhu **Breah Sands** Eilis Scott Caitlin Sheridan Abbie Simmons Dana Smith Simone Spisiak Renee Taylor Harmony Terepai Mikayla Thorpe Heather Townsley Mikavla Trov Alyssa Turner Brittany Van Doorn Eliza Vella Keira Wall

Keira Wall Caylie Wallace Isabel Winter-Clinch

#### Year 8

Areeba Ahmed Skyla Begnell Bavkiran Bervar Carly Bowen Keisha Chilmaid Paige Colgate Megan Cooper Alison Coutinho Alana Curry **Emma Cutts** Tammin Danby Erin Dargan Liana De Oliva Larissa Dimech Emilie Donohoe-Thompson Abby Drinkwalter Rebecca Dunn Alyssa Dunworth Alanah Eisenhuth Elissa Evans Hayley Faber Alexie Fasitsas Claudia Fava McKenzie Ferguson Peyton Field Alison Gallen Kirsten Gearin Georgia Gorringe Micquella Grima Taylor Hodgson Georgia Gorringe Micquella Grima Taylor Hodgson Olivia Hooker Nevine Idris Sunita Jayachandran

# CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE

Reit Kakar Molly Kemp Lorilei Knight Alyssa LaMalfa Ariba Mahmood Georgiannie Maron Holly McLaughlin Neelima Menakath Molly Mitchell Grace Morrissey Isabella Nardi Maddison O'Connor Jade O'Hara Olivia Panuccio **Tiarna Parkinson** Hannah Parsons Laura Patterson Jemma Pracv Alyssa Proctor Monique Rice Natasha Robinson Isabella Samoluk Saakshi Singh Annika Svensson Aimah Tareen Andrea Tassone Arianne Thomas Chelsea Tran Eleftheria-Ellie Tsahtarlis Sancia Turner Imogen Van-Stolk Madeleine Vella Caela Vernon-Wright Katamara Vukic Zoe Walther **Charlotte Williams** Ella Woods Year 7

Lila Anderton Hayley Barnes Annlin Biju Chloe Brame Skyla Buckman Monique Buksh Olivia Camilleri Liana Cavallaro Kate Charlton Zoe Cona Emily Cunningham Clara Davies Amy De Bono

Amber Dempsey

Maddison Drady

**Kimberley Fenech** 

Montannah Harris

Tahlia Godfrey

Paige Grima

Lani Elmer

**Emily Fagan** 

Emily Farrell

Jordan Harvey **Tiffany Harvey** Emily Hatcher Layla Hawli Shae Healey Mia Hosking Caitlin Impelido Irine Jins Julia Jomon Taranpreet Kaur Alexa Kenny Madison Kirk Chloe Kohler Isabella Landrigan Isabelle Lynton Yasmin Mays Matilda McCall Maddison McCarry Paris McLaughlin Sarah Montgomery Holly Munday Christine Muscat Olivia Newton Summer Northey Caitlyn O'Leary Kirstie Penton Jesse Penza Sophie Petterson Emily Radisavljevic Zara Reynolds Lara Roser **Teneille Ross** Chloe Rossetto Imogen Scully Courtney Sharpe Kaleesha Short Georgia Simpson Courtney Skelly Avalon Smith Kailah Stapleton Hannah Stephan Tylah Studdert Nourien Tanaz Ourania Theodorou Vivien Toth Brianna Vassallo Emilv Vella Zahlie Vidler Hayley Wacker Bernadette Wakeling Sarah Webb Madison Whiteley Ashlee Whiticker Nicola Willmette Jayde Wilson **Bridie Witjes** Grace Wood Georgia Youssef Kayla Zapantis



# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### **Mobile Phones and Maximising Focus in Classes**

In contemporary education there are all manner of digital devices, including mobile phones, which can be used to enhance students' educational outcomes. However, the use of mobile phones in class would be the exception rather than the norm and would be only when a teacher indicates there is a specific reason for using them. Other than that, the current college expectations continue which is that students may only use their devices outside class times (before school, recess, lunch, after school). This includes not using them as they move between classes and during senior study periods. Students using mobile phones in class will be given appropriate consequences by their class teachers.

