



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Year 12 Farewell Activities

During last week we held a number of farewell activities for our Year 12 students before their final examinations which began this week.

The induction of our 2010 Service Captain and Head Chorister is an important event in our School calendar. We have the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the current students who hold these positions and to formally induct our 2010 recipients of these positions.

The Year 12 students asked English teacher, Francis McGuigan, to speak at the service. He spoke about his first day at CGGS and the fears he had about moving from Queensland to Canberra and starting a new job. Our Year 12 students are about to embark on a new phase of their own lives and no doubt, they will have similar fears and worries to Francis. His message to the students was simple, but important, in that we need to face new challenges and know that we have the confidence to meet whatever obstacles may be put before us. Kirsty Nitschke and Elizabeth Morris have undertaken their respective roles as Chapel Captain and Head Chorister with confidence and energy this year. We thank them and wish Christabel Richards-Neville, Services Captain for 2010 and Elyse Heslehurst, Head Chorister for 2010, every success in their forthcoming roles.

I would like to offer our thanks to the Old Grammarians' Association who hosted a lunch for the Year 12 students.

The final Chapel for the Year 12 boarders and the dinner which we held for the Year 12 boarders were filled with tears and laughter. My thanks to Head of the Boarding House, Tina Twigg, and the Boarding House staff for the time and effort they put into the planning of these events.

On the final day for the Year 12 students, we began the day with breakfast and a Chapel service. Our Chaplain, the Rev Paul Harris, asked the students to write down something which each was thankful about and had made their years at school memorable for them. It was positive for all of us to hear that the students valued the friendships they had made and the opportunities they had been given at CGGS. Paul now has a record of the comments written by the Year 12 students for the last three years. Science teacher, Richard Kent, was asked to speak at the Chapel Service. Using his own impeccable sense of humour, he exhorted the students to make the most of their talents and take the opportunities they would be given in the future years.

The Year 12 students offered their own farewell to the School at an Assembly. It is difficult to be witty without offending individuals and the rituals of the School which form an important part of its identity. There were sections of the Assembly in which people were offended and I would like to offer my apologies, on behalf of the staff, for this. We do not believe that the material offered during the Assembly reflected the thoughts or feelings of the entire Year 12 cohort.

### End of Term tests and activities

Our students are completing or will be completing their final tests and assignments for the year. Our focus at this time is on maintaining a calm and structured environment in which the students can undertake their work and our teachers can complete their marking and report writing.

Construction Control, which is the company responsible for our current construction, has been provided with dates for testing and School activities. They are working closely with us to ensure that there will be limited disruption for students and staff.

As we move towards the end of Term, there will be a number of activities which the teachers will take responsibility for. We have asked the teachers to continue to provide meaningful activities for all students. There will be a limit to the viewing of DVDs and other activities which do not have a direct educational purpose.

I have read an interesting short article by Professor Timothy Sharp. "What ever the cause, stress and anxiety are distracting and ultimately, in addition to being unpleasant in and of themselves, they negatively impact on daily functioning and happiness. It is not good for these normal but damaging negative emotions to persist for too long."



Professor Sharp has offered a three step approach to remaining focused during difficult and distracting times.

- Step 1: Begin every day by asking, "What is going to go well today?" or "If everything worked out great today, what would that look like?" In your mind, run through the tasks for the day and imagine that each and everyone will be successful.
- Step 2: Set aside time in the middle of the day and ask yourself, "Am I on track so far?" It would be useful to think about what is going well or what needs to be done to get back on track and achieve what you want for the day.
- Step 3: It is important to finish the day by focusing on at least three good things. "What are the three good things that have happened today?" These do not have to be world changing or enormously significant events but regardless of the size of the success it is worth celebrating achievements.

Susan Just  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### Safety Incident

All families should have received information regarding the incident last week. I have received a number of telephone calls and emails from people who, after reading the email, were prompted to pass on some information that they had observed. Any information is important and I appreciate the communication that I am receiving. I have not any further contact from the AFP but I have emphasised with the students the importance of following the procedures we have put in place. A PDF of the letter emailed to parents is available here:

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/images/school%20safety%20letter%20091116.pdf>

### Building Update

Anyone who has visited the School recently, or even driven past, would have noticed how quickly things have progressed. There was some concern that the construction may have interfered with the Year 11 and 12 testing but Construction Control ensured that the noise did not interfere throughout the week. The extremely hot weather has had some minor impacts on the construction with a large concrete pour being postponed from Friday until Monday. The site works are almost complete on the main Hub building with concrete and steel the main focus for the next few weeks. The new Chapel windows and doors have been fitted with the courtyard landscaping underway. The carpet has also been removed from the Chapel and the floors have been cleaned.

