

NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4

Week 10B

13 December 2013



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Final Network for 2013 - The Last for our 21st Year

This will be the final Network for 2013 following what has been a most successful 21st year for our school. Many of the highlights were discussed at last week's Presentation Assembly. However, given the limited audience who were able to attend it is worth revisiting our achievements in this our 'coming of age' year.

2013 has been a remarkably successful 21st year for this school. A year we celebrated in a variety of very positive ways including a marvellous dinner attended by over 200 people, full of good humour and fine reminiscence. This was followed by an Open Day with wonderful displays and archival photographs, allowing past students and their families to reacquaint themselves with Cherrybrook Technology High School. Other initiatives included a commemorative badge, designed by Thomas Choo one of our exceptional Year 12 students, which was provided to all students and staff, and a recently completed anniversary garden.

Earlier, the year began with a wonderful High Achievers' Assembly which saw 163 of our class of 2012 returning to the school to be honoured for their outstanding achievement in making the HSC honour roll, remarkably for a comprehensive high school this was nearly half the students who presented for the HSC last year.

Sarah Hay, a young engineer and a former Principal's Representative, gave a wonderful speech which ranged over many things including the excellent education she received at our school and the support Cherrybrook Technology High School students give to one another to achieve excellence.

And excellence is what the class of 2012 achieved with twenty two students achieving the top band in each of their courses of study - a new 'PB' for Cherrybrook Technology High School. We also had twelve students who were among the top 20 students in the state in nine separate courses of study, and 100 students scored an ATAR in excess of 90 with twelve scoring greater than 99.

In the junior years our students in 7 and 9 completed the NAPLAN tests and demonstrated that academically, they were well beyond the state and national average.

Our successes in sport were celebrated at Thursday's special Sport Assembly. Some of the major highlights of the year included:

- Awarded the trophy as the 2012 Sydney North Champion School for the third time in the past five years
- 2013 Ku-Ring-Gai Zone Champions
- Winning school at the Ku-Ring-Gai Zone Swimming, Cross Country and Athletic carnivals
- Girls' open basketball team finished forth in the State
- Girls' 15's basketball team finished Champion School in NSW defeating Westfield Sport High School by one point in an absolute thrilling final
- The open boys' medley relay and 17+ boys' 4x50 freestyle relay team won gold at the Combined High School Swimming Carnival
- Declan Pluim won a gold medal in the 15 years high jump at the Combined High School Carnival
- Alex Nguyen-Ha won gold medals in the 15 years long jump and triple jump at the Combined High School Carnival
- Georgia Winkcup represented Australia at the Youth 2013 Oceania Championships in Hawaii winning a gold medal in the girl's U18 2,000m steeplechase
- We also had many other students who performed with Distinction at the CHS and NSW All Schools Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals, and in a variety of other sports.

In the area of performing arts we produced the outstanding musical *Little Shop of Horrors* and the recent MADD concert, both terrific shows. We also had students participating in Regional and State Drama and Dance Festivals, in eisteddfods, in the recent Schools' Spectacular as dancers and musicians and where the big band wowed audiences. We also had our ensembles delivering wonderful performances at the Royal Easter Show and Darling Harbour Central Amphitheatre as well as many other venues.

In the field of technology it was a year of planning as the laptop program came to an end. Disappointingly, this world-leading program will wind up at the end of this year as Government funds for the project are no longer available. Next year will see considerable change in the way we do things as students in Year 9 move to a 'Bring Your Own Device' model. Hopefully, this way forward will be successful for our students.

We also continued to promote our International Program with a marvellous Multicultural Day and a very successful student visit to

France, whilst the links with our Japanese schools continue to strengthen through our video conferencing.

Again in 2013 our student leaders did a great job and amongst other things led some very positive fund raising programs. These initiatives contributed to student morale and a sense of school community as well as assisting those in unfortunate circumstances.

Environmentally, there were some marvellous changes around the school with the construction of new gardens, additional outdoor covered seating areas and further development of our biodiversity area, with a pleasing focus on our indigenous heritage. None of this would have been possible without the help and support of students, dedicated staff and our committed P&C.

