



CHESSMOVES

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AVG James Lecture - Guest Speaker is Sir Gustav Nossal

Sept 7th 1999

Choral and Drama Festival

October 23rd 1999

Class of '59 reunion

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CHS AWARDED 1.21 MILLION FOR NEW BUILDINGS

In a major vote of confidence in CHS the Department of Education has awarded the school 1.21 million to fund stage one of a new Arts and Technology complex.

The facilities will be constructed on the site of the old Central Pool complex, land given to CHS by the Minister (Mr Phil Gude) in January 1998. More recently CHS has been fortunate to receive a further grant of \$90,000 from the Department of Education specifically for the purpose of clearing and redeveloping the site.

It is anticipated that the site redevelopment will begin this year and that construction of the new Arts and Technology Complex will begin within 8 months. Currently all Art subjects taught at CHS are taught in general purpose portable classrooms, creating a less than ideal teaching environment, while other subjects - Home Economics, Woodcraft, Metalcraft, etc - are taught in inadequate spaces 'under' the old building, with a similar net result.

These problems, and many others, will be addressed by the construction of the new, purpose built complex. Plans for the complex will be put on display at CHS for comments within the next few months.

The school community wishes to thank our local MP, Mr Phil Gude, for his continuing support of submissions from the School Council and the Principal, from 1996 to the present day, and to publicly recognise his work in endorsing CHS's need for a new complex.

CHS NEWS in brief

10 GO TO ISOGO, JAPAN

8 students and two teachers recently returned from a 12 day cultural exchange visit to CHS's sister school in Isogo, Japan. During their visit the group stayed in both traditional Japanese 'ryokans' (inns) and enjoyed a homestay with their hosts.

Arts Festival

Tuesday September 7th

In a new approach, CHS will be incorporating the Chorals and Drama interhouse festivals into a single, mammoth, Arts Festival. The amalgamated festival will include drama, music and art/studio art, all of which will be presented and displayed for the evening in the Assembly Hall.

40 YEARS ON!

CLASS OF '59 REUNION

After the reunion of the 40s and 50s, the class of '59 are invited to a Special Reunion at the school.

A light lunch will be provided for a small charge. BYO drinks.

To help with catering, please contact:

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Please bring or send a short profile of your life after CHS. The roll will be called. Please track down as many of your friends as possible to make this day a success.

Put the 23rd October in your diary now!!

The Temple

This year's student production, "The Temple" by Australian playwright Louis Nowra, has been well received and was a credit to its participants and the school. A particularly demanding play in terms of characterisations and timing, it concerns itself with the corporate culture prevalent in the Australian financial scene in the 80s - greed, growth and collapse.

Public reaction was unequivocal; the play ran over four nights, with three sell outs and one near sell-out.

Tasmanian Music Tour

Several CHS band members and music teachers recently undertook a whirlwind tour of the Frozen Isle, performing at several schools and participating in a workshop at the University of Launceston.

Correspondence received by the school indicates that the CHS musicians were well regarded by their audiences for both their deportment and their music "*.....the high standard of their performance gave their audience an appreciation of what is possible in the study and practice of Music, and what can be achieved through*

discipline and excellent tuition” McKillop College, Tasmania

Monash Legal Challenge

Legal studies students recently prosecuted a mock trial at the school. Judgement, handed down by Damian Ellwood, a CHS parent and barrister-at-large, found in favour of Jeremy Kennett, who will now represent CHS at the interschool level. It was noted that Lauren Beck’s cross was also of high quality, rendering final judgement extremely difficult.

1999 SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Hundreds of visitors took advantage to tour our school, helping CHS to build community awareness of the nature, quality and breadth of the courses on offer, and enabling the visitors to experience first hand the excellence of our students, their work, and our teachers. Comments were uniformly positive, and the evening considered a resounding success.

New Gate

In recognition of the importance of making a good entrance (groan) the main entrance of many years has been removed and an impressive brick structure has been built in its place. The improvement is dramatic.

School Charter Ratified

A new school charter has been accepted by School Council and now represents the vision for the school for the next three years. Copies available from the school.

The 1999 Music Concert

Held June 10th at Strathcona, the concert featured a ‘happy blend’ of Camberwell’s more experienced musicians and the presentation of the more youthful beginners.

1999 CHESS COMMITTEE ELECTED

The 1999 CHESS AGM was held on May 3rd at CHS. Election results were as follows;

President	Bernard Corser
V-President	Yvonne Wray
Treasurer	Neil Bouvier
Membership Secretary	Pat Douglas
Minute Secretary & Publications Committee	Blake Robertson
	Marie Purcell
	Naomi Harrison
	Mary Hill
	Lawrie Hodgson
	Marnie Kok
	Desma Williamson
	Jeanette Alcock

CHESS GOES VIRTUAL

CHESS WEB SITE

CHESS is pleased to announce that it will soon be accessible via the ‘information superhighway’.

Plans are still being finalised at the time of writing, but it is anticipated that the minutes of all CHESS meetings, the weekly school bulletin and pictures, etc, from both school and CHESS events (reunions, etc) will be viewable.

We will also be setting up email addresses for those office bearers with the facilities to access it, and are considering setting up a mailing list for people with an interest in CHESS and its activities.

If anyone has any suggestions, for the site, or ideas about things that it could be used for, please let us know!

SNIPPETS

Mr Alexander R. Aiken, year of ‘51, passed away in St Vincents Hospital on 18th August after a long period of ill-health. Condolences to family and friends.

Mr Fred Robert, an ACT resident, has made contact with several ex-students living in Canberra, not necessarily CHESS members, and has started the “Canberra Chapter”.

1999 CHESS MEETING DATES: AUGUST 2ND, SEPTEMBER 8TH, OCTOBER 4TH, NOVEMBER

8TH, DECEMBER 8TH