### Senior Testing Week

The senior students have completed their week of testing and now have some time to relax and recover from the stress of the past few weeks. The students that I have spoken to have been happy with their performance in their tests. They were also very relieved that another year is over. All Year 11 and 12 students will be required to return to School for Checking Day on Wednesday 25 November as well as the Final Assembly on Monday 30 November. The students are well aware of the dates and times that they are required to be at School.

### Jacaranda Stationery Orders

We have arranged with Jacaranda for all Year levels to have access to an online ordering system for essential school supplies. Details have been sent to all families but they are also available on the Studywiz page. There is no obligation to purchase any of the products and you are able to choose the items that you want to purchase. The items you have purchased will then be delivered to your home or office. A PDF of the letter emailed to parents is available here:

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/images/Jacaranda%20Pre-pack%20Program%20Years%20for%202010.pdf>

### Year 12

The final week for the Year 12 students was a mixed end to the year with the final Year 11/12 Chapel, Year 12 Chapel and final House meetings being highlights of the week. The final day was spoilt with some inappropriate actions and items. There has been a great deal of discussion about the final day for the Year 12 students and there are a number of ideas that are being discussed.



## Familiarisation Day

The Year 7 in 2010 students will have an opportunity to get a feel for the School when they spend the day in the Senior School on Wednesday 2 December. This will give them another opportunity to meet their Head of House, Tutor and relevant student leaders in an informal and fun day. A series of different activities have been planned for the students.

## Presentation Nights

The Year 10 Presentation Evening is on Friday 4 December beginning at 7pm in the Hall. There will be a light supper after the presentation has concluded. The Year 10 students are to wear a smart day dress or equivalent skirt and blouse on the night. The Senior School Presentation Night will be held on Monday 7 December beginning at 7.30pm. Students are to wear their summer uniform.

## Susan Just's Appointment

I am sure that the CGGS Community is already aware of the news that our Principal, Susan Just, will be taking up the position of Principal at Lauriston Girls' School, Melbourne. I have mixed emotions as I know that she is looking forward to the challenge of beginning a new phase in her career, however, I am very sad that CGGS is losing such a dedicated, caring and hardworking Principal who has done so much for the School. Being a little selfish, I will only have another six months in which I can learn from her and I know that it will be a busy time as she finishes off and puts in place the many ideas and plans she has had for CGGS. It will be a busy time until she leaves but I look forward to the remaining time she has at the School.

## Student Achievements



Congratulations to Ellie Williams (10G) on being awarded the Best New Recruit at the Spring ACT/NSW Australian Army Cadets Camp held this year at the Singleton Army Camp, Hunter Valley. Ellie is a cadet in the 224 Australian Army Cadets based at HMAS Harman and joined 250 cadets at the camp where they slept out under 'hoochies' (a suspended poncho), cooked their own rations and took part in multiple exciting activities on the Singleton ranges. Activities for the week included abseiling, patrolling, shooting in the electronic weapon simulator, live firing of the Army Steyr rifle and visits to the Singleton Army Museum.



Congratulations to Shannon Cook (12G) and Natasha Singh (12R) on gaining their Black Belt in the Rhee Taekwon-do program running every Friday in the Senior School Gymnasium. Along with past student Charlotte Gardner (2008), Shannon and Natasha are the first CGGS to achieve the level of Black Belt through this program. As part of their Grading, the students executed various techniques to break boards of wood and endured strenuous sparring against existing Black Belts.



Congratulations to the drama students and the Creature Arts Faculty for the various Canberra Area Theatre Awards nominations they have received:

For the Senior Production *Dinkum Assorted*: Best Production; Best Actress in a featured role - Jessica White (12K) for her performance as Grace and Sam Weaving (12R) for her performance as Millie and Best Actress in a leading role – Jo Richards (11D) for her performance as Connie.



For the Years 9/10 Production *Generation Y*: Best Original Work (concept and script development).

Congratulations to Kate Hewitt (11G) for a successful audition for the Australian Youth Orchestra's National Camp to be held in January 2010. Kate has also been chosen for The Young Symphonists, a select group taken from the Australian Youth Orchestra who have a second camp at Easter.

