Primary assemblies have long been a wonderful, highly anticipated occasion in the lives of our students at CGS. Throughout the year, on Thursday mornings each class or year level runs an assembly. The content of each assembly is always varied and we never know quite what to expect. So far this year we have enjoyed the following assemblies:

Year 3 combined assembly was all about dinosaurs. The students took to the stage in fabulous dinosaur costumes and performed a play about three palaeontologists discovering some baby dinosaurs. 6T enjoyed recreating the words to the song, “We’re going on a school camp”. Their focus was to retell their camping adventures and it was obvious to all from the photos they shared that our Year 5/6 camp was a huge success.

1R arrived on stage and each student was dressed in an amazing mini beast costume. The students then read and acted out some very entertaining mini beast poems. 2B’s assembly was all about cycles. It highlighted the water cycle, plant life cycles and the yearly calendar and season cycles. The students shared photos of their experiments.

2S performed a play entitled “Out in the Australian Bush” that involved students dressing up as Australian animals. 4D’s Hall of Fame assembly involved the informative play about who really discovered Australia, the students’ future aspirations and their wonderful finale dancing to “That Power” song. The Year 1 combined assembly took us back to the “Olden Days” with children dressed up like school children from the early 1900s. The students celebrated what they had learnt about schooling and toys from the olden days compared to now.

5N treated us to a play about a famous bushranger named Ned Kelly. The performance was about Ned Kelly’s trial in the 19th century.

We welcome the parents of those performing to join us for their child’s assembly. Your children certainly appreciate your attendance as do we. Many lifetime memories are created at our assemblies and it is something that our secondary school students reflect on fondly. So now here’s to the students of 6R who will take to the stage next Thursday. Best of luck..

On 2 June Year 5N performed a famous story about a very famous bushranger named Ned Kelly. The performance was about Ned Kelly’s trial in the 19th century. Year 5N had lots of fun making this performance happen and were very proud of the results. We also performed a song called “Revolting Children” from the musical, Matilda. We hope the audience really enjoyed our Assembly as much as we did performing it.

Riley S

5N’s assembly was a mixture of information and jokes, just what teachers and students enjoy! One half of the PAC’s stage was the courtroom and the other side was where the kids acted out the action. You could tell there had been a lot of preparation and rehearsals, because it was a flawless assembly (even if we do say so ourselves). The props and lights looked amazing! The song sounded like it does in Matilda the Musical! Everyone thought the assembly was amazing. Congratulations, 5N, you were outstanding! Eleisha B & Jessica S
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Uniform Shop hours are:
Mondays 3.00 pm to 5.30pm
Thursdays 8.30 am to 10.30am

VCE ENSEMBLE NIGHT - Natalie Burns

On Thursday 26 May the VCE ensemble evening was held.
On this night Year 11 and 12 Drama classes presented devised performances which they spent three months preparing as part of their assessment.
The Year 12 students performed structures which questioned the future of mankind, while Year 11 students performed characters from the board game Cluedo.
It was a wonderful night’s entertainment with all students performing to the best of their abilities.

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS

Casey Grammar School’s canteen supplier, Bazil's Mobile Catering Service, is introducing an online ordering system for school lunch orders through Flexischools. This will make ordering your child’s lunch simpler with more convenient, cash free options and access to new online only items such as Specials of the Week. Please see flyer attached or the school's website for further information on how to register.

TERM’S NOTICE

Parents are reminded that if a student is leaving the school, a term’s notice in writing is required to avoid payment of the next term’s fees.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS

Please ensure that you have submitted an enrolment application form for all future children wishing to enter the school. We cannot guarantee siblings will be placed if there is no enrolment form for them.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The Year 5/6 Student Leadership Team have decided to raise funds for the 5 cent Change for Change by ‘YGap’. Did you know in 2013, 124 million children were denied access to education at schools? Did you know that 61 million children of primary school age cannot afford to go to school? Every five dollars raised will send a child to school, that is just one hundred 5 cent coins! The ‘change for change’ believes that small change can drive big change and we believe in a world where every child has access to an education.

So please, donate your 5 cent coins to help less fortunate children go to school. There will be a box in every primary classroom and one at the office for secondary students to participate, hopefully they will be filled by the end of Term 2!
For more information visit 5cent.com.au.

Eleisha B and Jess S
On behalf of the Primary SLT
The Unit 1 exams will take place from Monday 6 June- Friday 10 June. A letter was sent out to all parents earlier in the term outlining this, along with the exam timetable. The purpose of these exams is to reinforce concepts taught throughout the semester as well as to continue to develop study techniques and exam skills.
All exams will be conducted in the VCE Exam Centre. It is expected that students attend in full school uniform. If a student is unable to attend an exam for medical reasons a medical certificate must be supplied.
If you require further information please don’t hesitate to contact Emma Conolly, Year 11 Coordinator.

GAT EXAMINATION

The GAT is to be held on Tuesday 7 June 2016 from 10:00am until 1:15pm. Your child is expected to arrive at school at the normal school time for homeroom where they will be organised according to their VCAA student number prior to entering the examination room.
Students will be dismissed once the examination is completed at 1:15pm. They are then free to travel home from school and are not required to stay on campus. It is important that travel arrangements are made to accommodate early bus travellers or school pick-up. Of course, students are welcome to remain at school until the end of the school day if transport cannot be arranged and will be seated for supervised study. They should ensure that they have work to go on with during this time.
AROUND THE SCHOOL

DODGE DUCK DIVE DIP...WE SURE DID!