One concern that we have for students, apart from the disrespect to the teacher and classmates, is the development of bad learning habits. There has been a lot of talk over the last twenty years or so about multi-tasking but recent serious research has shown that this is not true when it comes to learning – and this applies to home as much as it does to school. Students need to set periods of uninterrupted time to master concepts and experience deep learning. Use of multiple devices and jumping between different sources of information has been clearly demonstrated to lead to ineffective learning and we certainly do not want this at the college.

The underlying reason for not allowing general phone use in class at school might be something parents consider at home, too. It has already been mentioned in earlier newsletters that students will often convince parents that they are engaged in long periods of study in their bedrooms when in fact they are flitting from one task to another, mixing study with social activities. Parents should be monitoring and addressing this. On a similar note, another activity which should be uninterrupted is sleep which should be done without interruptions from phones and other devices.

An ongoing issue we have with students using phones in class comes from parents contacting their daughers at school while they are in class and, often, expecting that they will answer immediately. Even texting messages is an interruption. We would greatly appreciate it if parents could keep their communication to their daughters to essential information only during the school day and confine this communication to break times. School starts at 8.23. Recess is 10.15 to 10.40 and lunch is 12.20 to 1.00. School finishes at 2.40. Daughters should only be contacted by phone during these times. If there is an emergency, the school office should be contacted first in any case so we are able to meet the demands of the particular situation and best meet the student's needs for the emergency.

#### "Doing the Right Thing Awards"

Students who provide service to the college for a variety of reasons are eligible for a "Doing the Right Thing Award". Congratulations to **Hannah Grieve** (7 Kenny). **Erinn Cleghorn** (8 MacKillop), **Rachelle Ellis** (9 MacKillop) and **Carla Tamer** (12 Gilmore) who receive vouchers for the canteen for being the students drawn from the box. All students who put in award slips will have points credited to their house.

#### **DIARY DATES** Year 7 Items, Year 8 Items, Year 9 Items, Year 10 Items, Year 11 Items and Year 12 Items, Whole School Items Monday 18 July **STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY** Wednesday 27 July HSC Drama Showcase - 6.30 pm Friday 29 July Wednesday 20 July PDSSSC Netball Gala Day, Penrith Year 12 Study Day Thursday 21 July Japanese Exchange students arrive Year 11 Christian Churches Excursion Year 8 Japanese Day - Incursion Years 7 to 10 Reflection Day Year 11 Ancient History Excursion to Monday I August HSC Trial Examination begin Nicholson Museum Tuesday 2 August HSC Trial Examination Wednesday 3 August HSC Trial Examination Friday 22 July NSW All Schools Cross Country HSC Trial Examination HSC Dance Showcase - 6.30 pm Thursday 4 August Japanese Exchange students leave

#### Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal



# CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE

### FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Sacramental Program

Over the past few weeks we have had a large number of girls here at the College participate in the Sacramental Program led by **Fr Chris Antwi** - **Boasiako** from Padre Pio Parish. On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June ten girls were received into the Christian Catholic Community through the sacrament of Baptism. They were:





07 June (Tuesday)

Rosemary Tuivasa, Holly Smith, Avalon Smith, Mia Hosking and Madison Kirk.

09 June (Thursday) Breanna Terrassin, Jemma O'Hara, Zahlie Vidler, Brodie Santas and Elyssa Green.

These girls were joined with five

other students to celebrate their First Eucharist on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations to Elyssa Green, Mia Hosking, Madison Kirk, Jemma O'Hara, Brodie Santas, Avalon Smith, Holly Smith, Breanna Terrasin, Rosemary Tuivasa, Zahlie Vidler, Michelle Faagatu, Hannah Stephan, Hannah McCrorie, Adelle Brett and Chloe Anne Cortes.





At this Mass, **Mrs Robyn Wilson**, a teacher at the College was received into the Catholic Church. She was also confirmed and made her First Eucharist.