Bruce Handley  
Head of the Senior School



# MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Christmas Giving

At the conclusion of every year the School remembers those in the community who are less fortunate by offering gifts of non perishable food goods, toys and toiletries. Next week there will be a tree placed in the Junior School foyer and another in the ELC Piazza and we ask that any donations for those less fortunate are placed under the trees. The gifts will be donated to Anglicare who will distribute the gifts to those in need in the Canberra area. This is a great opportunity for our students to reinforce their understanding that Christmas is for giving as well as receiving.

## Leadership in the Junior School

Our student leaders in 2009 have been fine role models in the Junior School. They have been enthusiastic, fair and organised in their respective roles.

Last week I devoted some time to reading the applications of more than 49 Year 5 students for the Head Girl, Safe Schools Captain and Chapel Captain positions for 2010. There have been many, many more applications that are being considered for other roles. Along with the staff and students this coming week at the Junior School Assembly we will hear the speeches of the six students who were short listed for the Head Girl role. And so the process continues. I wish to congratulate all of the students who have chosen to apply for the 18 significant leadership roles in this stage. I was overwhelmed by the fact that so many students put their names forward by applying, not only for the Head Girl and Deputy positions, but for many of the others that are in an area of special interest or talent. As there are always more applications than position available, this is a risk that demands courage. Some students miss out. These students will be disappointed. Needless to say, I am proud of all students who applied, as should be their parents.

As often mentioned, the process for selection of leaders at CGGS is a democratic one. Depending on the role, a written application is followed by short listing and either an oral presentation or an interview and then a secret ballot. We will continue to encourage all of our students to develop their leadership qualities and to take a risk by applying for the many varied roles and opportunities. I am looking forward to the next round in the leadership process as we short list the applications for House Captains, Music Captain, Burrawi Captain, Library Captain, Art Captain, Environment Captain, Sports Captain and Peer Mediation.

Leadership is not, however, about a title (or about power). Everyone can be a leader because everyone can serve their community. To be recognised and accepted as a leader takes a willingness to engage with the community, a willingness to contribute and a willingness to do what is right just because it is right. We are in the midst of identifying the Year 6 leaders for 2010 and whilst everyone is a leader, this group, as the senior Year level in the Junior School, has a particular role in modelling our shared vision in which students work to become informed, resilient, forthright, resourceful and ethical global citizens who seek to serve their community.

The Year 6 leaders of 2009 have represented the Junior School in public, promoted the School's expectations of its students by serving as role models and have set the tone for the whole Junior School by embracing the breadth of school life. I have every confidence that the leaders of 2010 will be ready for the challenges ahead and will represent the School with equal distinction.

## GATEWAYS

Last weekend four teams of students from CGGS competed in the GATEWAYS Challenge. They participated in four problem solving challenges that encouraged team members to interact cohesively whilst also recognising and overcoming obstacles. One of our Year 5 and 6 teams was awarded the runner up trophy. Congratulations to Beth Patterson, Alicia Graham, Kimberly Tan and Amelia McGrath who achieved Zone Runner Up.

## Sue Geh Cup

The final of the Sue Geh Cup will be played on Sunday 29 November at 12noon at the Tuggeranong Southern Cross Stadium. The CGGS team won the Southside competition a number of weeks ago and now meet the winner of the Northside competition. As the winning team in 2008, CGGS will be defending their title. This game, at 12noon, will be





played prior to the Canberra Capitals match at 2pm. Families can purchase tickets for the Capitals' game at \$5 per ticket, which will be sold on the day. We are hoping for a strong team of supporters on the day.

### Building Site Visit by Charlotte Strong Y6

On 19 November 2009, six students were lucky enough to go to the building site for the new Multipurpose Hall. We saw many interesting things such as the concrete base of the Hall, underneath the Hall, the old undercroft and toilet and the frame for the lift. We were all surprised at the size of the concrete that shows how big the actual Hall and different rooms will be. Some of the rooms will be changing rooms, bathrooms, a store room, a level with all the teachers' offices and the hall/basketball court with bouncy timber and a small stage. The lift goes to all three levels, the undercroft, the Hall/basketball court and the teacher's offices. We also found out that when the construction is completed from the third floor you will be able to view the events happening in the Hall such as basketball games and training. Underneath the concrete there is scaffolding to hold up the concrete while it is getting stronger which takes about four weeks, then they will be taken down but the concrete will be held up with a few poles. The new Hall is looking excellent and I think it will change lots more in the next visit.