Our achievements in 2013 were certainly diverse. And these achievements were accomplished by our diverse, multicultural student population who work so harmoniously to achieve these ends.

Students' Final Day for 2013 and Commencement of School in 2014

All students are to continue attending school until 3pm on Wednesday 18 December 2013. As in previous years a very brief assembly will be held toward the end of the last period of the day from which students will be dismissed for the summer holidays.

Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school on Wednesday 29 January 2014 whilst students in Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Thursday 30 January 2014.

Happy Holiday

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff, students and the community well for the approaching Christmas break and to thank you all for the tremendous support provided to our fabulous school throughout the year.

Congratulations to...

- Georgia Winkcup, Year 11, who was awarded a gold medal in the U18 girls' 2,000m steeplechase event at the National All Schools Championships.
- Declan Pluim, Year 9, who competed in the U16 boys' high jump event at the National All Schools Championships and achieved gold.
- Nicole Loveridge, Year 12, who was selected to play European handball with the under 21's team at the Intercontinental Cup held in Monterrey, Mexico.
- Konrad Cuevas, Year 7, who competed in the pole volt event at the NSW All Schools Competition and received a gold medal. Konrad also achieved a silver medal at the National All Schools Competition which was his first experience at this event.

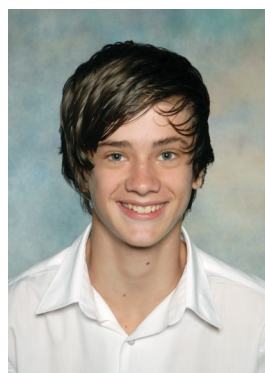
Mr Johnson



Konrad Cuevas



Georgia Winkcup



Declan Pluim



Nicole Loveridge

HSC Results and Year 12 Results Barbeque

Good luck to all Year 12 students who are eagerly waiting for their HSC results this Wednesday 18 December. Remember the Year 12 Results Barbeque which will be held on Thursday 19 December in the area between 'A' and 'E' Blocks. The BBQ will commence at 11am and conclude at 12.30pm.

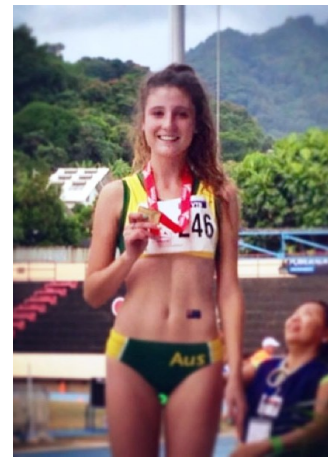
All Year 12 students are invited to gather and share their results and future plans with their peers and teachers. We look forward to hearing your ATAR results in order to assist with the organisation of the High Achievers' Assembly which will be held on 11 February 2014 at 9.30am.

If you are unable to attend the barbeque, please email your ATAR results to either juliet.navarro@det.nsw.edu.au or Linda.Parsons2@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Navarro, HT Stage 6

A Year in Review





Bright Sparks

Throughout this year, every Thursday afternoon, a group of three or four Year 10 students and Ms Tager travelled to Granville Public School to tutor young refugee kids from Thailand, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and many other countries.

At the outset, we were assigned a buddy whom we helped improve their literacy, numeracy and for some, their social skills. Along with academic activities, we also played board games such as Connect Four, UNO and Dominoes, which the kids enjoyed very much. Also, at the end of every term, both the volunteers and the kids engaged in fun and hands-on activities such as sport, dancing, music performances and crafts.

The primary school students we worked with were all so well mannered, enthusiastic and cooperative, so it was easy to form bonds with them. After a few sessions we realised that they are just kids, like we once were. As we farewelled some of our Year 6 students, we felt like parents anxious as they start a new life in high school. We wished we could have brought them back to school with us, so they can enjoy the level of education we do and succeed academically. They deserve it as there is no difference between us.

To reward the children for their efforts at the end of the year, each volunteer wrote a personalised merit award for their buddy. Handing out these awards was definitely the highlight of my time at Bright Sparks because it was wonderful to see the friendships made between the volunteers and the students as well as the kids' bright smiling faces.

