FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Friends of the College...

Term 1 has ended and the weather has changed. As always, much has happened at Chev during the past weeks and, for most of it, you as parents/caregivers should be very proud. We have so many opportunities at Chev that I sometimes have to remind myself that our core business is education, or the term I prefer to use – LEARNING.

It was very pleasing to read through the Year 12 full reports and the interim reports for the other year groups, as these documents affirmed our core business. There is no doubt that, overall, significant learning took place this term and noticeable learning gains were achieved. My congratulations go to our students who will have celebrated these achievements with their family when the envelope arrived with the report inside.

Staffing for Term 2

Many would know that Steve Murchie, our Deputy Principal, was on Long Service Leave for Term 1 and was due to return at the beginning of Term 2. Steve’s return has unfortunately been delayed while he supports one of his family members who is seriously ill. At this stage, we are expecting him back around Week 4 of Term 2, but this may change depending on the progress of treatments. To assist with the running of the school and to relieve some of the stresses Steve will be dealing with, we have decided to keep Barbara Santos in the Acting Deputy role. Mao Tipping will also stay in the Acting Assistant Principal role and Leah Robertson will continue as the Acting House Co-ordinator for Term 2.

Term 2 sees us welcome back Jenny Murchie who has been on leave for Term 1. We also welcome to a full-time role, Melissa Walker who is stepping in to take Anthea Falkiner’s place. Anthea finished up with us at the end of Term 1. Michael Pugh returns for Terms 2 and 3, replacing Joe Cefai who secured a full-time permanent position in the Narellan area. In addition,
Jack Lopez will be working with Jenny Gadsden for the remainder of the year. Melanie McGrane will be moving across from science into mathematics and taking over from Jane Miller, whilst Kirsty Cargill returns to teaching science full-time.

Trade Training Centre
We have lodged all the necessary plans and Development Applications for the Trade Training Centre and the upgrade of TAS and Visual Arts. Now we wait. We have been advised that we should hear something around the middle of the year.

Open Day / Enrolments for Year 7, 2014
Open Day was a big success thanks to the hard work of our dedicated staff and our wonderful student volunteers who conducted tours, participated in the Sports Gala Day and helped in all sorts of ways to make it a great day.

We have now arrived at that time of year when we start the enrolment meetings/interviews for Year 7, 2014. Sometimes families already in the College forget or misunderstand the enrolment process that applies to younger siblings. **Please Note:** If you have younger children not yet at Chev, you must apply for them to be enrolled with us in the same way as any other family. There is no automatic enrolment process. If you have a child in Year 6 this year and you want them to come to Chev in 2014, then please contact Caitlin Wood at the College as a matter of EXTREME URGENCY on 4861 0524 or email enrolments@chevalier.nsw.edu.au.

The enrolment application deadline is now past and we are sorting through the applications which already exceed our capacity, unless the Board of the College chooses to add an extra class into Year 7, 2014.

Save the Date (if help arrives)...
You may notice a TRIVIA NIGHT is scheduled in the calendar for Monday 4th May. Unfortunately, this event will not take place on that date. However, we do have it listed in the calendar for another date, on the 20th July, and we hope the Trivia Night will go ahead on this date. As such, we are seeking the assistance of any parents/caregivers who may be able to form a little working party to assist Robert Graham, from our English/History faculty, to make this event a reality. If you think you may be able to help us create a fun social evening for our community, please ring Wendy Condon at the College on 4861 0569 and leave your contact details. Robert will be in touch with you to get the ball rolling.

Term 2 - Winter Uniform (and Shoes)
Just a reminder that your children return to school on WEDNESDAY 1 MAY and on that day all students are expected to be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM. We ask parents/caregivers to assist us in this matter, especially around the issue of school shoes. We have noticed a number of soft-top canvas type shoes on students and these are a ‘Work Health and Safety’ issue for us. Students who continue to present in these types of shoes may find themselves being isolated from the playground and/or sent home until they can wear the correct footwear.

Gonski Report Implementation
At the time of writing this Newsletter we were still reviewing the information at hand regarding the Gonski Report implementation proposals currently before State Governments. Initial indications are that Chevalier College could be slightly better off under the proposed modified funding model, but there is still much more to look at and question before we could come out with a definitive position on this issue. I suggest that all of us continue to read as much as we can on this matter from the various media releases and the Google networks.

ANZAC Day
With this edition of the Newsletter running late, due to matters beyond our control, we were unable to publish advance details of the arrangements for our involvement with ANZAC Day in the local districts. We do hope you found the details we published on the College website, however. I know many of our student Cadets and musicians proudly represented the College, and I’m sure others also proudly donned their Chev uniform and took part in the marches with their families. I look forward to hearing their experiences of this special day of commemoration.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
Finally, I strongly recommend that all parents/caregivers and students attend the first Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for this year, being held on Monday, 6 May from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

This is a very important opportunity for families to meet with the teachers of their children and for some honest and direct conversations regarding what can be done by all three parties to further enhance the learning experiences at school and at home. For parents/caregivers of Year 12 students and the Year 12 students, this event is extremely important as it is the last real opportunity to look at how to create the best climate for that potential ONE EXTRA MARK that Chris Bounds has been referring to. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces at this evening and to hear the stories of our new families.

