

NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 2

Week 7B

13 June 2014

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



P&C Meeting

On Tuesday evening the Cherrybrook P&C Executive and General meetings took place. Items on the agenda included the construction of a cover for the Lucy Schilling Memorial courts, the new heating which will be installed in the MPC in the July holidays and discussions from the sub-committees re fundraising ideas for backpacks, laptops and advertising. All of these are exciting initiatives the P&C is overseeing. Guest speakers for the meeting were Mr Hind, who spoke about the learning support initiatives which Cherrybrook Technology High School offers.

Many parents did not know Cherrybrook offers lunch time clubs as well as support opportunities for senior students. Ms Deadman and Ms Hampe run a card club, a homework club and a chill-out zone for students to relax and learn at lunch times. They also run a senior student support time on Thursday afternoons and are looking to run an extra support class on Tuesdays.

Mrs Stark also addressed the meeting about the gifted and talented programs which are on offer at Cherrybrook Technology High School. From the 7T and 8T GATS classes through to the Accelerated Aboriginal Studies program, Mrs Stark informed us of the plethora of opportunities available to GATS students in the academic, sporting and cultural arenas. This was particularly relevant with the success of the school musical, 'The Wiz', which concluded on Saturday night to a sell-out audience.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 July and all parents are invited to attend.

Year 9 Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday the finals of the Year 9 Public Speaking competition took place. As always it was a pleasure to adjudicate and see the finesse and competence of the finalists. Their ability to engage an audience on a wide range of topics was testament to their work and experience.

Brinda Kumar opened the competition. She took a seemingly simple topic of 'Excuses' to another level as she tackled the philosophy of why we make excuses. Her concluding remarks "He who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else", a fitting end to a well-delivered and interesting speech.

Divisha Oberoy spoke from her heart about the plight of so many children around the world excluded from education and going to bed each night starving. Her use of anecdote was particularly moving and connected well with the audience.

The third speaker, Lizzy West, gauged her audience well and her dramatic delivery of 'how to survive a post-apocalyptic situation' saw her as a contender for the winner of this year's competition.

Andrew Farr followed, with an extremely philosophical speech about universal experience. Andrew's imagery and voice touched the audience and he was also a close contender for the 2014 winner.



Year 9 Public Speakers

Next was the Boys' class representative, Jack Dickinson, who delivered an amusing rendition of names that you SHOULD NOT call your kids, in fact names that had been made illegal. FYI don't consider calling your child 'Facebook' or 'Spinach' or 'Superman' as they are illegal. His plea for 'normal names' was well received.

Laura Heinrichson then bravely tackled the 'Men are from Mars and Women from Venus' scenario to give insight into the latest research on this theory. 'Bravely' is not used lightly as the boys' class was part of the audience. Laura's use of voice and gestures were excellent, promoting her message and her effective conclusion that "we are all from earth - get used to it" nicely rounded an excellent speech.

The final speaker was told on the day that he was in the final and delivered his speech without notes as his notes were at home. Ryan Meng has only been in Australia for less than a year and yet he delivered an excellent speech on 'gaming', in particular the credibility of Minecraft. He captured the audience's attention arguing that Minecraft promoted creativity, financial management, social skills and problem solving skills.

The winner for 2014 was Hansika Muthukuda, who spoke on 'Horror' and humanities fascination with it. Her expert delivery and clever integration of fact, philosophy and research resonated with both teachers and students. A huge thank you needs to be conveyed to students and teachers, especially Mrs Granziera for her organisation of this competition.

Year 10 Public Speaking Competition

Immediately following the Year 9 competition was the Year 10 Public Speaking finals. Again the depth and variety of the topics amused and astounded the audience. From the maturity of the need for equality for homosexual, transgender and bi-sexual recognition to the relevant, yet light-hearted, examination of what it means to be 16 across the world, teachers and students were engaged with the Year 10 speeches.

Doris Che opened the competition, posing the question of 'what makes a Psychopath?' She challenged us to see the potential of this condition in our friends and neighbours.

Grace Kwon then spoke admirably on animal cruelty. Grace was passionate and emotive and used horror stories which made the whole audience sympathise with her case.

Renee Trumper delivered the birthday speech that connected well with her audience because of its relevance and interesting content.

Eduard Geyl delivered the most passionate and moving speech of the competition, examining 'failure' and 'success'. The audience was entranced and captivated by his delivery, especially his use of drama to further his message.

Pearl Wellock was the next competitor, her mature advocacy for equality for all sexualities was both interesting and emotive.

