Performing Arts News

Congratulations and a big thank you for all performers, backstage, technical crew, parents, staff and ex scholars that were involved in the whole school production ‘Rising Stars’. The commitment and support throughout term two certainly paid off in the end, resulting in wonderful performances at the renowned Scott Theatre in Adelaide.

The production demonstrated the strength and the talents within the art forms of dance, drama, music, media, visual arts and technical theatre skills at the school. The opportunity for students to perform in the public sector is rewarding and develops their confidence and performance skills. Most importantly, it is enjoyed by all!!

‘The production was a great experience for me, I met new friends and learnt new skills’. Ivy Tugado 905

‘It was exciting and rewarding to perform in a theatre with new people across all the arts. I’m glad I was part of a fun experience’. Ashleigh Hauschild 1105

‘It was our final year of having a part in the production, so we wanted to do as much as possible. The ‘Beat it’ boys dance was a strong piece that

expressed strength, height and masculinity and was a favourite item. Overall the performance was rewarding experience for all boys from years 8 to 12.’ Aaron Gill 1105 and Ryan Bolton 1105

We were all very proud of the results.

Kim McCarrurh
(Director)
Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

What a wonderful ending to term two we enjoyed with an outstanding whole school production of “Rising Stars” and what stars they all were—performers and supporters, parents, teachers and students—all contributing to make this a memorable event.

Special thanks to Ms. Kennedy for her backstage work and to Ms. McCarthur for her brilliant directing. Unfortunately these two key personnel missed the celebration on the last day of school enjoyed by students and crew, as shown on the back page.

Year 12 Formal
The Year 12 Formal was a wonderful evening demonstrating the skills and maturity of our year 12 cohort. What an impressive looking group of young adults, showing that they can really put on a show of a lifetime! Congratulations to the year 12 team and the student committee who made it such a memorable event - we enjoy the photographic display in the foyer each day.

Short Term Study Tours
Our two study tours have been a great success. Students, staff and families have enjoyed getting to know students from Taiwan (Sheng Kung Girls School) and Japan (National Tech High School). Sincere thanks to the Home Stay families who are responsible for making this possible; without your support we just would not be able to have these short term study tours. The students who were buddies to our international visitors gained much from their experiences and, judging by the hugs and tears at departure time, have made some lifelong friendships.

Professional Learning
Our staff Professional Learning Day and a half with Dr. Julia Atkin provided good information and a basis for staff to re-design curriculum to meet the learning preferences of all students. Staff enjoyed their own self analysis of their preferred learning styles and considered the implications for the way they do things themselves, especially their teaching styles based on personal preferences.

Whilst we all have preferred ways of learning and doing, we are also able to operate and learn and do in all of the identified ways. These are encapsulated in this model:

Ned Herrmann’s Whole Brain Model

It was important for teachers to consider the impact of their preferences on others in teaching and learning settings and to learn strategies to design curriculum to provide stimulus for all students and their diverse learning preferences. Teachers in all Learning Areas commenced this work last week and will continue throughout the next semester. Some will work directly with Julia in this process as they seek to increase the depth of learning undertaken by students. A number of papers by Dr. Julia Atkin are at: http://www.learning-by-design.com/ or google Dr. Julia Atkin for more.

Student and Parent Involvement
During term three we will be reviewing school policies and Student Voice will be providing input through the three Leadership Teams: ‘Student Wellbeing’, ‘Teaching and Learning’ and ‘Technology, Environment and Resources’. We welcome parent input too, so if you think you might be interested please let Tricia Bowman know on 8337 6844 and the relevant team leader will follow up with you.

Career and Course Counselling
We look forward to another busy and productive term as students aim to improve their grades from term two to gain entry into their preferred courses of study for 2009. Please come along to the relevant parent information sessions and put the parent/student/teacher counselling interview times in your diary now – Thursday afternoon 4th September and Friday 5th September during the day. Appointments are essential to provide adequate time for all families. We look forward to seeing you to discuss your child’s career planning process during term three.

Regards,
Chris Stokes
China Campaign: informing our community about censorship issues in China.

Recently the CCSS Amnesty group led a lunch time information session and demonstration aimed at highlighting the problems with censorship and lack of human rights in China. People were asked to take a brick from our ‘mock’ Great Wall of China and then access the information underneath. It was very clear that the demonstration was not anti China or anti Olympic Games, the issue is about our ‘brother and sisters’ in China who do not have the same rights as we do. Some further comments from the participants were:

“The day was very successful and lots of people were keen to join. Amnesty members advertised their campaign with colourful pictures and signs, which drew attention to the protest and got a lot of people interested in our campaign.” Matt, Kath and Rach

“The session was very successful and lots of people were keen to join in and find out more. We took over 150 signatures from students and staff. We used colourful pictures and signs that we had made in our meetings. Our protest was about uncensoring China’s internet and access to information. We believe that everyone should have the right to freedom of speech and freedom to access information.” Lizzy, Connor and Sarah.