The SLT had worked to prepare a lunch time Dodgeball Competition involving all secondary school students. It was to be the Year 7, 9 & 11 vs the Year 8, 10 & 12. And it was a very exciting lunchtime!

Many students turned up to play it out on the courts, so many that we had to limit the year levels on court at any one time. It was great to see so many students from all year levels get out there and have a throw, or be thrown at!

A big thanks goes to Will Banks and Ms Harris for running the event smoothly on the day and to the rest of SLT for organising and advertising the event. And thanks to the sport department for letting us use the gym facilities. The SLT is definitely looking at running more Dodgeball Tournaments at lunch time since the students seemed to enjoy it so much. We also enjoyed organising it for everyone.

Thank you for all your support.
Happy Dodging!
Brad Harris, Year 11 Student Leader

YEAR 2 HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY ADVENTURE

It was a nice, sunny day for looking at Australian animals. We all split up into small groups, with a parent helper or teacher. We saw some dingoes and heard them howling! We walked into the huge bird cage where we got to feed them or have them sitting on our arm. We saw a Tassie devil and watched it eating a bone left over from lunch. It was cheeky and trying to get into the water. The Bird Show was called ‘Spirits of the Sky’. There was a cockatoo that could talk! The barking owl was low flying and flew over our heads. Its wing actually touched my Mum’s head! We had a lovely time at Healesville Sanctuary. It was one of our favourite excursions, ever!

By Ruby van B, 2S

INSTRUMENTAL SOIREE

On Tuesday 31 May, the Music Department held its Term 2 Instrumental Soiree. We were treated to a wonderful evening of music which included a great variety of performances. It was very encouraging to see so many first time performers get up and have a go. We are excited to see their development over the years to come. Thank you to the parents, friends and staff who supported the evening. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the concert. They should be very proud of their performances.

I would also like to invite the CGS community to our Annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, June 14 at 7pm in the PAC. It will be an entertaining evening with over 150 students performing. The concert will include performances from all of our school ensembles as well as solos from the VCE music students. Please join us on the evening to show your support for the students. We look forward to seeing you there.

Simon Chiodo
FROM THE CHAPLAIN - Robert McUtchen

Dear Friends

National Reconciliation Week falls as I write. It concerns relations between Aboriginal people and the population of Australia that has gathered since 1788. Casey Grammar under Ms Gilbert’s leadership established a special relationship with the remote Aboriginal community at Lilla in Central Australia. This has enabled some of our students to see first hand how life is for some Aborigines. Apart from these fortunate students not many of our school community - children or parents - have any contact or experience of living in community with Aboriginal people. Because we don’t usually engage with Aboriginal people is no excuse for not learning and understanding about their story. Reconciliation Week suggests focusing upon three elements as a way of equipping to engage in Reconciliation.

One is to intentionally learn more about the history of Aborigines and all who came since 1788 (The First Fleet). To begin a dialogue and then a relationship we must be informed of the basic facts of what has occurred during the last 228 years.

History is important, but facts alone are not sufficient to enhance understanding. We need to hear stories which give an insight into the thinking and feelings of significant Aboriginal people such as Pastor Doug Nichols, Cathy Freeman, Yvonne Goolagong/Cawley, enabling us to begin to see Aborigines as people and personalities. Did you know the $50 note has a notable Aborigine David Unaipon on it? Thus equipped by History and stories, we are equipped to enter a journey of conversation which leads to understanding, to the beginning of reconciliation. Make learning about the Aboriginal story a family activity. Perhaps parents and children will all learn more together, and be better equipped to meet and relate to Aboriginal Australians.

Grace and Peace.

CASEY GRAMMAR GOES TO THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUNA)

It was last week that 4 students from Casey Grammar ventured into Gippsland to participate in the Rotary District 9820 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Forest Edge Camp. This Assembly was a mock representation of what a real United Nations meeting would be like, giving students from sponsoring Rotary clubs the opportunity to experience this type of debating and formality. Sixty student representatives turned up for the camp in costume, ready to present the views of their chosen country in debate. The debates were based on resolutions that the United Nations had discussed previously and our job was to take them and create either for or against cases to support our country’s stance on the issues. Benjamin Iurescu and Danielle Duncan represented the United States, while Ashley Chipman and Bradley Harris represented Germany.

The camp was an amazing way to heighten our public speaking skills, our persuasion skills, and created a great environment to meet many new friends whom we will continue to talk to after. We enjoyed being a part of the Assembly as it showed us how some of the big issues of our world are debated and discussed in governments and the United Nations. I would highly recommend this camp to any younger students who are interested in world politics or public speaking and debating. You won’t be let down by the camp and will enjoy every second.

Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Cranbourne and Pakenham for sponsoring us to go on this camp and Rotarians involved with the organisation of it. And a big thanks to Rev for helping us get our feet together to understand how the camp works before the day.

Brad Harris

PFC NEWS

The PFC assists the school with the Kiosk at the PAC during certain occasions. If you would like to offer your help with this, please call Bharti on 041918425 for information on dates and times.

We will be organising a book to be written by the students throughout the year and then sold in time for Christmas. For second hand uniforms please check the Sustainable Schools Website.

Pam Foley