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MEETING DATES:

8th August
17th October

Venue is in the conference room of CHS - turn left inside the main entrance. 7pm start. Please email/message

CHESS still has stock of school song CDs @ \$7 and badges @ \$7 - email patjdouglas@iprimus.com.au

CHESS REPORT

My name is Sian Murray and I am your new CHESS President.

I was elected in April, after Kate Hamond announced that she would not be able to continue as President due to family and work commitments. CHESS Vice-President Mary Hill, my old primary school teacher and family friend, enticed me to stand for the position and has helped me to acclimatise to the role. I really appreciate the support and encouragement that I have received from the CHESS Committee and CHS staff.

I started at CHS in 2005 and graduated from year 12 last year. I am the oldest of seven children, the youngest of which is still only 3 so my family will be attending CHS for many years to come. At school I was a keen athlete, making sure I was involved in every sporting event possible. I also had a love for studying as I was dux of both years 9 and 11. I was a proud member of Macarthur and was sports captain in 2011. At the end of last year I was accepted into Journalism at Monash University, but have decided to defer for the year and continue my studies in 2012. As I completed Year 12 at CHS last year, I'm looking forward to bringing many recent ex-students into CHESS. I also have skills and interest in marketing and IT, so working on the CHESS page of the new CHS website is an exciting prospect for me.



The CHESS committee has been busy with two major projects.

*The first is planning **Camberwell High School's 70th anniversary**. CHESS, CHS staff, School Council, student leaders and the Parents & Friends Association have met regularly to plan a comprehensive day of celebration - highlighting many aspects of school history, successes, diverse programs and of course an exciting future. There will be guided tours of the school, information about the new building program, afternoon tea available, memorabilia & souvenirs, musical presentations and classrooms displaying each decade of CHS life. Daily and local media will be promoting this anniversary and Premier Bailleau will attend to launch a dedicated musical piece.*

Please let your old school friends know about this upcoming event, and keep Sunday 14th August 2011 free to come back to school! 2pm - 5pm. Notice inside on page 5....

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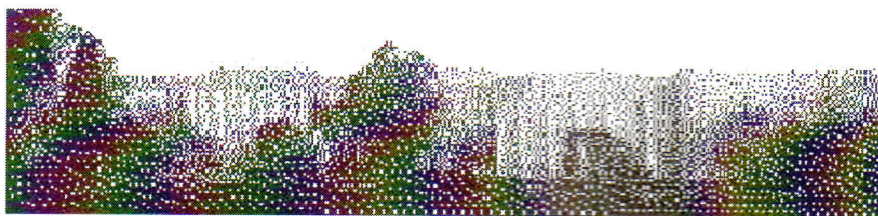
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We welcome any contributions from past students. Please contact Deb by post or email with any written articles. Also, if any CHESS members wish to place ads, please contact Pat. Also please consider our Chessmoves website for your advertising!

CHESSMOVES DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

October 15th, 2011.
Send all articles to Debs.



Principal's Message - Jill Laughlin

Term Two has been an exciting and eventful term. The Performing Arts Festival held on Thursday 19th May was a fantastic celebration of student talent but most importantly of team work. Preparations were underway for weeks as each House prepared a themed item under the theme of "Sugar and Spice". House spirit soared in the School Hall enthusiastically supported by a capacity



audience of parents and friends. The event was coordinated by Ms Audrey Wickerson and she has been assisted by many staff. Congratulations to the winners for 2011, Churchill. The Gingerbread characters were a creative response to the theme.

It was a pleasure to host Principal's morning teas to celebrate the academic achievements of students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students from each class who have achieved consistently high results throughout Semester One were recognised by the presentation of a certificate and sharing of morning tea with the Principal, Assistant Principals, Junior Sub School Leader, PTL's and teachers. It was evident that many of these students are making the most of the opportunities presented to them at Camberwell High. In addition to achievement in classes, many are musicians, participate in sporting teams, have student leadership roles and contribute to the life of the school in many ways.

Fifty Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 met with the architect and designer on May 26th during periods 1 and 2. The students were invited to examine the interior layout of the new building and ask questions and make suggestions for improvements. It was a highly productive session providing us with lots of great ideas for further development. The students' responses to this challenging task were impressive. Several of them continued to have ideas and made the effort to see me after the session to share their thoughts. It is a great pleasure to engage with the students in these discussions and to be able to develop such an exciting project with them and for them.

