

## Term 4 Issue 1 2009

## Thank you –Parents of CVC

"Thank you to the many parents that took the time to reply to the survey distributed last term. We have received lots of fantastic feedback and overall we are very happy with the results. There were lots of congratulations and encouraging comments. There were also some issues highlighted that we can focus on as we continue to improve our college for the benefit of all students. Thank you once again for the time you took to complete the surveys. We would like to take this opportunity to share some of the results with you."

Over 85% of parents agree that:

CVC staff are approachable and are willing to talk about their child's progress (88%)

Their child is encouraged to achieve to the best of his/her ability (86%)

They feel well informed about the activities of CVC and its students (86%)

Over 80% of parents agree that:

CVC encourages a sense of pride in achievement and a sense of self worth (85%)

CVC strives for high academic standards (84%)

CVC has realistic educational expectations of their child (83%)

CVC encourages students to learn how to solve problems, to question and to make decisions (83%)

Teachers at CVC care about how their child is going (82%)

Their child enjoys being at school (81%)

CVC is a safe and secure school (80%)

**TERM 4 2009 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 30<sup>th</sup> Friday - **Year 11 River Cruise**
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - November 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – **TEE Exams**  
- Parent Information Night – Year 8's 2010
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Monday - **Final day** for Year 11 students
- November 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Study day for Year 11 students  
- Year 7 Orientation Day/Year 9 Transition Day
- November 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - November 20<sup>th</sup> Friday – **Year 11 Exams**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Year 12 **Graduation** Night
- November 20<sup>th</sup> Friday & 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday – Music Performance
- November 9<sup>th</sup> Monday - P & C Meeting 7pm
- November 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday & 27<sup>th</sup> Friday – **Year 10 Exams**
- December 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Middle School **Art Exhibition**
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Monday - **Year 10 River Cruise**
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - Whole School Assembly 9-10.30am  
All students attend and parents welcome  
- Formal education program concludes for the year
- December 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday - **Final day** for Year 8, 9 & 10 students

**CVC will be closed Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> through to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

### **\*New Hours for the Uniform Shop\***

Term 4 (starting 30<sup>th</sup> October)

**Wednesday** 8.30-9.30am and 1-3pm: **Friday** 8.15-11.30am (each week)

**Last week of school:** December 14<sup>th</sup> Monday 8.30-12noon:

December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Tuesday & Wednesday 1-3.30pm

December 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8.30-12noon

For those students moving into Year 10 next year this is a good opportunity to make sure you have your senior school shirts early. The shop will be open late in January – dates to be advised.

**Note: Cheques not accepted**



### **CVC Sydney Canberra Tour**

With only six weeks to go until we leave, our students are eagerly anticipating the second CVC Sydney – Canberra tour. From November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 5<sup>th</sup>, 30 CVC Year 10 and 11 students will be on the biggest trip of their schooling career, touring our national icons and national capital.

All participating students and parents are invited to a farewell afternoon tea on **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Senior School foyer at 2:30pm. CVC Principal Mr Bamford will address the group, along with our sponsors and our local Southern River MP Mr. Peter Abetz. The students will be issued with their Tour polo shirt and light refreshments will be served. We hope to see everyone there to officially farewell the tour.



Mr. Sanderson (Year 11 Coordinator and History Teacher)



### **Rio Tinto Science Competition**

Congratulations to the 49 CVC students that took part in this annual national competition.

A special "Congratulations" goes to Mathew Watson (Yr 10) for receiving a distinction. Congratulations to the following students who achieved a credit in the competition: Haysam Kanawati (Yr 8), Kimberley Weber (Yr 8), Methila Kanesarajah (Yr 8), Samuel-Mark Chandran (Yr 8), Sailaeja Roopun (Yr 8), Liam O'Neill (Yr 9), Kyle Soulsby (Yr 9), Jamie Evans (Yr 9), Yosif El-Gamil (Yr 10), Alycia Tham (Yr 10). Well done to all the students who participated. Damian Millar (Head of Science)

### **Tree of Hope**

It is that time of the year again - yeh!! Tree of hope offers gifts to those in the community who have had a tough time! Simply choose a tag for who you would like to give a present to off the Christmas tree in the College Library, find something special to give and bring it in with the tag attached. If you would prefer to give financially - All donations to Tree of Hope are tax deductible and 100% of all donations go the project - no administration fees are taken at all. If you know someone you would like to nominate to be a recipient of Tree of Hope - someone who needs a real hand up at this special time of the year, then please let Chaplain Ryan know or you can contact Riverview Community Services who run the appeal on 9416 0100.