#### Interfaith Dialogue

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June the school captains **Chantelle Al-Khouri** and vice-captain **Kathleen Sta Ana** joined me in attending an Iftar Dinner at Prestons. This dinner was organised by Amity College in partnership with Affinity Intercultural Dialogue. An Iftar dinner is a meal

participated in by Muslims at the end of each day of fasting during the month of Ramadan. Thirteen schools accepted the invitation including Islamic, Buddhist and Catholic schools. The experience of sitting down to a meal and sharing our similarities whilst celebrating our differences was powerful.

#### Winter Appeal

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who contributed so generously to the recent Winter Appeal conducted by the College on behalf of the Glenmore Park St Vincent de Paul Chapter. We collected a vast array of items to keep people warm including:

- over 78 blankets
- 15 scarves and sets of gloves
- 3 warm winter waterproof coats
- 25 beanies
- a vast array of toiletries including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, moisturiser, antibacterial wipes, shampoo, conditioner and a pair of disposable glasses.

In addition, many people donated second hand clothing and shoes that will be donated to the local Vinnies shop.

Your generosity in giving to the homeless and the needy during Winter is an excellent example of service which is one of the pillars of our school charism. It also reflects the value of dignity and justice which we are encouraged to display in our everyday life here at the College.

Well done to all.

Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education







### **IFTAR DINNER**

On the 27th June, we attended an Iftar Dinner held by Amity College, along with **Ms Murray**. An Iftar Dinner is an evening meal that Muslims partake in to break their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. A total of thirteen diverse schools attended, including those of various faiths and denominations such as Catholic, Buddhist and Muslim colleges.

We listened the keynote speaker, **Ms Linda O'Brien**, discuss her experiences with adversity growing up as a female and her journey in establishing schools and other educational facilities both in and outside Australia. Alongside **Ms O'Brien**, we were able to hear the inspiring story of the Amity Boys' College Class of 2015 and their pastoral care initiative that brought water to Tanzania and infrastructure to an orphanage in Malawi. With poetry and vocal performances promoting strength in unity and diversity, the goals of the night became clearer: to build bridges rather than walls, to learn acceptance and to inspire a small number of future leaders to make a change, acting in solidarity in a world riddled with fear and hate.

It reminded us all that difference is something that should be celebrated and rather than 'putting our differences aside' - as one would say - we should be bringing them together and growing as a multicultural community. The Iftar Dinner provided us with an active example of learning more about our fellow student leaders who attended and the different cultures we all represented.

Overall, the night was a great success and a night we were proud to be a part of. We'd like to thank **Ms Murray** for taking us to the Iftar Dinner and we extend that thanks to Amity College for honouring us with an invitation and gracing us with their kindness and hospitality on the evening.

Written by Chantelle Al-Khouri and Kathleen Sta Ana - School Captain and Co Vice Captain

### JUNIOR DEPUTY MAYOR OF PENRITH FOR 2016 - 2017



Alannah Hader

Congratulations to **Alannah Hader** of Year 8 in being elected as Deputy Mayor as part of the Penrith City Council Junior Mayor program. Alannah will attend regular Council meetings and learn the roles and responsibilities of our local elected officials.

The Junior Mayor program is a fantastic opportunity that allows students from Years 7-9 to

learn more about how our local council runs and what they do to help people who live in the Penrith Council. To be part of the

program **Monique Buksh** and **Alannah Hader** had to write, draw, create a poem, produce a comic strip, write a story or create a song about their ideal day in Penrith. **Alannah** wrote a short story about her ideal high thrill adventure in the Penrith area, visiting places like Tree Tops and iFly to getting wet at the White Water Stadium.

On Monday 27th June **Alannah** and **Monique** had their first meeting at Penrith City Council where they found out who the Mayor was and two Deputy Mayors. **Alannah** was lucky enough to be selected to one of two positions of Deputy Mayor. Over the next year **Alannah** will get many opportunities to sit in on council meetings, to accompany the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at many events and will be a youth ambassador of Penrith.



**Monique Buksh** 

Undertaking the Youth Council program enabled the girls to better understand the council, gain interest and to possibly be a part of Penrith Council. Partaking in the program gave the students endless opportunities and a better understanding how the local council run.

We congratulate Alannah and Monique for being selected to take part in the wonderful opportunity.