“Hopefully we made a difference and made other people aware of trying to stop the injustice happening in China. We are not anti-Beijing Olympics or Chinese people, in fact just the opposite. We are just trying to effectively pass our message to the people in our school community about censorship issues in China”.

Our community at CCSS is part of the wider world community so it is important that we show concern for other people. We all share this world. CCSS Amnesty International usually meet Tuesday lunch times.

Priyanka, Marie, David, Sara, Wel and Deborah.

Year 12 Legal Studies students have been very busy this year attending the Magistrate’s court for a mock trial, taking on different roles from the defence lawyer to the prosecution. They also had a visit from former judge Barry Jennings and former MP Minister Joan Hall, which gave them a chance ask questions for their civic participation assignment. These two guests have a wealth of experience and gave generously of their time. The class even attended a forum with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Stephen Pallaras, to gain his opinion on a variety of issues for their civic participation. It is an important requirement of the course that Legal Studies students explore the impact of laws in the community.

We would like to wish the Year 12 Legal Studies students the best of luck in the rest of their studies this year.

Daniel Pettigrew 1202
BRAILLE MUSIC CAMP

Recently, CCSS students Elisabeth, Tim and Arron attended the annual Braille music camp in Mittagong NSW. It is a special gathering for young people who are blind or who have low vision, and this year, was held over the last week of term 2.

All students reported having a fantastic time with a special highlight being the opportunity to connect with old friends from past years. They also enjoyed being able to demonstrate their musical abilities to others of the same age group.

Other activities included singing with a choir, participating in concerts and playing a solo instrument with an orchestra or ensemble. There was also a chamber choir for people with a treble voice under the age of 18 years and a jazz group.

The students also had Braille music classes which were held each day after morning tea. The highlight was the Final Concert on the last night which comprised approximately 15 performances in front of a large, invited audience.

BRAILLENOTE SHORT COURSE

Arron, Tim, Tori and Elisabeth attended a two day short course at SASVI on 2nd and 3rd of June to work with Ramona Mandy from Victoria on BrailleNote skills. For those who are not familiar with BrailleNotes, they are electronic braillers, which provide Braille and voice, and can do almost everything a computer can do, in print or in Braille. Students can use them in all subjects.

At the short course they learnt how to format different work and tabulate columns, use Bookreader, SD cards and the planner, and connect the BrailleNote with a laptop to share files. Students stayed at the Warradale Urban camp overnight and had great fun bowling on Monday night at Marion. The highlight of that adventure was seeing Tim bowl a strike in lane 3, even though he was actually bowling in lane 2. It was quite an amazing feat! I don't think it has ever been done before.

Ramona Mandy travelled from Melbourne with her guide dog Paisley, and she taught non-stop for 2 days, coping with questions and requests from everyone. She is a wonderful mentor for our students. We are planning to run our own half day short courses in BrailleNote skills at CCSS with students teaching and supporting each other.
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Some comments by the students:

‘I thought it was very interesting listening to the authors talk about how they came up with their ideas and stories. The authors were very funny and entertaining. It was an excellent venue and very spacious.’ Alison Stevens

‘This was an educational experience like no other. The keynote speakers engraved a clear picture into our minds … Writing about what you know was stated as being the critical constituent in the construction of a plot. The humorous presentation By Michael Gerard Bauer showed us how he conceived some of the ideas of his novels and gave us a guide that we could follow in the construction of texts.

It was then onto pre-dinner drinks and photos before entrée was served at around 7.30pm. After the main course and dessert it was time for the awards. Jacqui Brunner was awarded Queen of the Formal in a beautiful dress she had made herself. Vincent Pasamba, who looked fabulous in his dark suit, was awarded King of the Formal.

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I believe that we will greatly benefit from the skills that we have gained through this excursion. Hopefully this will also influence our English grades, and maybe, just maybe one of us will become a famous author.’ Marnel Du Bruyn

‘The writers informed us about some of their own embarrassing experiences, which were so hilarious I could not stop laughing. Chris Tugwell gave us ideas about different types of writing, in particular screenwriting. I really enjoyed this session and I wouldn’t mind learning more about this in the future.’ Vanessa Roccisano

Nineteen selected Year 10 students went with Kay Brindal and Paul Mitchell to the “Meet the Writers Festival” at the Adelaide Convention Centre on the 29th of June, along with approximately two thousand students from all over the state. They heard keynote addresses by Catherine Jinks and Scot Gardner and attended workshops by other acclaimed writers for young adults.

