Welcome to a New School Year!

From The Principal .....

Welcome to all our returning and new students and families for 2016. We hope you have all had a restful summer vacation and are ready for the year ahead.

It has been many years since we last published a hard copy of our newsletter and this one is the first and only one we will be publishing for 2016.

All future news items will be published either via our school Facebook account (details above) or on our school website: http://www.cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. You can also access our Moodle site: http://web2.cheltenham-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/ for information and messages about day to day classroom matters.

Cheltenham Girls’ is a very busy place and we will be regularly updating our news so please check these sites regularly so you don’t miss out!

Staff Changes for 2016

At the start of the holidays Deputy Principal Mrs. Lawrence was approached by the Department of Education to take up a temporary appointment of 12 months leading a newly formed unit with the mission of addressing violent extremism in schools through school-based inclusivity measures.

Mrs. Lawrence’s appointment brings great credit to Cheltenham Girls’ High School and we like to feel that the school’s reputation for inclusive culture played no small part in her appointment. We wish her well and look forward to hearing updates from her during the year.

I know Mrs. Lawrence will especially miss mentoring her Year 12 students this year but she has promised that she will attend the Year 12 Graduation and the Year 12 Formal as well as popping in when her schedule allows.

Replacing Mrs. Lawrence as Relieving Deputy Principal for 2016 is Head Teacher Secondary Studies, Ms. Hope. Ms. Hope has regularly relieved in this role over the last few years and we are confident she will do a great job.

Stepping up to replace Ms. Hope are two teachers who will job-share the role. They are Mrs. Kim Vanden Hogen and Mrs. Kirsty Lovett. Both these teachers have worked closely with Ms. Hope and are looking forward to delivering in this new role.

An important part of their new portfolio is handling our enrolment enquiries, especially at the beginning of the year. If you are aware of someone who is seeking enrolment for their daughter at CGHS please ask them to contact these teachers directly.

Also during the vacation period our Head Teacher PDHPE, Ms.

We are on Facebook! You can find us by following the Social Media link on the front page of our website. Make sure you ‘like’ us so that you always are up to date with the Cheltenham news. Just this week we have posted video of our amazing 2015 Presentation Day at the Sydney Opera House including the always amazing Hallelujah Chorus and the whole school singing of the Les Miserables medley item! If you were unlucky enough to miss it ‘live’ here is your opportunity!
Harriman, was successful in her application to the Board of Studies to fill the position of Senior Curriculum Officer PDHPE. This, too, is a temporary position but this time it is for a period of 2 years. Ms. Harriman brings great depth of knowledge and a passionate commitment to PDHPE to this influential state-wide position.

Relieving as Head Teacher PDHPE for this period is Mr. Bill Gavathas. Mr. Gavathas, as most of you would already be aware, is our substantive Head Teacher Administration/LOTE but he is also a highly experienced former Head of PDHPE. We are fortunate to have Mr. Gavathas on staff so that there is continuity of leadership in this faculty. Please direct all enquiries regarding the Targeted Sports Program to Mr. Gavathas.

Of course with Mr. Gavathas going sideways that means that we need to call on another staff member to step up to fill the role of Head Teacher Administration/LOTE. In this case it is Mrs. Trudi Mowll who will be filling in in this role. Mrs. Mowll has spent quite some time last year shadowing Mr. Gavathas so she already has a good understanding of the requirements.

We send our best wishes to our staff members who are absent this year and extend a vote of confidence to those who are stepping up. We are indeed fortunate at Cheltenham to have such depth of leadership capacity in our school.

**New Staff 2016**

We welcome two permanent additions to our English Faculty in 2016. They are Ms. Stephanie Sullivan and Ms. Christina Ho who were both successful in merit selection interviews held last year. Ms. Ho has been with us in a temporary capacity since the start of Term 3 last year.

Ms. Ho is also a former Cheltenham student. It is a key characteristic of the school that we have so many ex-students who have found their way back to their alma mater as teachers.