God Bless,

Chris McDermott
Principal
Gift of Education Recalls 60 Years of Gratitude

A student who received a bursary in the 1950s has himself donated another one for the benefit of a young person some 60 years later.

Bruce McDiarmid, the former owner of well-known Illawarra building company Marksman Homes, attended Chevalier College in Bowral from 1951 to 1955 as the recipient of a bursary.

The Chevalier College Foundation is now offering the Bruce McDiarmid Bursary with funds donated by Bruce and Val McDiarmid to offer two years of education at the College for Years 11-12.

The bursary is now open for expressions of interest and will be offered to a student not already attending Chevalier College to commence Year 11 in 2014.

Bruce McDiarmid recalls the mixture of pride and anguish that his parents experienced when he took up the bursary, leaving his home town of Moruya to become a boarder at Chevalier College during his teenage years.

“Offering this bursary is a reminder of how fortunate I was to have won a bursary myself to Chevalier at a time when my parents could not afford a secondary education for me. It was also a wonderful character-building experience for which I will always be grateful – both to my parents who made great sacrifices on my behalf, and to the generosity of Chevalier College,” he said.

Bruce credits his experience at Chev with setting him on a successful life course. He was an outstanding student, being the College Captain, Senior Cadet Leader and Open Athletics Champion in 1955, as well as Captain of the 1st XV Rugby Team in both 1954 and 1955.

The Bruce McDiarmid Bursary is open to any applicant who will complete NSW Year 10 (or equivalent) in 2013 and intends to undertake two years of study towards the Higher School Certificate. A financial means test will apply in addition to other criteria. As Chevalier College is no longer a boarding school, the bursary only covers day-school tuition and related costs.

Chevalier College Principal Chris McDermott warmly welcomed the donation that has made the bursary possible, and is part of growing support for the College Foundation from past students, past families of students and current parents.

The first step in making an application for the Bruce McDiarmid Bursary is to complete an expression of interest. An information brochure can be obtained from the College’s Community Liaison & Development Office on 4861 0549 or download it at www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au

Expressions of interest must be lodged by 4th May and the information brochure contains further details.

For more information contact
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Enrolments for Year 7, 2014 have CLOSED...

Late applications are still being accepted, but a late fee of $200.00 now applies.

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that siblings of current Chevalier College students are not automatically enrolled and must submit an enrolment form ASAP.

Please contact Caitlin Wood for an Enrolment Package...
T: 02 4861 0524 E: enrolments@chevalier.nsw.edu.au
Easter, for many, is an extended holiday. For many others these are also holy-days; a most special and sacred time when we are drawn into the final days of Jesus (God-with-us). His conduct and dignity during his “kangaroo court” trial, his manner of dying, the extent of his forgiveness, then his presence among his friends after his death, and his presence in Spirit with people of faith now... this becomes the central focus of our Christian lives.

The Ceremonies during the Easter Days, from the evening of Thursday to Sunday morning, draw us into the life, teachings, suffering, death and rising to new life of Jesus the Christ, promising that we who choose to be drawn into this relationship of love and trust will likewise be raised to a life-quality beyond what we can imagine; that we’re each capable of experiencing (and living) something of the heart of Jesus. I’m simply trying to express my own and many, many others’ faith and hope that colours our lives now, and (ought-to) make a profound difference in our relationships and life-quality.

Our College motto “Strong in Faith” is meant to express our belief in God’s incredible goodness to us, mainly through many significant people in our lives. It’s not an idle comment at Chev to invite us all “to be on earth the heart of God”. That “incredible goodness” of God is also revealed to us through the beauty of our visible creation. This latter is my concern at this time.

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The last week of Term 1 2013 was unusual in that we returned to school after the Easter Days, thanks to the position of the moon providing us with a very early Easter. So the last nine days of Term 1 were calmer, for most. We were also graced with near perfect weather. That in turn enhanced the environmental atmosphere of our beautiful Southern Highlands, which seems to be even more alive in autumn sunshine and colours.

I simply open the door to this concern by quoting the ecological voice of the Colombian missionary priest, Sean McDonagh: “If you plan to read only one serious book this year choose Paul Collins’ ‘God’s Earth’. It addresses the most important challenge facing humankind today, which is how to understand and redress the extensive destruction of the life-systems of planet earth”.