Written by Alannah Hader and Monique Buksh



# CAPTIVATE DANCE SHOWCASE

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 11 Dance class represented Caroline Chisholm College at the annual Captivate Dance Showcase. The girls looked wonderful in costume and presented a well-rehearsed piece of choreography to the large audience at Nagle Catholic College, Blacktown. Thank you to **Mr Greg Elliott** and **Ms Bernadette Murray** for coming along to support our students.

Mrs Brooke Hughes - Creative Arts Dance

Dancers Left to right in photo: Sarah Hackenberg, Rachael Joy, Courtney Barnes, Keeley McCahon, Emma Lonard, Anastasia Stinten

# MUSIC SHOWCASE

The Annual Music Showcase was an outstanding success last Friday night, featuring performances from over 120 Music students from Years 7-12. The performance centre was filled to capacity as parents and friends enjoyed a night of songs and musical acts from a range of movie soundtracks. The theme of the night, 'CCC Goes to the Movies' was featured in several class, solo and small ensemble items. The finale from the movie, *The Lion King* featured all the students performing together as one as they sang a stirring rendition of 'Can You Feel the Love tonight?'. Special thanks to the Entertainment crews from Caroline Chisholm College and St Dominic's College who assisted with the lights, sound, staging and vision elements of the evening. We look forward to future performance opportunities and the support from the Caroline Chisholm community.

#### Mr Richard Caws - Creative Arts Music









#### CAREERS WEEK 10 TERM 2 2016

Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Entry is now open. Year 12 should have a form and be writing their responses ready for week 1 next term.

UAC guide with all the latest university courses should be available very early next term.

Open days for the various universities are mostly the last weekend in August (the Saturday and the Sunday). This should be kept free and I do recommend that students attend these.

Year 12 wishing to clarify their course and career options should do so as soon as possible as "on time" closing for University Admissions Centre entries is the end of term 3.

Students with ongoing issues that have hindered their ability to achieve their best should see either myself **Mr Marc Petit**, **Miss Debbie White** (Year 12 Leader of Learning) or **Miss Jacquelyn McCoy** (School Counsellor) as soon as possible.

#### Mr Marc Petit - Careers Advisor

### NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

With the extreme change in weather over the past few weeks the College Library is not only the warmest place in the school, it is rapidly becoming the busiest! We have recently had the Science robotics and bridge-building teams base themselves here, and there's been a flurry of interest in our 1000 piece puzzles. It's great to see students challenging their minds and, at times, their patience!

The holidays are a great time for reading and it's not too late to be involved in the CCC Senior Reading Challenge or the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. It would be great to see more students participate in their relevant challenge and remember there will be 5 house points awarded for every book entered by students. For more details check the Library webpage, ask in the Library or send an email to tokeeffe@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Congratulations go to Julia Jomon, Emily Farrell, Carla Penza, Zahlie Vidler, Skyla Begnell, Rebecca Borg and Emily Vella who have recently completed the PRC. Well done also to Taylor Hodgson, Hannah Stephan, Myra Khan and Georgia Mayor, who are over halfway through the challenge. Also, congratulations to Maria Alcantara who has joined our group of seniors to complete the CCC Senior Reading Challenge.

Students are able to borrow over the holidays as long as they have no overdue books. Don't forget you can also borrow e-books at <u>https://cathedparra.wheelers.co/</u>. Your moodle login will give you access to the CEDP e-library.

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and happy reading!

Mrs Teresa O'Keeffe - Teacher / Librarian





# **PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2016**

Our annual Public Speaking competition has certainly become a tradition at Caroline Chisholm College, a competition where students in Years 7 -10 are asked to prepare and deliver a speech in their English class, choosing from a selection of stimulus options. This year, our focus was on clichés, inspired by Terry Pratchett, who said: "The reason that clichés become clichés is that they are the hammers and screwdrivers in the toolbox of communication."

All of the students are to be commended on composing and delivering a speech to their English class. We are very aware that while this comes easily to some, it's a daunting prospect for others. We were very proud of the positive way that the all girls engaged with the task and the depth of their thinking about issues in our society today.