We welcome both these new teachers to our school and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Also joining us as teachers new to the school who are replacing teachers who are on leave or other duties are: Ms. Karleen Newton who is replacing Mrs. Sarita Naidu of the Science Faculty. Mrs. Naidu is on sabbatical leave for the year.

Ms. Sarah Elliott, Ms. Emily Youssef (another ex-student of CGHS!), Ms. Tomacin Spring and Ms. Eliza Long are all joining the PDHPE Faculty, not only replacing Ms. Harriman but also Ms. Parkinson who has extended her leave to cover 2016 and Ms. McLachlan who gave birth to her second son, Harry, on New Year’s Eve.
Ms. Beauman and Ms. Grisdale continue as temporary appointments in 2016 and Ms. Beauman is also the Sports Organiser.

Joining the History Faculty for 2016 is Mrs. Ani Amis who is relieving for Mrs. Inman and Ms. Melda Koparan who is job-sharing with Mrs. Sally Khamis.

Joining the Social Science Faculty is another ex-student, Teresa Wong.

Joining the LOTE Faculty in part time capacities are: Ms. Katarina Gray, a specialist Spanish teacher and Ms. Jinny Lee a specialist Japanese teacher.

These new staff members were introduced to the students at the first assemblies for the year. I know our Cheltenham community will quickly make them feel welcome.

**SMS Messages**

We use our database of parent mobile numbers to keep parents informed on a daily basis of any student absence from school. These SMS messages are highly valued by our parent community.

Are YOUR details up to date? Have you changed phones over the holidays? Gifted your old phone to your daughter? (Do you really want your daughter to be the one receiving text messages about her school attendance???)

Please ring the school; 9876 4481 or email the school Cheltenham-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au to check or to update!

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### 2015 HSC Results!

Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort of 2015, we are all so very proud of your achievements!

The students listed below are ‘All Rounders’, that is, they have each obtained a Band 6 (90+/100) in at least five 2 Unit HSC courses:

- Alannah Daly
- Georgia Dilley
- Vivien Lau
- Annie Lim
- Anjali Nadaradjane

This is a great accomplishment for these students to have achieved so highly across a range of subjects. Well done!

In addition the following students are ‘Top Achievers’ having placed in the top 5 or 10 highest achieving students in the State in specific subjects:

#### Aboriginal Studies:
- Annika Drego 2nd
- Alex Schaefer 3rd
- Emily Goldsmith 5th

Each of the students listed above are in the Year 12/2016 cohort so they reached these results as Year 11 students. We all hope that these great results are indicators of further high achievement at the end of this year!

#### Ancient History
- Anjali Nadaradjane 3rd

#### Design & Technology
- Susie Boo 5th
- Hannah Tavener-Hanks 7th

It’s also worth noting that in this course every student in the Design & Technology class scored over 90, thus earning a band 6!

#### Senior Science
- Yasmin Goodwin 2nd

#### Society & Culture
- Anjali Nadarajane 7th

These seven students have followed their passion and have received just rewards for their efforts.

Of the 199 Cheltenham students who sat for the 2015 HSC 116 students earned at least one Band 6 result!

Overall 235 Band 6s were awarded, a 24% increase on the previous year’s results and 465 Band 5s were awarded, a decrease of 5.6%.

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### YEAR 7 PARENTS

You are invited to meet the Year 7 teachers on **MONDAY evening 15th February at 6.00pm** in the School Hall. Please bring your daughters with you. This is a great opportunity to start networking with other parents as you navigate secondary schooling. A formal invitation will be sent home with Year 7 students.

DON’T MISS THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!
Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advancedlife Photography. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day.

Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

Cheltenham Girls’ High School P&C Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 15th February

(Following the Year 7 Parents Information Evening)

Starting at 7.30 pm Concluding 9.00pm

Cheltenham Girls’ HS P&C Association is an active group of Cheltenham families who work hard to improve the school experience for all our students. Over the Christmas holidays they have organised the installation of air conditioners in the School Hall with the assistance of a State Govt. Community Grant.

Please consider contributing to this group and improving your daughter’s school life!