Dominic Serov was a close contender for the 2014 winner. He tackled the difficult topic of 'What is Love?' Dominic's speech examined the evolution of language as well as connecting with a 16 year olds' search for love. His use of light and shade was excellent and engaged the audience in his argument.

The final competitor was Callum Sinclair who tackled the controversial subject of stereotypes, but Callum argued that he hates the stereotype which makes women bare all and leave nothing to the imagination. He argued women should be themselves to be who they are and not a slave to fashion.

The winner for 2014 was Maya Abrahams who delivered an entertaining and interesting speech on being a 'Shopaholic'. Maya's speech engaged the audience as it took an everyday topic and made it clever and quirky, adding both humour and research on the philosophy of why people have the propensity to shop.

Thank you to the finalists, the class contestants and the teachers who support this initiative that furthers the speaking skills of our next generation of students.

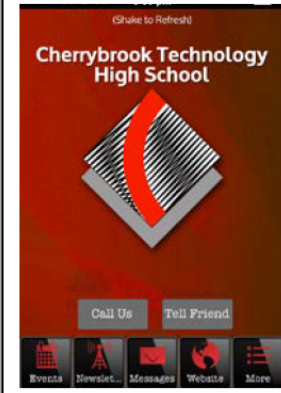


Year 10 Public Speakers

Volunteers' Luncheon

Next Wednesday we thank all the parents who support our school and volunteer their time. The luncheon is prepared by hospitality students and is greatly looked forward to by all who attend. The canteen is currently very short of parent volunteers and is looking for parents who can assist. Working in the canteen is a great way to find out more about the school and to meet other parents. If you are interested in helping out, even one day a month, Heather and May would love to have you on their team. Interested parents should ring the school on 9484 2144 and ask to be put through to the canteen.

Mrs Weal



Cherrybrook Technology High School App

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download this free app. This will provide you with school information, maps, dates of upcoming events and much more, even when you are on the go. By enabling push notifications you will receive important information instantly.

Future Problem Solvers - Update from America

After a super long and extremely bumpy plane ride (there was bad turbulence for the first six hours) we arrived in Dallas/Fort Worth airport after fifteen hours. Our wonderful homestay families were waiting for us and drove us to the old historic part of Fort Worth. When we arrived, there were about a dozen cattle being driven down the street by cowboys to the old stock exchange and a mock gun fight was played out. It was wonderful to see the old shops and hotels.

The next day we visited Early High School which educates students from Years 9 to 12. It was fantastic to see how a typical American school is designed complete with lockers, a cafeteria, designated band and choir rooms, an indoor basketball court, baseball field, football field with running tracks, home and visitor grandstands and an indoor training facility. Students and other teachers showed us around the school and both the American and Australian students had a great time discussing the differences. Our students especially enjoyed seeing the yellow school buses and the American style seats/tables in the classrooms. The Principal was interested in discussing the similarities and differences of school life. It was evident when touring the school that there was an extraordinary community spirit within the school as it was identified that teachers, parents and children all contribute their spare time, money and other resources to make the school as good as it can possibly be.

In the afternoon, we went to the Old County Jail and museum, which was opened especially for us as it was normally closed on a Monday. We were given a guided tour and learnt about the history of the area and saw lots of artifacts. Miss Bleakley also arrived that night which was wonderful! For dinner we had a Texas BBQ and a pool party. For dessert we made 'Somores' which are roasted marshmallows, which are put between two crackers and a big square of Hershey's chocolates so that it makes a sandwich and the chocolate melts. Delicious!!! They are called 'Somores' as you will want some more!!!

Tuesday we woke early and travelled out of town about fifteen minutes to a small retreat. We saw a few small frogs, lots of cactus, a tepee they had built and a few different species of plants. Before lunch we visited a train museum, learnt about Harvey girls and visited a local football memorial.

We went for lunch in an old train carriage they had converted into a diner; was really cool. We learnt about spiced bacon and root beer floats. We got a lot of puzzling looks upon entering for lunch from some very confused cowboys. It became very apparent to us that afternoon that Australians just do not visit Early.

That afternoon the young boys from the homestay family taught us all how to play baseball in preparation for our high school baseball game; it was great fun. The kids were so patient with our kids and Miss Wilson and myself as we had a lot of questions. That afternoon we headed to the baseball match at the school. We sat in the bleachers with Peggy and a few of the other kids we had met over the last couple of days. We also met lots of new people and they were very interested in learning about our kids and getting to know them. We all had a packet of roasted sunflower seeds, which we had to learn how to eat.