### Student Achievements

Congratulations to Hayley Macdonald (Prep) on breaking the U6 girls Ginnderra Little Athletics 300m record last weekend in a time of 1:12m. Haley also holds the U6 girls 50m record of 9:82sec.

Heather Ablett  
Head of Junior School

## SCHOOL SHOP

### Term Time Hours

Mondays	8.15am to 2.00pm
Tuesdays	8.15am to 2.00pm
Thursdays	12noon to 5.30pm

For Holiday Opening Times please visit

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page242.asp>

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## IMPORTANT DATES

21 Nov	ELC Orientation
21 Nov	Rowing Crews at the Daramalan Regatta, Canberra
24 Nov	Senior School End of Year Exhibition of Art/Photography students' work
24-26 Nov	ELC Portfolio Learning Sessions
25 Nov	Checking Day – no classes for Y11/12 students
25 Nov	Junior School Movember Sausage Sizzle and Free Dress Day
25 Nov	Y9/10 Music Recital, Music Centre, Recital Room, 7pm
26 Nov	Y6 Night at the Waxworks, 5.30pm
29 Nov	Lessons and Carols Service, Chapel of the Annunciation, 7pm
30 Nov	Y7 Music Recital, CGGS Hall, 7pm
30 Nov	P&F Committee Meeting, Senior School Board Room, 7.30pm
30 Nov – 4 Dec	Y10 Work Experience
1 Dec	Y12 Graduation Chapel Service and Dinner
2 Dec	Y7 in 2010 Familiarisation Day
2 Dec	Y8 Music Recital, Music Centre Recital Room, 7pm
3 Dec	Junior Primary Concert, 5pm, CGGS Hall
4 Dec	Leavers' Chapel Service, Chapel of the Annunciation
4 Dec	Y10 Presentation Evening, CGGS Hall, 7pm
6 Dec	Advent Sunday Family and Friends' Chapel Service, Chapel of the Annunciation, 9am



## GENERAL CGGS NEWS

### TEXTBOOK REMINDER

Years 7 to 10 textbooks are to be returned from 23 to 26 November.

Bianca Motherway  
Text Book Hire

### RISK WARNINGS

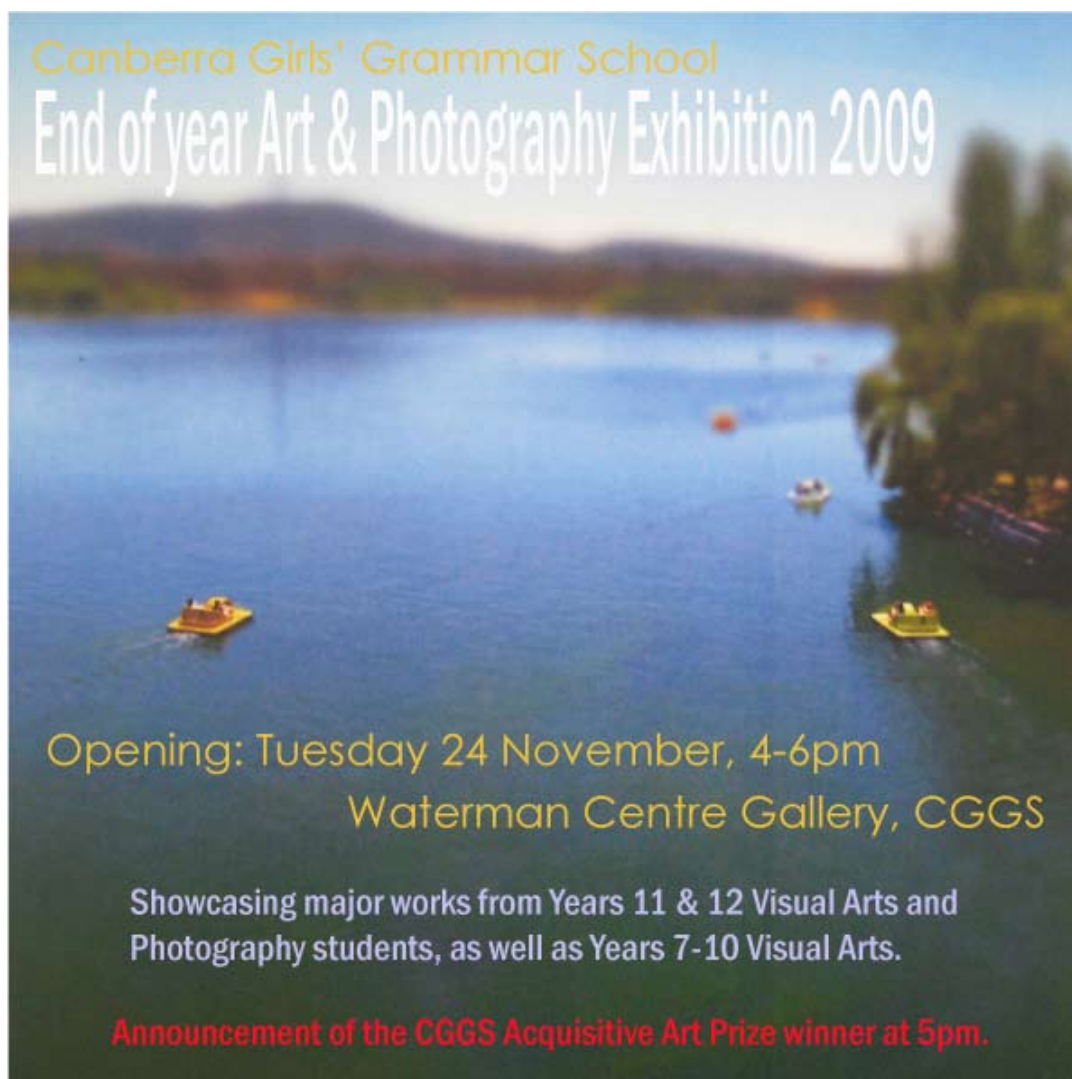
Please click here to download Risk Warnings for:

- Sporting activities  
(<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/images/Risk%20Warning%20for%20Sporting%20Activities%202010.pdf>)
- Non-sporting activities  
(<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/images/Risk%20Warning%20for%20Non-Sporting%20Activities%202010.pdf>)

### EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES PRE-PACK PROGRAM

Please click here to download the letter emailed to parents on Thursday 12 November regarding the Jacaranda Educational Supplies Pre-pack Program

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**Sports Draws for the week: 20 November - 26 November 2009****BASKETBALL - [http://www.act.basketball.net.au/fs home.asp](http://www.act.basketball.net.au/fs%20home.asp)**

Team	Division	Day	Opposition	Time	Court
CGGS Redbacks 1	U19 A Grade	Sunday	Radford Fire	5.00pm	Tuggeranong 2
CGGS Redbacks 1	U19 B Grade	Sunday	WCWD Red	10.00am	Tuggeranong 5
CGGS Redbacks 2	U19 B Grade	Sunday	WCWD Black	11.00am	Tuggeranong 5
CGGS Redbacks 3	U19 B Grade	Sunday	Tuggeranong Vikings	10.00am	Tuggeranong 4
CGGS Redbacks	16 A Grade	Sunday	Tuggeranong Southern Cross	4.00pm	Tuggeranong 2
CGGS Redbacks 1	U16 B Grade	Sunday	CGGS Redbacks 3	1.00pm	Tuggeranong 2
CGGS Redbacks 2	U16 B Grade		BYE		
CGGS Redbacks 3	U16 B Grade	Sunday	CGGS Redbacks 1	1.00pm	Tuggeranong 2
CGGS Redbacks	U14 Premier	Saturday	Ginninderra Rats	12.00pm	Tuggeranong 5
CGGS Pink	U14 B Grade	Saturday	Queanbeyan Roadrunners	5.00pm	Tuggeranong 2
CGGS Purple	U14 B Grade	Saturday	WCWD Red	5.00pm	Tuggeranong 3

**FUTSAL - Junior <http://www.scf.asn.au/> - Senior [http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/site/comp\\_futsal.php](http://www.capitalfootball.com.au/site/comp_futsal.php)**

Team	Division	Day	Opposition	Time	Field
Grammar	Div 2 Womens	Wednesday	LTS	9.45pm	Woden Court 1
Boarders	15/16 Girls	Tuesday	Blue Angels	8.15pm	Mpowerdome 2
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White Knights	14 Girls	Tuesday	Natural Disaster	8.30pm	Mpowerdome 1
Black Knights	14 Girls	Tuesday	Lightning FC	6.45pm	Mpowerdome 2
Red Devils	12/13 Girls	Tuesday	Green Blazers	6.00pm	Mpowerdome 1
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**INDOOR HOCKEY - <http://www.hockey.act.org.au>**

Team	Division	Day	Opposition	Time	Field
CGGS	U18 - 1	Friday	Queanbeyan United	5.10pm	Lyneham
CGGS	U16 - 1	Sunday	BYE		