I recommend this program to all Cherrybrook Technology High School students next year who are eager to make a difference because not only does this program assist refugee kids, it also helps us become more considerate and increases our awareness about the social issues present in our community.

I'd like to thank Ms Tager on behalf of all the Spark girls for driving us to and from Granville Public School every Thursday and for helping us out with the kids. Thank you for introducing us to this great initiative because it has been such a rewarding experience!

Stella Hendrawan, Year 10



Final 21st Anniversary Report for 2013

Well, the big anniversary year is finally coming to an end with still a couple of things left to finish. The second shipment of fascia bricks arrived a few weeks ago and the General Assistants have been kept very busy cementing them on the wall, as well as establishing a native garden just in front of the them. The General Assistants still have sixteen bricks left to place but, weather permitting, they should be up before the end of term. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

If there is enough interest in the new year a third order may be opened, however, a minimum of 30 requests are needed to make the exercise viable.

We are still tinkering with an Alumni Association so keep reading your Networks for more news about this initiative.

Finally, a big thank you to all those many people who helped in some way to make our 21st celebrations so successful. Now someone needs to start planning for the 25th!

Mr Taylor

*21st Anniversary garden
and fascia bricks*



Merry Christmas



Debating Report

During Term 4 all students in Years 7 to 10 participated in our Debating Competition, honing their thinking and presentation skills with class activities and debates. The most proficient debaters from each class were then invited to compete in several knock-out rounds culminating in a Grand Final for each year. The standard of debating in the final rounds was very high with students demonstrating an impressive ability to research and formulate an argument, to 'think on their feet' in rebutting the arguments of the opposing team and speak persuasively and confidently.

The Year 7 Final showcased the skills of 7E students, Sanya Dua, Elske Van Rooyen, Mariam Razi and Madeline Smith, who argued the affirmative case for the topic *That we learn from our mistakes*. 7C students, Ariana Farahani, Alicia Spencer, Cameron Korte and Paul Lim, ably argued the negative case leading to a very close debate and a difficult decision for the adjudicator. Both teams displayed outstanding preparation and speaking skills but the strength of rebuttal ultimately led to victory for the affirmative team.

In the Year 8 Final 8C students, Avarni Singh, Yasheeka Patel, Amelia Smilie and Chiara Strilakos proposed *That childhood is losing its magic*, and 8B students Amelia Craig, Hansika Muthukuda, Laura Heinrichson and Dillon McGrath forcefully argued against this proposition. The affirmative highlighted the increased sexualisation of children in an image-obsessed media and the reality of child labour. The negative acknowledged these problems but argued that they were not new and in fact child labour is less common than it was in the past. In a very close debate the negative team ultimately prevailed.

The Stage 5 Finals saw engaging debates on the topic *That rice is better than rights*. In the Year 9 Final, the affirmative team from 9A consisted of Anuradha Narayan, Ellen Cameron, Sidath Dissanayake and Patrick Phillips, and the negative team from 9K, Zali Mahony, Chantrice Graaff, Reynard Tay and Sachin Rajapaksha. Both teams presented an engaging and well-argued debate, asking *What is more essential, meeting the basic need of food or the basic need of freedom?* Ultimately, the affirmative team presented the stronger case and won the debate.

In the Year 10 Final, an impressive level of skill and maturity was evident. Students Shannon Monteiro, Kevin Nguyen, Vanessa Lesicnik, Michael Gunn and Bhavik Magan from 10H, ably presented the affirmative case. However, the negative team, Lakni Weerasinghe, Merle Runde, Cassandra Barberis-Leon and Kate Ye from 10J, argued their case with passionate conviction and in a strong finish emerged the victors.

Congratulations to all of our finalists!

Mrs Granziera, Public Speaking/Debating Coordinator



Year 9 debating students



Year 7 debating winners and runner up

CAREERS UPDATE

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides a free Careers Advisory Service

This is available by phone and email and runs from Thursday 19 December to Tuesday 24 December 2013.

Careers Advisers will be available on 1300 300 687 during these four days between the hours of 9am - 5pm. Email access is provided via the website www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au. Students, parents and carers will be offered professional, friendly and impartial advice following the release of the HSC results.