I’m constantly amazed at how many people still view our Indigenous First Australians as second-rate to us, much more “civilised”, white Australians. I’m also amazed, from a very different angle, at how our Indigenous “farmed” the Great South Land over some 70,000 years. They looked-after the “Land”... translated as the whole environment. What is happening in very recent times is the unconscionable wholesale plundering of the planet’s natural resources; this seems to be principally motivated by dollars to be won, at the expense of the life quality of all living species. As Collins mentions on Page 19 of his book, “Between fifteen and twenty percent of all species will become extinct by the year 2000.” He wrote that in 1995. It’s now 2013. What would the figure be now?

Collins continues, “The key issue in the loss of species is the destruction of tropical rainforests (our oxygen source)... which are being ...destroyed at the rate of the area of England every year in Latin America, West Africa, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Sarawak, Papua New Guinea, the Pacific Islands and Australia.” The whole diversity of life established...
over billions of years is threatened in a brief period of fifty years.

My point at this time of awareness-awakening is that we educators, parents and teachers can influence our future leaders (our children) towards being more definite agents of change. After all, the opposite of wealth is not poverty... it’s injustice. That means that when a few (wealthy) are not doing the fair and equitable thing towards a much larger majority, by sharing their wealth, then the haves have more and the have-nots have less, and poverty is the result. I won’t try to ask at this time why some 600 young persons (17% are under 12 years) sleep rough each night in our Illawarra region alone!

Easter is indeed about new life, quality of life. I’ve barely scratched the surface addressing that, but I hope my own awareness has been awakened.

What we each do as stewards of our beautiful creation is indeed our choice as we continue to enjoy our beautiful autumn weather on our equally beautiful Southern Highlands.

Fr Terry Herbert msc
Chevalier College Chaplain

PHOTO previous page: This year’s student presentation for the Easter Liturgy had an historical context, highlighting two main contentions... one from the framework of religion (the Jewish leaders) and the other from a political standpoint (the Roman leaders). The role play and students were excellent in portraying a moment when characters from the two sides expressed this “power struggle over Jesus” prior to his crucifixion.

PHOTO top right: Donations for Project Compassion were collected throughout the College and student representatives from each Home Room brought the collection boxes to the altar at the Easter Liturgy. We thank the College community for their tremendous generosity, with a total of $5,237.75 being raised!

PHOTO bottom right: Chev Spirit Day on 15 March was celebrated by the students and staff with music, games and opportunities to support Project Compassion and Shave for a Cure. Many of the teachers, including Principal Chris McDermott, volunteered to be shaved - in Chris’ case, his beard of 38 years came off! More than $1200 was raised thanks to organiser Matt Bourke (Clancy House Coordinator) who was very pleased with the support for the fundraiser.

By a gentle Highland river,
Where the reed beds sigh and quiver,
With the mad Corellas singing,
On their snow white pinnions winging,
Where the frogs and night birds call,
For God’s blessing on us all.

There fond mem’ries like to stray
At the closing of the day,
As the night birds skim and hover
Over fields of fragrant clover.

Flitting bats on silent wings
As the cricket chirps and sings,
Weird the fox call in the night
One with Curlews in their flight.

Then the faithful magpies calling,
As the shades of night are falling,
Swallows playing o’er the lawn,
Welcoming a new day born
Gone the night birds ‘skim and hover’
Over fields of fragrant clover.

Bad times come and then the good
As we blunder through life’s wood.
There are lives that do inspire,
Times of flood and times of fire,
We rub shoulders ev’ry day
With the valiant on our way,
The man who sweeps the street
For all we know is God’s elite.

while the night birds skim and hover
Over fields of fragrant clover.

To recall the friendly faces,
Times of happiness and graces,
The outstretched hand in time of need
‘Come back again, for now God speed.’
Let noises of the city cease
While I fly again with homing geese
And ‘splash’ down in the Highland river
Where the reed beds sigh and quiver
While the night birds softly hover
Over fields of fragrant clover.

Ken Clancy MSC
(visit to Chev 17-24 February 2013)
Back to School for Term 2

Term 2 will see all of our students returning in their winter uniforms. Traditionally, this is a period where lost property abounds. You could help us greatly by:

1. Ensuring that all of your child’s clothing and belongings are labelled with their name. This allows us to quickly return lost items to your child.

2. Encouraging your child not to leave their school bag, PE bags and sports bags laying around the school property overnight or over the weekend. This has become a health issue as some students are changing into clothing which has been lying in the weather for three or more days.

3. LOST PROPERTY: Please check the College website for a published list of the many items we have collected in Term 1 and over the holiday period. If your child has lost anything matching a description listed, please ask them to go to Student Services to collect the item promptly on their return to school. Check the list: http://www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au/news.asp?nID=939

4. Scarves and beanies are permitted during Terms 2 and 3, but must be approved College uniform items which can only be purchased from The Chev Shop.

Mobile Phone Policy:

Just a gentle reminder that if you wish to contact your child between 8:45am and 3:30pm please contact Student Services for a message to be relayed to your child via a student runner. Students are not to have mobile phones out during the day to check messages nor make phone calls, as per our school policy. A student found using their phone during the day will have it confiscated and it will not be returned for a period of one week or until a parent collects the phone from Student Services.