Congratulations to the following students who represented their classes at the Year Assemblies on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. The winners were awarded trophies at our College Assembly last Friday and they delivered their speeches superbly. We were so impressed by their passion, confidence, and ability to entertain, challenge and motivate our school community. Finalists will be presented with a certificate for their achievement and their next Year Assembly.

#### Year 7

7.1 - Christine Muscat
7.2 - Tiana Grabez
7.3 - Emily Farrell
7.4 - Emily Cunningham
7.5 - Avalon MacPhail
7.6 - Montannah Harris - Winner

#### Year 8

8.1 - Ashley Barrett
8.2 - Laila Wasid
8.3 - Alanah Eisenhuth
8.4 - Isabella Nardi
8.5 - Emma Cutts - Winner
8.6 - Monique Rice

#### Year 9

9.1 - Lily-Rose Saliba
9.2 - Caitlin Sheridan
9.3 - Johanna Kroon
9.4 - Tori Ellul
9.5 - Molly Mullins - Winner
9.6 - Renee Taylor

#### Year 10

10.1 - Alina Wakeling
10.2 - Kenyana Martin - Winner
10.3 - Jacinta Rastegorac
10.4 - Claudine Rule
10.5 - Katherine Wakeling
10.6 - Hannah Riles

I'd like to thank the judges who were involved in making the tough decisions and to all the English teachers for their work with and support of our students throughout the competition.

Mrs Ana Dudley - Leader of Learning English







# WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS

Introducing two of the three World Youth Day Pilgrim's for 2016. Laura Green will also accompany Miss Watt and Angela Hocking.

#### **Miss Sophie Watt**



My name is **Sophie Watt** and I'm going to embark on a pilgrimage through the Philippines before participating in the World Youth Day events in Poland. I am looking forward to being able to actively give back to a community other than my own when we work in the Philippines, rebuilding a school that was destroyed by an earthquake. World Youth Day holds the promise of an enriching spiritual experience for myself personally to reaffirm my relationship with God. While the pilgrimage means a chance to travel to places I haven't never been, the mental self and spiritual examination and the physical work in the Philippines will be a challenge. I am looking forward to meeting a diverse group of people from all walks of life. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime, enriching experience.

#### **Angela Hocking**



My name is **Angela Hocking.** I am in Year 11 and I have been selected to go to World Youth Day (WYD). Personally I am looking forward to meeting new people from everywhere who believe in the same thing and having the chance to become closer to God. This also gives me the opportunity to travel overseas to both the Philippines and Poland. This pilgrimage is going to be a physical and mental challenge so what I want to achieve from this is self-belief and a stronger belief and connection with God.

# **GWS GIANTS AFL VISIT**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, two representatives from the Greater Western Sydney Giants AFL club came to Caroline Chisholm College to conduct a skills workshop with interested students. The session was a great success with many students participating and gaining valuable AFL skills.

All the Caroline Chisholm students who participated were exceptionally well behaved and represented the school with great pride. They were extremely enthusiastic and were willing to get involved in all of the activities on offer.

Thank you to the representatives from GWS and the students who participated in this workshop.

#### Mr Stephan McIlveen - Sport Co-Ordinator





#### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday the 15th June, Caroline Chisholm College held its annual athletics carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. On this cold winter morning, the early event competitors participated in the 200m, 400m and 1500m running events, successfully making good times and demonstrating their commitment to house spirit despite the cold morning. The rest of the school arrived soon after and the day of school participation and fun began.





The weather began to warm up during the day, and

students from every year group were congratulated for their keen attitude towards the events. It was impressive to see the amount of house spirit in the costumes, mascots, cheering, participation and colours of every house, as they made the day enjoyable and worthwhile. We praise the house leaders for their encouragement and involvement in the day and who did everything to encourage their houses to gain house points and be involved in everything they could. We would also like to mention the Year 12 of 2016 who dressed up and made the most of their last memorable athletics carnival at Caroline Chisholm College!

We would like to give a massive thank you to all those who participated and showed great enthusiasm throughout the

day. It was great to see the amount of encouragement and sportsmanship that was shown when cheering on other peers during all of the events. We would like to say a specific thank you to all the teachers, in particular **Mr McIlveen**, and the Year 10 PASS class who



assisted in timekeeping and recording the great results of the day's events. We would also like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to **Mr Elliott** who

was extremely enthusiastic about his first Carnival with the Caroline Chisholm community. We were thrilled to share this experience and look forward to an even better carnival next year.