The Careers Advisory Service website also contains helpful information to assist students in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options: <http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au/about.php>

A feature of this website is 'Explore your Options'. This section provides a starting point for students considering leaving school. It may also be used by a parent, carer, teacher or mentor who is helping a school leaver with his or her decision making.

After completing their research, school leavers accessing this website in December are encouraged to take advantage of the phone in or email service to discuss their options/decisions with a qualified careers adviser from the Careers Advisory Service.

Year 12 NSW HSC Results are released by the NSW Board of Studies on Wednesday 18 December.

ATARs will be released on Thursday 19 December on the UAC's Website from 9am.

Change of Preferences can be made on the 'Check and Change' section of the UAC website until Saturday 4 January. If possible, do not leave it to the last moment as the site has been known to get overloaded.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Davidson



WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Special Mention to...

- The CTHS students who participated in the National All Schools Championships which was held in Townsville last weekend and we are very proud of the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Athlete	Age Group	Event	Result
Konrad Cuevas	Under 14 Boys	Pole vault	Silver
Declan Pluim	Under 16 Boys	High jump	Gold - 2.07 metres
Georgia Winkcup	Under 18 Girls	2,000 metres steeplechase	Gold
		3,000 metres	4th

Also congratulations to Eliza Woollett who competed in the U14's girls' 400m and Alex Nguyen-Ha who completed in U16's boys' triple jump and long jump.

Upcoming Events

- Grade sport choices for next year need to be made by next week through iSchool
- Bus fees must be paid for all seasons of grade sport this year before selecting next year's grade sport
- There are three exciting new intra sports to choose from next year - hip hop dancing, bollywood dancing and crossfit, anyone interested should select one of the sports on iSchool for the intra sport selection.

As this is the final sport report for the year, we would like to thank all of Cherrybrook Technology High School for their active participation and extensive success in all areas of sport.

On behalf of the Sports Executive, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Julianne Chu and Lloyd Caletti, Sports Promotion officers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students have been given notice of footwear requirements over the past weeks and we ask parents' co-operation in purchasing the correct footwear over the school holidays for the start of the new school year.

The Department of Education and Communities Work Health and Safety Directorate, clearly states in the publication *Footwear Guidelines* (October 2012) that to comply with Government policy, enclosed leather footwear must be worn by students to ensure their safety. Areas where enclosed leather footwear is required are:

- Industrial Arts and Trades workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen
- Food Technology areas
- Agriculture areas

If students present for class with inappropriate footwear the student will be offered alternative educational activities.

The school expects that students wear black leather, shiny, business-conventional type, lace-up styled shoes. They must cover the top of the foot and have a small heel. Buckle styled shoes will be accepted as long as the shoes cover the top of the foot. The following shoe styles have been endorsed by the school community:

ACCEPTABLE STYLES



Students **MUST NOT** wear black leather joggers, black sports shoes, black leather skate shoes, black desert boots, black soft leather open styled 'Mary Jane' shoes, black fabric shoes or any similar styles to those listed.

STYLES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE



PDHPE / SPORT ACCEPTABLE STYLES - The school expects students to wear lace up sports shoes.



SHOES THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE



Hopefully this letter has been informative to allow you to make the correct choices in purchasing footwear for the coming year. If you have any problems please contact the school on the above numbers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bevan'.

Mrs Jenny Bevan
Deputy Principal

PROCEDURE FOR EARLY LEAVERS

If a student needs to leave school early, they **must** provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student must hand the note in at the student window before 8:30am** where they will be issued with a leave pass. They can then present this pass to their teacher and leave school at the appropriate time.

On Thursdays (sport days) all students in Years 9-11 must have their early leave notes signed by a member of the PE staff before presenting to the office.

