What a busy term we have had!

This term has been packed with many hours of learning and assessments as well as many extra curricula activities. We have had the first of our two MADD evenings, three Parent /Teacher evenings and 2 two Subject Selection evenings. In addition we have seen many fine performances from our students in many different fields including student leadership, sporting, debating and Knock-Out competitions.

In Term 3 week 1, Year 12 will begin their HSC Trials. This can be a period of significant stress for both students and their parents. Please be assured of our support for your daughter as she enters her final term of school. If your daughter is feeling pressure or anxiety and would like to discuss this with someone please remember we have the following staff available to help you and your daughter;

Mrs Bates-Year 12 Advisor

Mrs Edwards-Head Teacher Welfare

Mrs Jenny James and Mrs Sushie Govender-Counsellors

Mrs Lawrence -Year 12, Deputy Principal

It is very important that students seek help or let someone know if they are unwell or require some additional support. It is always better if students and parents approach us in the first instance rather than leave these things until the day on the examination.

Year 12 Dance students will complete their final HSC Dance Examination in week 4 and we wish them every success in this exam.

Please take time to read the information later in this newsletter regarding the Access Scheme.
Many people have commented about our prefect initiative called the CONCORD Project. Throughout the year our prefect body, ably led by the School Captain Sharfah Mohamed, have implemented a number of events that have had a great impact and the school, community and even globally. These projects were named after the school motto; Truth, Unity and Concord.

These initiatives kicked off with the Truth Project. This was where students were invited to write a truthful, positive statement about themselves onto a post-it note and then pin the note onto a huge board. The notes with their comments were displayed in the quad for all students to see. It had an enormously positive effect on the school community, boosting student self-esteem and encouraging girls to be more positive about themselves. These small post it notes have been framed and are now displayed at the back of the school hall.

The second initiative was the Unity Project. This project was about creating unity with the school and community. When some one did a kind thing for you instead of repaying the kindness the girls suggested paying it forward to another person. They created an entertaining video to advertise their project and students were involved in random acts of kindness around the school and community.

The final project has received national and international recognition. It was called the Concord Project and examined the plight of children in mandatory detention. The Prefect Body prepared a video using a number of interviews with people who work with refugees and detainees as well as those in the political arena. The Concord Project was launched with the whole school present and some of the now freed refugees were also there. The video can be seen on YouTube and is a representation of what students are able to do when they combine to form “One Voice”. All the students were invited to take a small figure cut out shape and write their first name, age and a message to those in power that can make some changes to the plight of children in detention.
This was a completely devised and led student project. I would like to congratulate our students on “finding their voice!” This was a fine example of student leadership in action and hopefully it will help to bring about change in our world.
Sporting Achievements

**TENNIS**

The Knock Out Tennis Team won their match against Kincumber this week and will now play in the Northern Sydney Regional final against Narara High School. Well done to the team and Ms Gray! We wish you all the best for this final! If they win this one they will play in the State Final in Grafton in week 2 next term.

**GYMNASTICS**

Kathryn Ramsay in Year 10 has been selected to represent Sydney North at the NSWCHSSA Gymnastics Carnival to be held from Monday 6 August - Wednesday 8 August 2012 at Glendale.

This is the 4th consecutive year that Kathryn has been selected on this team.

**FOOTBALL**

Both of our Soccer Teams, Opens and Under 15’s have reached the final series. This is final 16 teams for each group. The under 15’s final 16 covers NSW, Queensland, ACT and some of Victoria. Our Opens team played Bathurst High School at Newcastle today and won with a Golden Goal 3-2. It was a nail-biting thriller! Stay tuned for the next game! Well done to the team and Filip Necic.
Further information for Year 12

All Year 12 received information regarding the Access Scheme at their most recent Year meeting. The student meeting is every second week where they receive highly important information regarding the HSC. This information may relate to BOS entries, scholarships and HSC examinations and projects. This is a compulsory meeting for all Year 12 students.

ACCESS SCHEME

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The Access Scheme is open to all Year 12 students who will be entering university in 2013. It is UAC scheme.

This scheme provides additional ATAR points or opportunities for university course interviews for some students.

In order to qualify, students must be able to demonstrate that they have had a long term disadvantage that has significantly impacted on their ability to perform at their best in the HSC. This scheme does not apply to students who experience misadventure on the day of or before the exams. Conditions apply for the types of disadvantage.

Forms will become available on the UAC website in mid Term 3. You can download these forms. Documentation is required for all applications.