Special congratulations to KENNY who achieved the most house points on the day!

We commend all of the competitors who were winners and age champions of the events: 12 years - Summer Northey, 13 years - Mia Gleeson, 14 years - Sarah Blaikie, 15 years - Monique Quirk, 16 years - Georgia Wood, and 17 years - Emily Perring.

Written by Year 10 PASS Class

# NSWCCC CROSS COUNTRY

So far we have seen some great achievements on the cross country track at a representative level. We had some extremely talented runners who have represented Caroline Chisholm at the NSWCCC level.

The following students ran at the NSWCCC Championships on 17 May 2016 at Eastern Creek.

- Katherine Wakeling
- Summer Northey
- Shaniah Ellul

- Ellen Gibbons
- Tayla Gallen

Congratulations to our representatives above. Thank you for all of your hard effort in representing at these challenging levels of competition. Thank you also to the families that have assisted these talented athletes in their journey. We look forward to the 2017 Cross Country season.

Mr Stephen McIlveen - Sport Co-Ordinator





Megan Cooper

**Kirstie Penton** 

### NSWCCC AND NSW ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING

It has been another successful year for swimming at Caroline Chisholm College at a representative level. We had some extremely talented swimmers that represented Caroline Chisholm College, the Parramatta Diocese and NSWCCC at various levels.

The following students swam at the NSWCCC Championships on 29/4/16 and the NSW All schools Championships on 6/5/16.

- Hannah McCrorie Abbey Slaughter .

  - Lauren Wolsey

Some of the highlights were as follows –

**NSWCCC Championships** 

Lauren Wolsey, Keisha Chilmaid, Alyssa Proctor and Megan Cooper – 1<sup>st</sup> 4 x 50m freestyle relay 12-14 yrs.

Keisha Chilmaid

- **Megan Cooper** 1<sup>st</sup> 50m freestyle 13yrs.
- **Lucy Harris**  $-1^{st}$  50m freestyle 17+ yrs.
- **Megan Cooper** 1<sup>st</sup> 50m butterfly 13yrs.
- Lauren Wolsey, Keisha Chilmaid, Alyssa Proctor and Megan Cooper 1<sup>st</sup> 4 x 50m medley relay 12-14 yrs.
- **Megan Cooper** 1<sup>st</sup> 100m freestyle 13yrs.

Congratulations to the above swimmers. Thank you for all of your hard effort in representing at these challenging levels. In addition a very big thank you to the families that have contributed to the success of our great swimmers. Without your hard work and perseverance these achievements would not be possible. See you all in 2017.

#### Mr Stephan McIlveen - Sport Co-Ordinator

#### PDSSSC TEAMS TENNIS COMPETITION

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June the Caroline Chisholm tennis team represented the college at the annual PDSSSC team's tennis competition at the Nepean tennis centre, Penrith. The team consisted of Sophie Connell Year 9, Sophie Walker Year 9, Rochelle Connell Year 10 and Emily Smith Year 10.

Other schools that attended on the day were Marian College, Cerdon College, St Andrews College and Cerdon College. We played all of these schools in both singles and doubles matches. There were mixed results on the day with our team having many successful matches.

The girls in the tennis team were exceptionally well behaved and represented the school with great pride. They were competitive

and diligent in all of their games and performed to the very best of their abilities over the day.

Lucy Harris

**Alyssa Proctor** 

We unfortunately did not place for a medal. However, our overall efforts on the court were enough reward and motivation for future tournaments.

Thank you to the parents and supporters who attended on the day. I look forward to future successes next year in the 2017 tennis championships.

#### Mr Stephen McIlveen - Sport Co-Ordinator

# CONTEMPORARY ARTIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER GARRY TRINH SPEAKS TO YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, Sydney photographer, **Garry Trinh** presented his work and his approaches to his work to Year 9 Photography and Digital Media students. Year 9 are studying his work as part of their current program "Within Walking Distance" which was based on his work for a project commissioned by the Museum of Contemporary Art C3 West Program and the Western Sydney Parklands in 2011.