On a final note, we would like to say how proud we were of your sons and daughters at our recent Spirit Day for all their energy, enthusiasm and participation in the events. The enjoyment and excitement shared by the students and staff was really heart-warming.

Mao Tipping and Peter Reeves
Assistant Principals
Pastoral Care

How to be happy...

The art of making yourself happy is something we can all learn and practice. No one is happy 100% of the time. Life has its ups and downs. Even so, there are some sure fire ways to increase your happiness.

1. Don’t wait to see if you are having a good time. Instead of going to places and seeing if it is fun decide in advance to have fun regardless of the circumstances. Enjoy the day regardless of the weather. Make the most of the occasion regardless of the company.

2. Go outside and play. You were told to do this as a kid and I’m telling you to do it again, play more. Go for walks, throw a dog a stick, skip, sing loudly or imagine yourself to be a spy passing through enemy territory. Whatever does it for you. Make a promise to play more.

3. Develop deep friendships. Your friends are your true wealth; value them and see them regularly, let them know how important they are to you. Most people only have two close friends so don’t fool yourself into believing you are less popular than most people.

4. Increase the closeness of extended family. Keeping in close contact with your family gives you a support base for difficult times and also strengthens your sense of where you come from. Feeling you belong in a family is a powerful way of being happy.

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5. Play to your strengths. Have a good long hard look at yourself. What are you good at? Make a commitment to develop your skills, talents and abilities as much as you can. If you don’t develop your own unique talents the world misses out.

6. Seek out groups that most strongly value what you have to offer. Finding the niche where your abilities are valued is the basis of success.

7. Avoid social groups where your unique attributes are not valued. Not everyone is going to like you or think you could amount to much. Get used to it. Accept that it is so, and then get out of their way.

8. Live in the dreamtime. Find and follow your passions. Dream big dreams and make a promise to yourself to live a wonderful life.

9. Laugh a lot more. Find people, shows, books, films and situations that make you laugh and surround yourself with them.

10. Have something bigger than yourself to believe in. Think about the contribution you can make while you are on this planet and do it.

11. Love as much as you can - and then love some more.

How to make yourself miserable...

Being miserable is an art form. There are many ways of achieving it. A few sure-fire ways are as follows:

1. Wait for the situation to be right before having a good time. One of my favourite Chinese proverbs is “People who wait for roast duck to fly into mouth, will wait long time”. Put off having a great life until you have the right job/house/partner/friend is a great way of putting off life altogether.

2. Compare yourself to others. Spend hours thinking about how much more beautiful, happy, intelligent, creative, insightful and wonderful everybody else is compared to you. Think that glossy people who are featured in glossy magazines have glossy lives despite lots of evidence to the contrary.

3. Give others the power to control your life. Don’t do the things you want to do, let other people choose your life directions and priorities for you. This allows you to avoid responsibility. When you end up miserable (and believe me you will!) blame the people you let make the decisions.

4. Try to make other people happy. Try to fix other people or spend your life trying to please them. Base your life decisions on what other people will think of you rather than what you want to do.

5. Feel it is better to avoid rejection than to love. Play it safe. If you don’t try to love people you can’t be let down or hurt. Resign yourself to a life of perpetual disappointment.

6. Talk yourself out of stuff you really would like to do. Spend time telling yourself you can’t do things because you are not smart enough or talented enough and you can really begin to believe that if you don’t try, you can’t fail.

7. Believe you don’t deserve to be happy.

8. Say yes when you mean no. It’s nice to be helpful and agreeable, but if you say yes to things you don’t want to do, you can end up feeling really bad about yourself or resentful of people. Long-term resentment turns into bitterness.

Some warning signs that it could be an idea to talk to someone about how you are feeling...

- Your “get up and go” has got up and went.
- You eat lots of junk food and especially don’t eat breakfast.
- You can’t remember the last time you really laughed.
- You don’t sleep well and lie awake worrying.
- You don’t contact friends or family because you don’t want to burden them.
- You rarely go outside and enjoy the world.

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PERFORMING ARTS

IN the SPOTLIGHT

Disco Inferno
Get ready to burn, baby, burn!

Working late in a Sydney nightclub “Disco Inferno”, Jack meets Lady Marmalade, a femme fatale and associate of the Devil. Dreaming of becoming successful, he makes a pact with her, trading his soul to fulfill his wildest fantasies.

This high energy musical is guaranteed to warm hearts and get feet tapping to the music of a sensational era... ‘A night to remember’!

SHOW DATES: Wednesday 22 May (7pm)
Thursday 23 May (7pm)
Friday 24 May (7pm)
Saturday 25 May (2pm & 7pm)

VENUE: McGrath Hall, Chevalier College, Charlotte Street, Burradoo

TICKETS: Adult $15 | Concession $12

BOOKINGS: OnLine Bookings ONLY
Tickets on sale from 9:00am Wednesday 1 May 2013

GO TO: http://www.trybooking.com/CQCM

INFORMATION: Contact Chevalier College (Performing Arts) on 4861 0565

Kate Price, Teacher - Performing Arts

International Women’s Day Breakfast

On Friday, March 8, four Year 10 elective music students entertained an audience of over 200 women at the International Women’s Day Breakfast held at the Mittagong RSL Club.