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Chris Formby & Julie Shillingford - Year 12 team

Meet the Writers

The Formal was held at the Hyatt Hotel on Friday 4th July. The evening started at around 6.15pm with red carpet arrivals in limousines and other assorted 'hot' cars. The staff waited in the cold to greet the beautiful young men and women as they arrived. They all looked fabulous!

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Pathways Counselling for 2009 for all year levels has now commenced. The final stage of counselling activities during school and after school will be the Pathways Counselling Evening on September 4 and the Pathways Counselling Day on September 5, 2008.

For parents of students currently in Years 10 – 12 there will be an evening information session for both students and parents to find out more about Tertiary study, the SACE and VET offerings, and assist with course selections for 2009. This will allow students to choose subjects that will lead them to the pathways that they wish to pursue on leaving school.

Several evening information sessions have been organised where staff will be available to provide information and assist with this process. The planned evenings will be held during weeks 4 and 5 of this term. Please take note of the evening that most matches your student’s needs.

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To assist with subject selection there will be an opportunity to meet with Home Group teachers to support students in their subject selection for 2009. These meetings will occur in week 7. This evening and day will be used for subject counselling and appointment times will be made available for students and parents to discuss their choices and ensure they match their pathways aspirations. Details will be sent home closer to the event.

Prior to the Counselling Day and Evening, Home Group teachers will be discussing subject selection during extended Home Group sessions over the coming weeks. On Friday 5 September 2008 there will be no classes for students in Years 8-11 as there is an expectation that all students will be accompanied by a caregiver at an arranged appointment time. Year 12 students may have lessons by negotiation on that day.

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Sharyn Habel  
*For Pathways Counselling Team*
Revved up is how we feel when situations or the actions of other people stir us to feel angry or frustrated. We all experience anger at times, but it is how we handle these feelings that matters. We may allow our emotions to explode in verbal forms and sometimes physical violence. We may harm ourselves and others or direct the energy of these feelings into creating solutions to problems. Positive action is a more helpful way of managing anger when we are feeling revved up.

*Revved up* invites young people, especially boys, to gain a better understanding of themselves and provides strategies for handling life's challenging situations.

This term the School Chaplain, Josh Champion and I will be running a number of sessions incorporating a variety of activities with a group of Year 8 and 9 boys. These sessions will also be assisted by the Year Level Managers, Andrew Fleming and Neil Muggleton.

Some activities may be out of school and others within the school. Each Wednesday from 11.30 to 1.00pm a group of 12 - 15 boys will come together to:

- Explore a range of feelings which can have negative consequences if handled inappropriately
- Develop understanding of our personal reactions and responses to situations
- Learn to change angry energy into positive action
- Practise ways of relating positively to others so that we consider both our needs and those of other people.

I am extremely excited to be involved in delivering this programme and look forward to working with this team and our young male participants. If you are interested in further information regarding this programme, please contact me at CCSS on 8337 6844.

*Meg Collins - Student Counsellor/Middle Years*

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**About Revved Up**

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**JUNIOR TENNIS OPEN DAY**

Sunday, August 24th

Campbelltown Tennis Club, Emery Road, Campbelltown are having their 2008 Junior Open / Registration Day from 12pm to 2pm. All current and new players ages 7 to 17 are welcome. Fun activities on court, racquets to sample, free sausage sizzle.

Enquiries: Susan on 0419031961

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The LOTE Learning Area is very happy to welcome ELISA BERNO, an Italian assistant employed by the Italian government. She will aid several of our classes each Wednesday with language practice, utilising her current knowledge and expertise, until the end of the year.

We feel that this extra help will encourage shy students to speak Italian more often and more fluently.

Elisa Berno

More exciting news is that the Italian Didactic Centre has acknowledged the work accomplished by Charles Campbell Secondary School in disseminating the Italian language.

This means we have received a sum of money to enable the Year 10 /11 class of Italian to be split so that each group can benefit from instruction from one teacher. As a consequence, an extra class is now taught in Italian at a senior level without the school incurring the cost. The students in our zone benefit yet again.

Maria Romeo/Teacher

Congratulations to Matthew Besz who is on Campbelltown City Council’s Youth Advisory Council.

Matthew has helped raise awareness of Student Voice projects. As a result Campbelltown City Council has donated $200 towards the Kiwani’s Key Club Breakfast project.

Denise Long
Administration Officer

Recent Professional Development Day