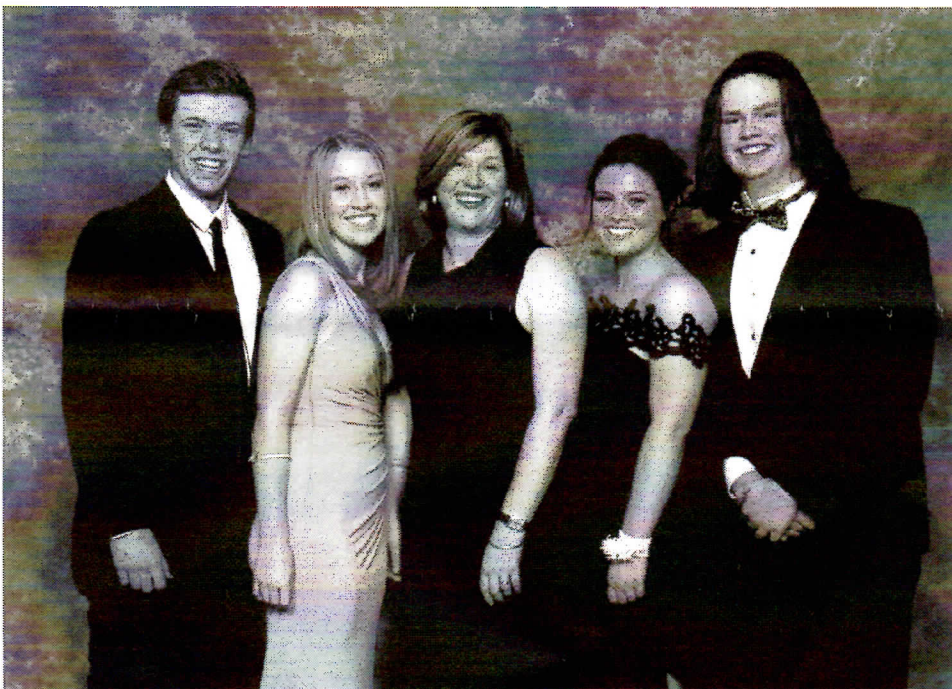
The Student Representative Council have ran a Respect and Responsibility week during May. The SRC developed the concept for the week based on some concerns which emerged from last year's Student Attitudes to School Survey. They felt that a week based on highlighting two of the school's core values would help to promote student's respect for each other and recognise responsible behaviours.

We have had student led assemblies with excellent speakers as well as a staff/student netball match and a number of competitions and activities. All of these have had a great response and I hope will have a lasting effect.

I met with the Principal's Advisory group during June. This group was established at the November 2010 Student Forum. The purpose of this group is to ensure that the student goals developed through Student Leadership Forums are put into place and to provide a direct avenue for students to bring issues to my attention. We discussed a number of issues including the Student Action Plan for this year. I will meet with the Advisory Group again during term three.

All of our students undertaking study of a Year 12 subject completed the GAT during the exam period in June. The Year 12 Formal held in the evening was an excellent way to balance the stress of this challenging exam with some fun. Many of our students have completed external exams and now turn their attention to Unit 4 Studies. It is a demanding year and it was wonderful to have a social function together which acknowledged the genuine support and friendship which the students extend to each other. Many staff attended the evening. At such a busy time of the year this indicates the high regard staff have for this cohort of students. They behaved impeccably and are a credit to their parents and school. I have included a photo of our student leaders at the conclusion of my report.

Planning is progressing well for the School's 70th Anniversary celebrations which will take place on Sunday August 14th. All members of our school community both past and present are welcome to attend. We are particularly excited about the commissioning of a Symphonic Work for our orchestra. The launch of this work will be a highlight of the afternoon. We are delighted that the Premier and our local member, Ted Baillieu has agreed to attend the Reunion and launch the symphonic work.



Student Leaders at the school formal:

From the left: Oliver Wadelton (SRC President); Kelly Winder (SRC President); Samantha Hunt (School Captain); Tom Osborne (School Captain).

Principal's Message (continued)

The Midyear Music Concert on June 21st was a most enjoyable evening and a fantastic showcase of musical talent in the school. The audience were treated to performances from soloists and a wide range of ensembles. Students moved in large numbers between items with calm assurance. It was a great success due in a large part to our wonderful music staff. Families, students and staff concluded the evening with a delicious supper provided by the Friends of Music who are such consistent and generous supporters of all things musical in the school.

A Delegation of eleven Educators including Principals and Government Officials from Thailand and Vietnam visited Camberwell High School on Thursday 30th June. This Austrade sponsored delegation met with the Victorian Department of Education on Thursday morning and followed up with a visit to us. Our school was selected by the International Division as a high performing school and invited us to host these important visitors. We engaged in a wide ranging discussion regarding school organisational models and the use of technologies and conducted a school tour. We are delighted to have opportunities to continue to build our connections with the Asian Region.