### **CVC Number One in World Vision Fundraising**

Well done and thank you to all those staff and students who participated in the World Vision 40 hour famine fundraising event recently. As a group CVC donated \$3131.35 – a record year for us. We narrowly overtook the Canning Vale Primary School (\$ 3005.34 – a new record for them). It's fantastic to be part of such a generous and caring community. Ryan Hill CVC Chaplain

#### **Red Cross Practical Support Program**

The Practical Support Program is seeking volunteers to provide support to mothers who are experiencing Postnatal Depression. If you can spare four hours a week to help a family and would like to become involved we will be holding an information session in your area soon.

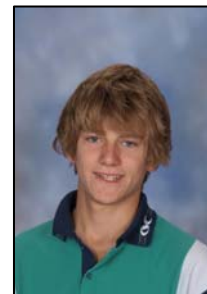
Please call Carmel Bower on 9225 8808 [www.redcross.org.au](http://www.redcross.org.au)



Jason Howard

## CVC Wins Zone Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September CVC won the Athletics Zone Carnival (based on handicap determined by the size of the school). This is the second time the school has won this trophy. As an overall result we were 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 7 schools, the majority of which are Sports Colleges. To add to the achievement 3 boys, Sam Rowlands (Year 8), Jayden Gregory (Year 9) and



Sam Rowlands



Jayden Gregory

Jason Howard (Year 10) were awarded the champion boy for their respective age group. Congratulations to these students. I was really impressed with the behaviour of our students, nearly 100 of them, and their achievements topped the day off. John Rhodes (Head of Health & Physical Education)

## CVC Wins Inter State Carnival

CVC won the C division of the state athletics carnival. Congratulations to all the students who competed on the day. We have been promoted through the divisions over the last two years and will now move up again as a result of such a fantastic effort. The team finished the day with a total of 1,402 points ahead of Governor Stirling, Ocean Reef, Thornlie, Lockridge, Perth Modern, Wanneroo and Belridge. Next year we will be competing in the B division. Congratulations to our individual champions on the day: Sam Rowlands (Year 8), Thia Eastman (Year 9), Jayden Gregory – runner up Year 9 and Jason Howard (Year 10). Great effort team!! John Rhodes (Head of Health & Physical Education)



Thia Eastman

## Drama @ CVC

As this is the first year that TEE Drama has been studied at CVC this was the first opportunity to watch our drama students in action. The Year 11 & 12 students faced the daunting process ahead of them of having to perform monologues, which they themselves had written, for a panel of judges as part of the exam. Tienielle Clarke (Drama Teacher) "I was extremely impressed with all the performances in terms of delivery, confidence, humour and realism. It takes a lot of courage to perform in that environment and not many of us can do it, so I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who took part." John Rhodes

## Great Deckchair Auction



Last year Samantha Lee was excelling in her Year 12 Arts studies here at CVC, this year she is showcasing her talents to the West Australian arts community. Sam was chosen to create a deckchair which was auctioned at the Deckchair Theatre's The Great Deckchair Auction on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Local, national and international artists, and some high-profile celebrities, showcased their talents at this unique fundraising event, which has become a significant fixture on WA's arts calendar. Musician John Butler and renowned local artist Robert Juniper were two of the big names to have embellished the collection of deckchairs that went under the hammer. Contemporary art, books and memorabilia from stars, including actor Geoffrey Rush and bands Eskimo Joe and End of Fashion, were some of the other items that were auctioned by art auctioneer Andrew Gaynor. After a fierce battle between two bidders Samantha's work sold for \$1250.00. The auction is all about visual artists supporting performing artists - all money raised from the auction goes to the theatre to fund future productions. Nicole Whiteside (Head of the Arts)