The opening piece was an unaccompanied Irish ballad called ‘Black is the Colour of My True Love’s Hair’ with Mei Yoong Lui, Monique Querin and Ella Grier. Isabel Clarke then performed a flute solo called ‘Legend’. Trombonist Ella Grier played ‘Andantino Cantabile’ by Rimski-Korsokov and both the girls were accompanied on piano by Alex Zachary. To finish, Isabel and Mei Yoong, with Monique accompanying on guitar, performed the Stevie Nix cover ‘Landslide’.

It was a wonderful opportunity for these young musicians and greatly appreciated by all.

Trudee Green
Teacher - Performing Arts
Chevalier Show Cattle Team at the Sydney Royal Easter Show

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is the highlight of the agricultural show season in New South Wales and twelve members of the Chevalier Show Cattle Team were lucky enough to be involved in exhibiting the school steers at the show this year.

Seven of these students experienced the additional ‘treat’ of staying overnight at the showground. This may not be everyone’s idea of a fun getaway, but the kids loved it! Involvement in this celebration of agricultural production is an opportunity for the students to begin to appreciate the knowledge, skills and effort involved in providing us all with food, fibre and, more lately, fuel.

We took five steers out to Homebush - Chuckles, Gus, Shrek, Bea (aka Felix) and Billy. Gus (an Angus steer) placed fourth in the lightweight school steers class and Billy (a Murray Grey steer) was awarded fifth place in the middleweight open steers class.

The students were a credit to themselves, their families and the College. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable contribution made by the younger members of the team who unfortunately missed out on being part of the Easter Show, but helped prepare the animals up to this point.

We are very proud of them all!
David Kent, Megan Reeves and Gemma Farrugia
Farm Manager and Teachers

PHOTOS:
1. The Chevalier College Show Cattle Team
2. Laura Kent and Gus
3. Jessica Capps and Billy at the auction
4. Cameron Lang with Chuckles
5. Jake Ireland with Billy
6. Audrey Gripper and Shrek
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Chevalier Retains Twilight Shields

The Chevalier Boys’ and Girls’ Twilight Carnival Swimming Teams have retained both the boys’ and girls’ shields at the Southern Highlands Secondary Schools Carnival held in March at the Bowral Pool.

The Chevalier College teams were primed for a successful defense of the boys’ and girls’ shields at the Carnival. The girls retained their shield, but the winning margin came down to a much narrower one than the boys. Frensham put up a very spirited team to finish second, just forty points behind Chevalier, with Oxley third.

The Girls’ Captain Bethany Wheeler, in the 18 Years Division, was a standout in her age championship. Her good form shone through with some outstanding performances at the Twilight Carnival.

The boys retained their shield very convincingly, winning a number of age championships along the way. The Chevalier Boy’s Captain Chris Warcaba won the 17 Years Age Championship, setting a fine example for his other team members.

It was a very rewarding finish to an enjoyable evening at Bowral Pool. It was pleasing to walk away with both shields, especially for these teams who really enjoy their swimming.

David Chandler
Chev Twilight Swimming Teams Coordinator

PHOTOS:
1. Chevalier Girls’ Swimming Captain, Bethany Wheeler accepts the Girls’ Shield at the March Twilight Carnival at the Bowral Pool
2. Chevalier 15/16 Yrs Relay Swimmers (L to R) Natalie Wanczcura, Drew Barker-McGladdery, Gabrielle Butcher and Jessica Capps
3. Chevalier Boys’ Swimming Captain, Chris Warcaba receives the Boys’ Shield on behalf of his team
4. Chevalier Boys 15/16 Yrs Relay Swimmers Chris Bregonje, Hugh Gabor, James Gabor and Cameron Patterson
2013 Swimming Carnival

House Champions and Age Champions

HOUSE SHIELD - PLACINGS:

1. GILES
2. RIVERSDALE
3. CLANCY
4. OSBORNE
5. BURFORD
6. REID

AGE GROUP PERPETUALS 2013:

AGE GROUP | AGE CHAMPION 2013:
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12 yrs Girls | McGEE, Tahlia (Clancy) MYERS Isabelle (Giles)
12 yrs Boys | WALKER, Benjamin (Riversdale) JAMES, Samuel (Burford)
13 yrs Girls | BASEGGIO, Rowena (Giles) WHEWELL, Charlotte (Riversdale)
13 yrs Boys | BLAIK, Higginson (Giles) CONNOR, Cameron (Giles)
14 yrs Girls | BASEGGIO, Rachel (Giles) MERLINO, Aimee (Riversdale)
14 yrs Boys | WARCABA, Robert (Giles) HUMPHREYS, William (Riversdale)
15 yrs Girls | WANCZURA, Natalie (Reid) BUTCHER, Gabrielle (Giles)
15 yrs Boys | PATTERSON, Cameron (Osborne) BREGONJE, Christopher (Giles)
16 yrs Girls | MERLINO, Caitlin (Riversdale) CAPPS, Jessica (Giles)
16 yrs Boys | HEALEY-GREEN, Conor (Riversdale) BIDEWELL, Marcus (Riversdale)
Opens Girls | WHEELER, Bethany (Clancy) BYDEN, Sarah (Osborne)
Opens Boys | WARCABA, Christopher (Giles) CASTLE, Mitchell (Burford)

Molly Roberts and Bianca Jones looked BLUE in a happy way... SMILES for GILES!

There were 5 Age Champions and 5 Runners-Up from GILES House and 3 Age Champions and 4 Runners-Up from RIVERSDALE House!

Well done to all participants and congratulations to the 2013 Swimming House Champions.... GILES!!
**SPORTS NEWS WITH ANDREW BELL**

2013 Cross Country

**HOUSE PLACINGS:**
1. OSBORNE
2. BURFORD
3. GILES
4. CLANCY
5. REID
6. RIVERSDALE

**AGE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP:**

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Well done to all who participated in the Cross Country events, and congratulations to...

**OSBORNE!** ...

2013 Cross Country House Champions

Top: Scott Fuller makes it home, while Bianca Jones and Sophie Drysdale (above) look happy just to be in the race!...
During the term, a number of our students were selected for CIS teams in various sports...

Laura Kent was selected in the CIS Girls Tennis Team, who were victorious in the NSW Pizzey Cup competition. Laura then went on to be selected in the NSW All Schools Tennis Team.

Nathan Hill gained selection in the CIS Golf Team after an impressive display in the trials at Camden where he finished 2nd overall.

Lauren Cheatle was selected in the CIS Girls Cricket Team, and after a very successful school girls carnival went on to gain selection in the NSW All Schools U18 Cricket Team.

And still on cricket, Jack Preddey gained selection in the NSW Country School Boys Team and was named as a shadow player for the NSW School Boys Team.

In Swimming, the following girls and boys will be competing for the ISA Team at the CIS championships on May 1:

- Gabbi Butcher, Sarah Byden, Natalie Wanczura and Bethany Wheeler in the girls’
- Cameron Patterson, Robert and Chris Warcaba in the boys’.

And Chev ISA Cross Country Team selections for the CIS are:

- Madison Roodbeen, Tahlia McGee, Isabella McMahon, Sarah Clegg, Caitlin Mairinger, India Byrne, Audrey Gripper, Ella Scanlan-Bloor and Phoebe Shirlow
- Taylor Delahunty, Bryce Clark and Jesse Webb.

Bryce and Jesse were also members of our all-conquering Mountain Bike Team.

These senior boys, along with Marty Cooper, finished First in the Opens age group at the Australian Interschools Championships in Thredbo.

Bryce finished in 1st place overall in this category, following up his victory in the James Williamson Enduro at Wingello.

There was a wonderful carnival atmosphere at the 2013 ISA Cross-Country Championship hosted by Chev on Saturday 23 March...
Two important events are coming up... the UOW Year 10 Future Finder Evening is always very informative and the Rural High Schools Medicine Career Workshop is a great opportunity for those students in Year 11 interested in finding out more about a career in medicine.

**Year 10 Future Finder Evening - Wollongong**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 30 April 2013
- **Time:** From 6:30pm
- **Venue:** University of Wollongong Wollongong Campus
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Contact:** UOW Uni Advice: uniadvice@uow.edu.au

In addition to the people they know - it’s a good idea for Year 10 students to speak with the experts about University. UOW staff are there to help, and answer any questions students have one-on-one. They’re just as passionate about their future as you are; so they’re holding two Year 10 Information Evenings to help them get on the right track to changing their world! They’ll talk about:

- Selecting subjects for Years 11 and 12
- Applying to UOW, and applying to universities in general
- Important information on the HSC
- The ATAR
- Scaling

There will also be opportunities for students and parents to speak to UOW staff, current students and academics.

These are great nights to get all of your questions answered in the one place at the one time. For more information and to book, head to [http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/events/index.html)

**Rural High Schools Medicine Career Workshop**

The Medicine Workshop will be held from Sunday 30 June to Thursday 4 July 2013 for Year 11 High School students. **Applications close 3 May 2013.**

The Rural High Schools Medicine Career Workshop is held for students in Year 11 from rural and remote high schools in NSW, with the aim of motivating rural students to gain entry into a medicine program.

Students visit the Medicine Faculty of the University of New South Wales. The activities of the week expose students to various aspects of city and university life.

Students are selected on the basis of their interest and motivation to study medicine and their academic record. The University of New South Wales coordinates the week and students will spend the duration of their time at UNSW.