The School Council has established a School Uniform Working party to review the current uniform Policy. The Working Party includes parent, student and teacher members. We have met once and will continue to meet throughout Term 3 and make final recommendations to School Council at the commencement of Term 4. We will be inviting input from all members of the community during this period. I welcome any input parents would like to provide in regards to the comfort, safety, durability and appearance of our current uniform. The focus of the group is with refinement and improvement not substantial change.

Over the holiday break the Innovation Centre and Auditorium Building Project will go to tender and the process of appointing a builder will begin. We are continuing to seek support through pledges from our community for the Cooperative Loan. Details have been mailed to you to help with any questions or concerns which you may have. We have 148 pledges so far and are well on the way to reaching our goal of 340 pledges. Your assistance with this effort would be greatly appreciated. My sincere thanks to all members of the community who have supported this exciting project already through pledges and donations. Please contact any of the directors should you have questions.

Jill Laughlin

PRINCIPAL

From the Membership Desk -2011

Pat Douglas

Our membership numbers have been increasing over the past years. Also the school database is growing every year and with the help of ex-students we are able to keep the addresses reasonably up to date. CHESS continues to contribute to the Presidents Fund and we have donated money for garden projects. We attend other activities at the school and some of our committee attend P & F meetings. This year we have donated money to the new building project – Innovation Centre & Auditorium. This is in the form of seats in the Auditorium with named plaques attached. The school records have been shifted and are now in a safer place and not so dusty. Last year we held a combined reunion for the 40's and 50's and we had a record number attending. Even though the day was the worst with torrential rain. In October, we will be having a reunion for the 60's. The venue at this time is not set but will be advised in a couple of months. Also it is the 70th Anniversary of Camberwell High and there is a celebration arranged in August. If anyone has any information that will assist in keeping the database up to date your help would be very grateful.



CHESS President's Report (continued from Page 1)

Our other project is a reunion for the 1960s students, to be held on Friday 7th October in the school hall. A DVD of 1960s photos will run throughout the evening and a supper will be served. A roving photographer will be on hand, and a selection of photos will be published in the following edition of CHESS Moves. Further information about the reunion will be mailed to members.

I am enjoying the role of CHESS President, and hope to meet many members in the near future.

SIAN MURRAY
CHESS President



CAMBERWELL HIGH SCHOOL

Warmly invites

past and present students, staff and families

to join in our

70th Anniversary celebrations

on Sunday 14th August 2.00 – 5.00pm

Festivities include:

- Address by the school Principal, Jill Laughlin
- Launch of the new CHS symphonic work by Graham Lloyd
- Speeches from oldest and youngest students of the school
- Musical entertainment
- Tours of the school led by current Student Leaders
- School Council President Glen Ryan's unveiling of the new Innovation Centre & future development programs
- Decade room meetings and reminiscences
- Lots of opportunities for photos and memorabilia sharing

**For further information contact Maureen Salter, Assistant Principal on 9836 0555
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CHS 60s REUNION

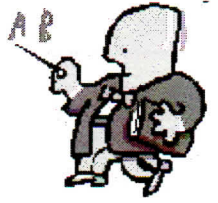


7pm to 10pm
Friday 7th October 2011
CHS Assembly Hall.

\$30 entry
Supper, wine, beer and
soft drinks provided.

Email patjdouglas@iprimus.com.au if you did not receive a ticket order form in the recent mailout.

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Our questionnaire....

Replies from Peter Goldring (Cohen) (CHS 1968-1973)

Which teacher inspired you at CHS?

Forty + years on and my student days at CHS are all but a blur / a distant memory etc...; but being a teacher for most of my working life means I enjoyed school and have lots more good memories than bad – if I can remember rightly at all? I would have to give thanks to Mr. Hardenburg, my Latin teacher – who did more than inspire me to learn – he “feared” you into learning ! He would have been in good company with the ‘big 3’ – Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini !! He was that big – and I was that small; that he would block out the light of day on entering the room. However, as I came to understand he was a gentle giant, and taught me to be disciplined in learning.

Your funniest school memory?

Well, not really funny when you think of it – but our Music teacher, Mr Trevare, had been under that much pressure from the shannanigans of “us” students; that on the lunch bell ringing he did not dismiss us. He kept ranting “ I need to hear more bells, bells , BBEELLLLSSSSS !!! Subsequently, he was ushered away by other staff to take a well earned rest, I believe.

What subject did you hate and why?