**ORIENTEERING - <http://act.orienteeing.asn.au/events/>**

Team	Event	Day	Location	Time	Distances
All	Twilight #6	Wednesday	Bluetts West	5.00pm	1.5km - 6km options

**WATER POLO - [http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\\_page](http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page)**

Team	Division	Day	Opposition	Time	Location
Dragons GG	G16	Friday	Nordek B	6.30pm	Civic Pool
Dragons DM	G16	Friday	Nordek A	7.00pm	Civic Pool
Dragons GG	G14	Friday	Nordek	6.00pm	Civic Pool

**ROWING - <http://www.rowingact.org.au/>**

Crew	Time	Day	Event	Date	Location
Year 10 Singles	8.55am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Year 9 Quads	9.15am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior 8's	9.25am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior Doubles	9.45am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Year 10 Quads	10.55am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Year 9 Singles	11.15am	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior Singles	12.00pm	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior Quads	12.35pm	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior 8's	12.50pm	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Year 9 Doubles	1.10pm	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach
Senior Quads	1.50pm	Saturday	ACTRA regatta #2	21-Nov	Yarramundi Reach



<b>Excursion / Activity</b>	<b>Relevant Year Level/Students</b>	<b>Date Handed to Students</b>	<b>Permission Slip Return Date / Date of Activity</b>	<b>Staff Member / Department</b>
JP Christmas Concert	Junior Primary Students	13 Nov 2009	3 Dec 2009	Sara David/ JP Music Teacher
Concert Band and String Orchestra Rehearsals for Presentation Day Assembly	Relevant students	13 November 2009	Various Assembly – Monday 7 Dec	Jenny Johnson/ Head of Music and Performing Arts
2009 Annual Carol Service	Junior, Senior and Chamber Choir Members	13 Nov 2009	Various Service – Sunday 29 Nov	Jenny Johnson/ Head of Music and Performing Arts
Carol Service Flyer	Whole School	12 Nov	29 Nov 2009	
Sports and Music Photos Order Form	Whole School	13 Nov	Orders by 25 Nov	Lee Wilde/ Director of Junior School, Years 3-6
ELC Holiday Program Booking	ELC	16 Nov	Various	Heather Ablett/ Head of Junior School
Class Movies	Relevant Classes	17 Nov	Returns by Monday 30 Nov	Heather Ablett/ Head of Junior School
Senior School Incident	Whole School	16 Nov	N/A	Heather Ablett/ Head of Junior School
JS End of Year Arrangements	JS Students	18 Nov	Various	Heather Ablett/ Head of Junior School
ELC End of Year Arrangements	ELC Children	18 Nov	Various	Heather Ablett/ Head of Junior School

## SENIOR SCHOOL NOTES SENT HOME

<b>Excursion / Activity</b>	<b>Date Handed to Students</b>	<b>Permission Slip Return Date / Date of Activity</b>	<b>Staff Member / Faculty</b>
Nexus Club Sleepover	13 Nov 2009	4 Dec 2009	Jenny Meibusch / Nexus Club Coordinator
Looking for Alibrandi screening	13 Nov 2009	Term 4	Patrick Marman / English Teacher
Japanese excursion to Junior School	13 Nov 2009	23 Nov 2009	Alison Davidson / Japanese Teacher
Year 10 End of Year update	16 Nov 2009	4 Dec 2009	Susan Just / Principal
Art Excursion to National Gallery of Australia	17 Nov 2009	18 Nov 2009	Brad Cooney / Head of Creative Arts Faculty

## IN THE NEWS

More articles on school news, activities and events are available in the section 'In the News' on our website.

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page416.asp>

### Featured articles this week:

Junior School Library

Deakin House Good Samaritans

Year 5 News





## *Lessons and Carols* Family and Friends' Chapel Service

29 November 2009 at 7pm

Chapel of the Annunciation  
Canberra Girls' Grammar School  
Senior School campus  
Chapel Dr off Gawler Cres, Deakin

# *all welcome*



## CGGS ROWING CLUB

The latest Rowing News can be viewed here:

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page246.asp>

**ALL ROWING NEWS IS NOW AVAILABLE ON STUDYWIZ**



## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

For Instruments for Sale go to:

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page247.asp>

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements are available in the CGGS Newsletter section on our website.

<http://www.cggs.act.edu.au/pages/page731.asp>

<b>Community Announcements this week:</b>	Artist Proof	Bicycle NSW
Teen Yoga	Summer Cricket	Red Cross Helpers