## Young Originals 2009

The official opening of the 2009 Young Originals Exhibition saw Year 11 student Cassandra Lee presented with a certificate from Director General Sharon O'Neal to recognise the high standard of work evident in her sculpture "Diseases of the Mind". Now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year, Young Originals continues to grow in popularity with more than 200 works submitted from 40 public schools across the state. The exhibition explored the diverse range of unique and contemporary works created by the next generation of innovative young artists. Nicole Whiteside (Head of the Arts Learning Area)



## Celebration of Music @ CVC

Canning Vale College music students will showcase their talents to family and friends over 2 nights this term, Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November and Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. The Friday night show will focus on the contemporary rocks bands of CVC, while the Monday night will feature instrumental and vocal performances. Tickets will be available for \$5 each at the Business Centre.



### CVC Band Wins @ My Big Gig 2009

In 2005 CVC Music teacher Rebecca Harrison started a battle of the bands competition open to all high schools in the state. Since then the event has grown into a week long competition that saw 50 schools perform at CVC last term in the hopes of receiving a place in the final. The finals were held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at The Fly By Night Club in Fremantle with musical industry professionals acting as judges.

First prize of \$5000 worth of equipment plus performance opportunities went to Murdoch College. Our own Canning Vale College band Soliloquy (Yasi Rahimi on vocals, Graeme White on guitar, Zac Brown on bass and Ben McCarthy on drums) won the Encouragement Award, \$2570 worth of equipment for the school sponsored by Fender.  
Nicole Whiteside (Head of the Arts Learning Area)

### Letter of Congratulations

*Dear Mr Bamford,*

*I am writing to thank your school for its generous hospitality in supporting 'My Big Gig'. I had the privilege of bringing a small group of students from Albany Senior High School to participate in this event last week and we were very impressed with many aspects of your College.*

*As we approached the school environs the students who were dispersing were a credit to their school. They were well dressed in a bright and fresh uniform that recognised their origin. The student that I asked for directions was courteous and polite; and it wasn't the buildings' newness that impressed so much as the cleanliness and lack of graffiti. The clear signposting made it easy for visitors to find their way around.*

*When we arrived at the venue the cheerful, friendly welcome from Mrs Harrison and her amazing team of helpers was both warm and efficient. My students were delighted with their lanyards and TShirts and clear directions. It gave us a great sense of being part of something important and added to our feelings of excitement and anticipation.*

*Through you I would like to congratulate Rebecca for her outstanding leadership and organisation. Her preparation for the event was amazing. The detail in her planning and her organisation of sponsors is fantastic and the consequent information package that was sent out was comprehensive and inspired confidence. Rebecca's attention to detail was impressive and her regular email reminders, requests and responses were unfailingly cheerful and friendly.*

*I was similarly impressed with the confidence, courtesy and helpfulness of the students who were part of Mrs Harrison's team and also by the clear indications that "My Big Gig" is supported by the rest of your staff and integrated into other subject areas. For example one of the media students (Tara Bennett) is conducting a tele-conference interview with my students later today. She has made the arrangements and confirmed the details in a very mature and professional manner.*

*We are of course, thrilled to be amongst the finalists and we are very excited about this next stage of the event, however, just the experience of participating in the heats was of great value and certainly worth the preparation and drive to Perth.*

*Finally, may I also commend the lovely lady who is the cheerful voice on the phone when one calls CVC. I am sorry that I have forgotten her name but you are certainly fortunate to have such a delightful and helpful person as the first contact with your school.*

*I know that you are a new school but if our experience is anything to go by, it is clear that CVC has a great future.*

*With kind regards,*

*Sheena Prince*

*Teacher in Charge of Music, Albany Senior High School*