Music. It had no relevance to the Jimi Hendrix style music I was listening to! Mr Trevare, whose hair part was styled with a good amount of Brylcreem and a theodolite, would drag you up to the piano and make you sing through the music scales in front of everyone! All I remember was him saying, “Have you no ear for music, boy !!”



What school house were you in?

Montgomery – I had only been in Red House all my school life – never thought of our houses as WW2 Generals – they were just colours to me.

Can you hit the high note at the end of the school song?

I thought I did – but none heard me or for that matter saw me at School Assemblies being the shortest in the class.

Do you still have any school library books?

Was there a library ? – I’ve never been a good reader!

Your favourite sport or, conversely, what sport did you try to get out of?

Definitely, Footy and Cricket – what a buzz to see your name in the selected sides to play Inter school sports !Never really liked Athletics after seeing a fellow student staring at a javelin that had impaled his foot to the ground; or even Indoor Gymnastics when witnessing a boy who straddled the side of the trampoline from a great height – brought tears to my eyes !!@##

What did you do on the last day of school? (we won't tell the police)

There was no Schoolies week as there is now. Just remember being covered in flour and then ended up a mess with water bombing each other. Then the wait was on for that letter to arrive with the HSC results that would then set you on your path to a "meal ticket" in life. With not much assistance in knowing what to do with our futures – it was akin to falling off the end of the St.Kilda pier !!!

Who was your best friend at school?

I think everyone had their "cliques" – so my friends know who they were / and are – my best friend was my bike that got me to and from school !

What book are you reading now?

Well, I still don't think I have actually read a book from start to finish – I'm more a scanner of most print forms of media !! For me the 'movie' is always better , well at least faster than the book !!!

Did you have a crush on a classmate?

I first had a crush on a teacher – Miss Champion in Yr 7. She said I was very attentive in class – well that can be mistaken for 'gazing in a dream-like state'. Well, it is 40 years on, so I will come out and say it – I had a crush on Sally Farley – but you might say I was 'punching above my weight'. However, my soul mate was her sister – Deborah.

What classroom prank can you recall? (we know nothing)

I remember, in about Yr 11, a girl student went out to the front of the class to ask our English teacher, Mr Robertson a question; and then spilt ink all over his shirt. He leapt up in a tirade, but the student assured him it was 'magic' ink and would disappear in a minute – and so it did; and we all had a good laugh !!!

Did CHS have a lasting influence on your life?

As I said previously, to become a teacher I believe you must have enjoyed school life and the classroom environment – I certainly did. It gave me structure in life; and I enjoyed it that much that my son is continuing the 'tradition' by attending this wonderful school !!!!



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A bit about me.....

Well, here's my life story over the last third of a century since leaving CHS!

Finishing HSC was akin to falling off the end of St.Kilda pier - where to from here?

I worked for 2 years in an Insurance Co in Superannuation - being good with numbers and Maths in general helped. Then I did a 3 yr Dip Mech Eng - completing it in 1978 to go on and work as a Sales Engineer for about 5 years till the economic recession hit in the early 80s. The Education Dept. were crying out for Maths/ Science teachers - so they paid me to do a one year Dip Ed (Maths/Sci/Outdoor Ed) They said if I was prepared to give up some weekends and go skiing and play beach volleyball ,all expenses paid, they would add Outdoor Ed to my qualification - well I thought about it; and after about 10 secs said yes !!

I then worked as a Maths/Science teacher at Collingwood Tech (reform school for hardened adolescents!) in 1985/87 - in 1986 I went and travelled the world like Indiana Jones. I went on a truck expedition from Kathmandu to London that took 4 months. It was called "the back roads of Asia". Well our Aussie driver didn't have a sense of direction- so I called it "the U-turns of Asia!"

After teaching back in Oz and sharing a flat with your brother in Ripponlea - he inspired me to run away again and I spent 2 years studying and working in Israel. I then went to teach Maths in Istanbul, Turkey for 1 year - and low and behold, was enchanted by this mystical city and a lovely lady there who became my wife - I refer to Jansin. December this year will be our 20th Wedding Anniversary! My son Michael was born there in 1992; and we returned to Australia in 1994. He is now 18 years old and completing VCE Year 12 at - guess where? CHS! So the tradition continues! Now, my wife and I are both ESL (English language teachers) at Hawthorn Institute - but we return to Turkey whenever possible - in fact we lived there from 2004 - 2007. A great experience and Michael is now fluent in 2 languages and has 2 homes on opposite sides of the planet! So after CHS you take a turn into Prospect Hill Road - and many more roads after that!

Good luck to all those hard working students at CHS currently!

May the force be with you!!

Peter Goldring



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