**Summer Special Sale - UPTO 46%
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Educational Books & Uniforms

CTHS UNIFORMS		U-TALENT RRP	Summer Sale Special
JUNIOR GIRLS			
GIRLS SUMMER UNIFORM	Grey & Red Stripes	\$48.00	\$40.00
JUNIOR BOYS			
BOYS S/S SHIRT WITH LOGO	White	#8-14 / #16-28 \$22 / \$24	\$18 / \$20
BOYS SHORT - Belt Loop	Grey Shorts	from \$28	from \$25.2
BOYS SHORT - Full Elastic Waist	Grey Shorts	from \$18	from \$16.2
BOYS TROUSERS - Business Style	Grey Pants	from \$33	from \$29.7
BOYS TROUSERS - Elastic Waist	Grey Pants	from \$24	from \$21.6
SENIOR GIRLS			
GIRLS SKIRT	Senior grey skirt	\$39.00	\$35.00
GIRLS BLOUSE	Senior white blouse	\$28.00	\$22.00
SENIOR SCHOOL TIE	Red tie	\$15.00	\$13.50
SENIOR BOYS			
BOYS S/S SHIRT WITH LOGO	White	#8-14 / #16-28 \$22 / \$24	\$18 / \$20
BOYS LONG SLEEVE SHIRT	White Shirt	12-16 / 18-22 \$19 / \$23	\$17.1 / \$20.7
BOYS TROUSER - Business Style	Black Pants	From \$28	** Special \$15 **
SENIOR SCHOOL TIE	Red tie	\$15.00	\$13.50
SPORTS Uniforms			
SPORTS POLO SHIRT WITH LOGO	White	12,14,16 / S,M,L / XL,2XL \$30 / \$32 / \$34	\$24 / \$26 / \$28
SPORTS SHORTS WITH LOGO	Black	\$25.00	\$20.00
SPORTS TRACK PANTS WITH LOGO	Black	\$40.00	\$36.00
SPORTS CAP WITH LOGO		\$10.00	\$9.00
WOOLEN JUMPER WITH LOGO	Black	12-16 / 18-20 \$60 / \$65	\$54 / \$58.5
FLEECEY JUMPER WITH LOGO	Black	3XS,2XS,XS / S,M,L / XL,2XL \$25 / \$28 / \$30	** Special \$18 **
BOYS SOCKS WITH STRIPES	Grey with Black/Red Stripes	\$6.00	\$5.40
GIRLS SOCKS	White Ankle Style	\$10 for 4 pairs	\$9.00

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CHRISTMAS DAY 2013

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH
US ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Our celebration will
begin at 9.15am
at the Cherrybrook Technology
High School MPC.

Join us after for a
special Morning Tea

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**St Matthew's Uniting Church
BAULKHAM HILLS
Netball Club**

The perfect competition for people wanting a fun, friendly game of netball.

Games are played at Gooden Reserve, Baulkham Hills. The 2014 season will begin on Saturday, 5th April with game times starting from 12:30pm.

Registration for the 2014 season will take place on Saturday, 15th February 2014, at St Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills (Cnr Edgar and Rose St, Baulkham Hills) in the Lower Hall from 9am-2pm.

FunNet (ages 5-7 years): \$50

Women's Competition: 8-16 years \$80, 16 and over \$90

Mixed Competition (ages 16 and over): \$90 (or \$140 for both the Women's and Mixed competition)

For any further enquiries, please email:
stmatthewsnetballclub@hotmail.com

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BAULKHAM HILLS UNITING CHURCH
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*Carols by
Candlelight*

**Friday
20 December 2013**

5.30pm Family Festival begins
7.45pm Carols by Candlelight

West Pennant Hills Public School Oval
Cnr of Church Street and Cardinal Avenue

Bring the family and join the festive activities!
Face painting, jumping castle, food and drink stalls, glowsticks,
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For additional information please call 9479 3700
www.stmatts.org.au

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FIRST AID

Please note Cherrybrook Technology High School does not have any medical practitioners on the premises. We provide first aid assistance to students who are unwell or injured. **Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.**

DIARY – Term 4 Week 11A

Monday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 11/12 Economics Assess Essay - pds 5 & 6 • Yr 11/12 Business Studies Assess Task 1
Tuesday 17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Ensembles End of Year Outing to Ice Skating • Yr 11/12 Business Studies Assess Task • Yr 11/12 Modern History Assess Task - pds 1 & 3
Wednesday 18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Results Released • Students' Last Day Term 4
Thursday 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Development Day • Yr 12 HSC Results BBQ
Friday 20 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Development Day • Last day term 4