



## Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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### FEBRUARY 2017 Newsletter

**Diary Notes:** March meeting will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 2pm in the Cantabrian Hall.

**Luncheon:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL, 12 noon to 4pm. (new function room T.B.A.)

Anniversary years are those ending in "7"- so start organising your reunions, ladies!

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**Dear Members:** Firstly, a very happy New Year to you all. Another year is already well and truly underway and we must look toward the future of the Ex-Students' Association.

**Last October** Bev Lane and I interviewed seven students for our annual scholarship. It was a very difficult decision and for the first time in many years there were joint winners, Coco Wang and Angela Wei. Coco Wang is also the Year 10 Dux for 2016. Each student received \$400.00. I hope they continue some form of association with not only the school BUT also our Association when they leave school.

Our annual luncheon was held at the Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL last October and even though numbers weren't as high as we'd hoped, everyone appeared to have had a very happy afternoon with not only their own groups but also the ladies from various other years. Our Guest Speaker, Chenoa Fawn who left school in 1997, was a very different speaker indeed and took many of us "down memory lane" when she asked us to pass around a bottle of Lily of the Valley perfume, The perfume brought back many memories of her grandmother and she asked us to open the bottle, take a sniff to see if the perfume brought back any memories, which by the reactions of many, it certainly did. Also at the luncheon last year we took in \$500 most of which was made up from the proceeds of the raffle and sale of goods. The lunch itself only raised \$17.50.

**Our next meeting will be a "bring and buy" afternoon with no goods to be priced over \$10. Please bring along any home made goods e.g.: jams, any other cooked items, plus any good bric-a-brac. Please put prices on all items. **Any unsold items must be taken home by the original owners.****

At this meeting we will also have available our Association history booklets, pens, badges and our new tea towels. The tea towels have been made on a new quality linen/cotton blend. Many members who have already purchased one, have commented on the good quality. The cost at the meeting is \$12.50 but if you can't attend our meeting I can post one at a cost of \$16.00. Also, all other items for sale at our meetings can be posted with an additional cost for postage.

If you would like any of our products sent please let me know on either my number above or my email address: [carmen.malins@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.malins@gmail.com).

At our last Committee Meeting we discussed future fundraising activities that may be of interest to our members. These included a BBQ at the school, a cake a coffee afternoon with a tour of the school, an afternoon harbour cruise, and a bus trip to an area which would interest members. These activities would be scheduled for the cooler months of June/July. We would love to hear your response to our suggestions or you may have other ideas to assist with fundraising for our ex-students' association. We, as an association, are only as good as our members so please contribute with any ideas no matter how trivial you may think they are. My phone contact details are as above or my email address again is [carmen.malins@gmail.com](mailto:carmen.malins@gmail.com).

**Any suggestions positive or otherwise would be greatly appreciated.**

If you are coming to our March Meeting and you are able to bring either a plate for afternoon tea or something for our raffle it would be greatly appreciated.

Carmen Malins

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Well here we are again, the start of a new year. I wish you all a very happy and healthy 2017 and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and the Luncheon.

Last December I attended the School's Recognition Day where special awards are made to Years 7-11, academic, sports and attendance awards. I was very pleased to present the Cantabrian Scholarship plaque and Certificate to two girls, Coco Wang and Angela Wei. Coco also received the Grace Sparks Award for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Year 10 English.

On a personal note, I was thrilled to present the Sports House Award for 2016 to Adelaide House. Principal, Sue Holden knew that Adelaide had been my house!

The Guest Speaker was the 2005 School Captain, Athanasia Costa.

In February I attended the school for the Academic Achievers' Assembly where the Dux Awards for 2016 are presented to students from Years 7-12. Our Association was acknowledged and thanked for supplying the Dux Awards and book vouchers. My thanks to Marion and Carmen for organising these awards.

It was a great morning as Year 12 from 2016 returned to receive their High Achievers' Awards following their HSC exams. The Dux was Weijia Liu.

The Guest Speaker was Eliva Andriamora, a wonderful young woman from 2015 whose theme for her speech was "Get Creative".

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Merle Chalmers

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