Gavin Bull
Chevalier College Careers Adviser
02 4861 0538

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**The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2013**

**Thursday 30 May and Friday 31 May**
**Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June**
**10am-3pm**
**Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park**

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Expo also features 120 seminars on HSC subjects, including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is $10 or $25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all 4 days of The Expo. Admission includes seminars and a free copy of The Sydney Morning Herald.* (*while stocks last)

The Library is looking bright and fresh with the addition of a lime green and orange word wall, located on the large glass window area of the main level. The wall is full of inspirational statements aimed at encouraging student-centred learning. A selection of colourful new furniture items have also proved very popular with students.

With so many keen Chess players in the library during break times, we have decided to run a Chess tournament during Term 2. Many students have already registered their interest and we are looking forward to some keen competition. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome and sign-ups will be possible until the end of Week 1 in Term 2.

Many students borrowed holiday reading material. Graphic novels were a popular choice for Year 7 and 8 students. The latest Cassandra Clare novel “Clockwork Princess” has also finally been released and is in high demand with students from Years 9-12. Students are able to access the library catalogue at school and home via the Chevalier College website library link on the left hand side of the page or via the Chevalier student directory page.

**Library Hours**

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*Afternoon Study (Wed, Thur), Literacy Support (Tues, Wed) and Pi Shop (Wed, Thur) are great opportunities for students across Years 7-12 to access library resources or math and literacy support outside of normal school hours.

**Please Note:** Students need a signed permission note from their parents to attend Literacy Support, Afternoon Study or Pi Shop.

**CORRECTION:**

We apologise for the error in the March edition of the Newsletter stating that the Library was open until 5:00pm on Fridays... **Please note that the Library closes at 4:00pm on Fridays.**

Anne Howe
Teacher Librarian
AFTER SCHOOL LITERACY SUPPORT

For some years now the College has been offering after school literacy support for students of the College. These sessions have resumed and students are now invited to attend. Relevant information is as follows:

Literacy Support is available free of charge on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in the Library from 3:45 to 5:00pm. All years, 7 – 12, are welcome.

Students will be assisted with spelling, punctuation and grammar problems. Individualised tuition is provided in response to each student’s needs.

Help with essays and creative writing, and public speaking is available for older students.

Students who wish to attend should, initially, bring a note from their parents in their diary. A formal permission note will be issued to students to cover the year.

All year groups and ability levels are welcome.

No support may be given for assessment tasks.

For further information, please contact Mrs Jiang or Ms Andrews at the College on 4861 1488.

PI SHOP...
AFTER SCHOOL MATHS TUTORING PROGRAM

After school maths tutoring, also known as “Pi Shop” began in Week 2 of Term 1. This program is offered to students of all ages and mathematical abilities, each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45 to 5:00pm, in the College Library.

Pi Shop got off to a great start in 2013, with the attendance of a large number of students working at all levels of mathematics.

It is an opportunity for students to work on maths homework with their peers, seek individual assistance with areas of difficulty or be extended and enriched in areas of interest.

The Pi Shop is supervised by three mathematics teachers, Mrs Barbara Santos, Mrs Abi Parsons and Father John Franzman. We are lucky to have Fr Franzmann, the founder of the Pi Shop, attend these sessions and also run an enrichment program with a number of students in Years 7 and 8 during the normal school day. As well, Fr Franzmann will be preparing the juniors for participation in the Maths Olympiad Competition.

If you have a student interested in attending Pi Shop, they are most welcome to turn up at the library on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon with a signed permission note from a parent/caregiver in their diary. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Abi Parsons in the mathematics staff room.

Abi Parsons
Mathematics Teacher
SILC
(Senior Independent Learning Centre)

Year 11 students have recently participated in an introductory presentation about the usefulness of being able to study well during their lesson time in SILC.

Students have discovered their best methods of learning through completing a Multiple Intelligence Survey in their diary and looking at the Visual, Auditory and Kinesthetic learning styles.

Following this exercise, students were asked to describe in writing how they were going to adjust their learning/study habits. After some time, a study planner was issued and the students completed it in a structured format so that they could become aware of the life commitments that are part of their everyday life. From this they were able to nominate how they would structure their study times. All were asked to negotiate these plans with their families. The results were amazing.

Now it’s up to each student as to how they put these plans into action or how they adjust them to suit the circumstances they find themselves in.

Later in the year, each student will have a ‘one-to-one’ discussion with the Study Supervisor to see how they are going with these plans.

Gerri Maynard
SILC Supervisor

Have you moved or changed your contact details recently?

Please inform the Office so we have current and accurate records for you:

Email: office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au
or phone Caitlin: 4861 1488

OFFICE HOURS

8:00am - 4:30pm | Monday to Friday
Open during school holidays, except public holidays.