Garry spoke about his different series of works and the ideas behinds these works, particularly his quirky and amusing choices of subjects. He gave the girls insights and tips for taking photos for this project, including some techniques for capturing shots as they walk around. He also spoke about his experience of making the works for the "Within Walking Distance" project.

We are very fortunate that the girls were able to hear from a photographer whom they are studying first hand and Garry commented that he really enjoyed coming to Caroline Chisholm as he felt the students were really interested and proud of their creative works.



Garry Trinh with Year 9 Photography and Digital Media students

#### CONTEMPORARY CHINESE ARTIST GUO JIAN AND LUISE GUEST SPEAK TO YEAR 11 AND 12 VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS

Last Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, Contemporary Chinese artist **Guo Jian** and **Luise Guest**, Director of Education and Research from White Rabbit Gallery, Sydney came to Caroline Chisholm College for a special presentation for Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students. In the HSC course, Year 12 students study the work of Guo Jian as part of one of their case studies. This year, Caroline Chisholm students were invited to help trial education resource materials produced by the White Rabbit Gallery.

Luise Guest gave a comprehensive overview of **Guo Jian's** life and work from his time as a Red Guard and a propaganda office during the Cultural Revolution to his time as a student artist protesting in Tiananmen Square to his deportation from China to Australia and his work here now in Australia. She also spoke



about his use of images and iconography drawn from Pop Art and Chinese propaganda as well as his more recent photographic montages.

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She then interviewed Guo Jian and, in a conversation, **Guo Jian** gave us a personal and first hand account of his life in China as an artist and the changes he had experienced. He spoke at length about his experiences as a first hand witness of the Tiananmen Square protest and then the massacre when the People Liberation Army tanks and troops rolled into the square and fired on the protesters. **Guo Jian** talked about the profound effect that this horrific experience had on his life and on his artwork.

After his first time in Australia after Tiananmen Square, **Guo Jian** returned to China and found China changing rapidly with building programs destroying neighbourhood and industrialisation and pollution affecting his own home

village. The work he has currently on show at the White Rabbit exhibition "Heavy Artillery" is a large image of his home village, a renowned beauty spot that has been destroyed by pollution. This remarkable image is built from tens of thousands of photos of rubbish which can only be seen close up. He then spoke about making diorama sculptures of a destroyed Tiananmen Square, which brought him to the attention of the Secret Police and eventually he was jailed and then deported to Australia for five years, leaving his family behind.

We are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to hear the first hand accounts from someone who has been a witness to such significant events and the girls and the staff felt it was a privilege and honour to hear **Guo Jian** speak. We are grateful to **Luise Guest** and the White Rabbit Gallery for making this opportunity possible.

#### Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO EDEN RILEY CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE CLASS OF 2014

At the recent 2016 Western Sydney Region NSW Training Awards evening, past Caroline Chisholm College student, **Eden Riley** achieved an outstanding result by being recognised as one of the Top 5 finalists in the "Trainee of the Year" category.

The NSW Training Awards recognises excellence in vocational education and training and the Western Sydney awards acknowledges the best within the greater Western Sydney and Blue Mountains region.

Whilst at Caroline Chisholm, Eden studied the HSC vocational education subjects of Business Services and Entertainment, achieving Certificate II level qualifications in these industry areas. Following this, she was successful in obtaining a Certificate III Business Services traineeship and employment with Penrith City Council. Having completed that, Eden now finds herself working through a Certificate IV Work Health & Safety program with the Council and is enjoying every minute of her employment and training opportunities.

Speaking with her at the Awards evening, Eden expressed how she has really enjoyed working at Penrith City Council, highlighting the diverse range of roles and tasks she is able to undertake, both in the council offices but also out in the field. She also believes her vocational training has not only developed her employability skill set but also her personal and professional confidence.

Eden also complimented the support she received from her Business Services teacher and Careers Advisor, **Mr Marc Petit**, who encouraged her to pursue a Council traineeship and started her on her vocational education journey.

Congratulations to Eden Riley on your magnificent achievement.

Mr Geoff Sullivan - Leader of Learning VET

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