Please be aware that UAC runs 2 rounds for these applications. Please ensure you get your forms in for the first round and take note that it takes us 7 days to process these forms due to the requirements for teacher comments and large number of forms we receive.
TRIVIA NIGHT - SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST 2012

The CGHS P&C Association is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday 25th August 2012 to raise funds for our school. All monies raised from this event are used to improve the facilities and learning environment at Cheltenham. This year we would like to put the funds towards improving the School Hall performance equipment, including lighting and sound.

Making a donation to this great cause is easy! If you have a business that can donate goods or services, or if you have vouchers, tickets, or professional time you can donate, all will be gratefully accepted. Any business who donates either goods or services will be promoted on the night. What an excellent and selfless way to have the local Cheltenham Community become aware of the services your business has to offer.

So, if you have a donation you would like to offer to your daughter’s school, please fill out the details below so that we can include your business name and contact details to all who attend the Trivia Night.

Thank you for your generosity

Stephanie Davison

P&C President, Cheltenham Girls High School

Name:__________________________________________________________

Contact Number:________________________________________________

Business Name:________________________________________________

Contact Number for Business:_____________________________________

Goods or Services you wish to donate:______________________________

Approximate Value of your Donation:______________________________

Please drop your donation information or goods into the school office before August 15th, 2012, so that we can ensure all your details are recorded on our promotional material.

Please contact Danielle Gorton by email at mymouse@optusnet.com.au if you have any queries.
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter Uniform

Tunic - Maroon A line serge tunic – Junior and Senior

Shirt - Junior (Years 7 to 10) – Light blue striped long sleeve shirt

Senior (Years 11 to 12) – Light blue long sleeve shirt

Clothing worn under the shirt in winter must not be visible.

Tie - Maroon with light blue stripes

Jumper/Blazer - As for summer – Is available to all students in all year groups

Socks - Light blue short socks

Stockings Grey (official school colour) or black

Grey must be worn for all formal functions

Shoes - Fully enclosed, low heeled black leather lace up shoes

Ribbons - Maroon, blue or pink

Coat - Navy woollen coat - Discontinued in 2012 at Lowes. Currently sourcing another supplier.

Please note that Sloppy Joes and Hoodies are NOT to be worn as a school jumper or underneath the school jumper. If students feel the cold they can wear thermals under their blouse or the school overcoat when it becomes available.

Students and parents should be aware that the Department of Education requires that all students attending practical class including Science, Technology and Visual Arts wear low heeled, supportive enclosed leather shoes to protect the feet. Students can be withdrawn from practical classes and given alternative work if their footwear does not meet the DET OHS requirements.

EARLY LEAVE ROSTER

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26 June 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

Murray Farm Road Bridge full closure, 30 June to 2 July 2012

Murray Farm Road Bridge over the Hills M2 motorway will be closed from 2pm Saturday 30 June to 5am Monday 2 July to undertake essential bridge strengthening work.

As part of the upgrade, Murray Farm Road Bridge is being lengthened to allow construction of an additional lane in each direction on the motorway. The bridge will be fully closed to undertake strengthening work on and underneath the bridge deck.

Kirkham Street and Murray Farm Road will be closed between Midson Road, Epping and Boronia Avenue, Beecroft. Motorists will not be able to turn left or right onto Kirkham Street from Beecroft Road, Beecroft and right onto Murray Farm Road from Midson Road, Epping during this period.

Underneath Murray Farm Road Bridge, citybound motorway traffic will be be diverted into the opposite carriageway between 8pm Saturday, 30 June and 9am Sunday, 1 July. One lane will be open in each direction on the motorway.

Motorists are asked to plan their journey, allow extra travel time and consider using alternative routes such as Beecroft Road, Pennant Hills Road and Carlingford Road. Traffic control will be in place and speed limits will be reduced to 40km/h in the work zones.

If the bridge strengthening work is delayed by bad weather, the bridge closure will be rescheduled to 2pm Saturday 7 to 5am Monday 8 July.

Please call 1800 196 266 or visit livetrffic.com to obtain the latest traffic information on the day. For more information about the upgrade project, please visit hills2upgrade.com.au.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

Kind regards,

Sanjin Muhic
Hills M2 Upgrade Community Relations Manager
Traffic Congestion in the Promenade.

This is a gentle reminder to parents not to stop or park across the school driveway when dropping your daughter off or picking her up. There is plenty of room further along the street to park. You daughter will only have to walk a few metres and if it is raining it is a good idea for her to have an umbrella.

This has become an increasing problem, despite RTA parking notices placed on the wall outside the school and the permanent signs. We regularly have complaints from neighbours about people parking across their driveways. We enjoy a good relationship with our neighbours and we would like to ensure that this goodwill continues. Please be sensitive to their needs as they experience this problem everyday. Unfortunately our only remaining course of action is to advise our neighbours to record registration plates and report them to the police.