Office and Accounts Queries:
4861 1488

Enrolment Enquiries to Caitlin Wood:
4861 0524
VACCINATION PROGRAM

Tuesday 28 May 2013:
Year 7 boys and girls - HPV and Hep B
Year 9 boys - HPV

Thursday 24 October 2013
Year 7 boys and girls - HPV, Hep B and Varicella
Year 9 boys HPV

Parents are advised to remind their child to drink plenty of fluids and eat well on vaccination days.

If you have any queries concerning the program, please contact Barbara Santos (Acting Deputy Principal) or Carol Virtue (Sick Bay Attendant) at the College.

HPV = Human Papiloma Virus
Varicella = Chicken Pox

Barbara Santos - Acting Deputy Principal

The Chev Shop

Located at the McMahon Administration Complex, follow the sign from the Charlotte Street car park and enter via the middle doorway along the path.

Regular Opening Hours

Monday
8:30am—2:30pm
(Closed from 12:30pm to 1:00pm for lunch)

Wednesday
8:30am to 8:45am
Break 1 and 2
(Open for students only - before school and during break times.)

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
12:30pm—4:00pm


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Wingecarribee Family Support Service
Strengthening and supporting children and their families

Me(n) and my Family
The art of being a good dad.

Developed locally, this 8 week program will move through the primary skills of what is probably the most important job you’ll ever do, bringing up the kids.

Being an effective dad is a lot like being a skilled worker, i.e. having the knowhow with some training and development along the way.

The program will run each Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm starting 1st May 2013 at WFSS Corner Bowral & Holmhale St’s Bowral.

It’s free with materials provided.

Local Psychologist
Harry Koster
and Psychotherapist
David Shapiro Del-Sole will facilitate the course.

Numbers are limited so reserve your spot by contacting
Harry on 0408402946, email harryk@acenet.com.au
or Phone WFSS on 48621777
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The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register
The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

How can families register their child?
Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be done by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: http://vifamilynetwork.org.au/.

This website also contains low vision resources and events that families might find helpful.

The VI Family Network
This is the website which supports the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register. Families can use the website to complete online registration. The website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia. The website also hosts a parent forum where families can meet and chat with one another, share their stories and get advice.

As the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register grows the understanding of Australian childhood vision impairment becomes more accurate and hopefully gives these children and their families a voice.

Sue Silveira Research Fellow, Renwick Centre Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children sue.silveira@ridbc.org.au (02) 9872 0248

Click to view more information....
or go to Parent Information at www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au

Roger Woodward
playing Bach, Debussy, Chopin & Beethoven

Piano Recital
Chevalier College Performing Arts Centre Saturday 1 June, 2013 Matinee at 2.30 pm
Venue: 11 Charlotte Street, Burradoo
Enquiries: 4872 1193
Bookings:
Tourism Southern Highlands & Visitors Information Centre
62-70 Main St, Mittagong NSW 2575
PO Box 303, Mittagong NSW 2575
Phone: (02) 4871 2888 Local Call: 1300 657 559
Fax: (02) 4871 3515
Email: tourism@wsc.nsw.gov.au
www.southern-highlands.com.au

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GOULBURN REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM

HSC Music 2 Course Coaching

The Goulburn Regional Conservatorium is offering a weekly Coaching Class for any students who are undertaking the HSC Music 2 course.

These classes are delivered by a highly qualified and expert HSC teacher and will assist with all aspects of preparation and understanding of the material required to achieve great results.

Classes take place every Thursday evening at 6pm for one hour.

Enrol now - only $40 per term... Call 4821 8833

Early Childhood Music at the GRC

The GRC also offers Early Childhood Music Classes for children as young as 18 months old and their parents. Classes are available every Monday and Wednesday morning. The course is highly interactive and progressive and offers young children and their parents the opportunity to learn and experience music together.

Watch your child's imagination come alive to the experience of music!

Enrol now for only $100 per term... Call 48321 8833

Deborah Gabelle
Goulburn Regional Conservatorium
(02) 4821 9295

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW by William Shakespeare

New & Used Productions is a new theatrical society bringing the works of William Shakespeare to the Southern Highlands in a relevant, but still authentic manner. Run by youth for youth, the goal of the society is to make classic plays relevant and entertaining for young people without sacrificing authenticity.

The Bard’s classic comedy, The Taming of the Shrew, will be presented at the Mittagong Playhouse on Friday 21 (7:30pm), Saturday 22 (7:30pm) and Sunday 23 June (2:00pm).

Tickets are available from John Forbes on 0416 935 731 or via email at newandusedproductionsinc@outlook.com

INVITATION - DESIGNER KNITWEAR FASHION PARADE presented by the Catholic Women’s League (Moss Vale) and The Illawarra Machine Knitters

When: 9:30am Morning Tea for 10:30am Parade Start, Thursday 30 May 2013
Where: St Paul's Parish Hall, Garrett St, Moss Vale
RSVP: Sharyn 4887 7551

View invitation under ‘Parish News’ on the Chevalier College website at www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au