The feedback we received from our homestay was that not only did the homestay families learn a lot, the whole community benefited from our visit. It is rare for people to travel far from Early, particularly to Australia. Our students thoroughly enjoyed their stay and were overwhelmed by the generosity and hospitality the homestay families provided for them. We were very honoured to receive signed baseballs from the family on our departure.

On Wednesday we parted ways with our homestay and headed to Ames, Iowa, in preparation for our competition. Preparation at our end is well under way at the university campus and the kids are due to compete on Friday morning (local time).

Miss Wilson and Miss Bleakley



Future Problem Solvers in the US

Creatively Speaking

CAPA staff, cast and staff helpers have been slowly touching back down to earth from a hectic week and wonderfully successful week on Planet WIZ!! A massive congratulations to all concerned with this amazing show which saw record attendance at our Saturday night show and indeed throughout the entire run.

Thank you to all who came to support the musical and here is a quick word from our fabulously talented 'scarecrow', Adam Cattell.

"The Wiz was a heap of fun to be a part of. The cast was great and it's a shame that it's all over. The Wiz has been my favourite of the three musicals I have been a part of and being the Scarecrow made it the most physical role compared to Seymour Krelborn (2013 - Little Shop of Horrors) or Joe Vegas (2011 - FAME). It was really good to see large crowds getting there each night. Thank you to everyone who made it an experience I won't forget."

Thanks, Adam

CAPA Publicity,
Ms Cannon



Global Leadership Convention

On Wednesday 21 May, members of the CTHS Social Justice Group went on a mission to become better global citizens. Our destination was the Global Leadership Convention held at Luna Park.

Upon arrival, we felt a vibe of excitement as hundreds of students from Years 10 - 12 gathered in the auditorium. The focus of the day was on the issue of poverty and hunger in Rwanda. Speakers from World Vision narrated the real stories of Rwandan children who needed support to get back on their feet, and success stories of farmers being taught to cultivate their land to provide food for their community.

An exciting activity we partook in was a game where as groups we were given a spool of garden string and we had to make one meter long ropes out of it, which we then traded for necessities for our 'community' such as tokens of food, water and medicine. The aim was to keep all members of the community alive. However, it was not an easy task! By the end of the game we had a taste of what it must be like to live in Rwanda and be caught in a constant cycle of poverty and disadvantage. We hope to use this game to raise awareness about global issues with stage four students.

By the end of the day we were all well-educated on the issues that our generation will tackle and the support mechanisms that can assist us. The Global Leadership Convention sparked a passion in all of us to combat world poverty and hunger by starting small. It inspired us to think about what we could do in our school and community.

Big thanks to Mr Brennan for organising this excursion and to Mrs Tager for taking us, we had a great day and have truly been inspired to make a change to break this cycle of poverty and hunger around the world!

Anjana Hariharan, Year 11



WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



Grade Sport Results - Round 3 Opposition: Turramurra

Event	Result
<i>Boys</i>	
Basketball A	Lost
Basketball B	Lost
Basketball 9/10	Lost
AFL A	Won
Volleyball A	Lost
Volleyball B	Won
Hockey A	Lost
Rugby 16/17's	Won
Rugby 14/15's	Won
Soccer Opens A	Won
Soccer Opens B	Won
Soccer 15's A	Won
Soccer 15's B	Lost
<i>Girls</i>	
Basketball A	Won
Volleyball A	Draw
Volleyball B	Draw
Hockey A	Won
Netball A	Lost
Netball B	Won
Netball 9/10 A	Lost
Netball 9/10 B	Won
Oztag A	Draw
Oztag B	Draw
Soccer A	Draw
Soccer B	Draw

Knock-Out Sport Results

- Open girls' basketball defeated Port Macquarie High by 40 points. They are proceeding to the state quarter finals next week.

Reminder

Sport Executive selections will be coming up soon; any Year 11 students interested please check your DEC email regarding procedures and application forms.

Upcoming Events

Friday 18 July:	CHS Cross Country
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 July:	Sydney North Athletics
Friday 25 July:	School Leaders Induction

Julieanne Chu and Lloyd Caletti, Sports Promotion Officers

CAREERS UPDATE

Next week is the most important excursion of the year for investigating Post-School Education options.

It is the **Western Sydney Careers Expo**.

All Year 12 students will be attending the Expo on Thursday 19 June, periods 1-4.

All Year 10 students will be attending the Expo on Friday 20 June, periods 1-4.

The ticket the students get on their way out of the Expo enables them to return with their parents during the following Saturday and Sunday. This is a fantastic way to find out about all the university and private provider options available - all under one roof!



The cost is \$15, which includes entry and the bus transport. Students should pay to the student window by Monday 16 June.

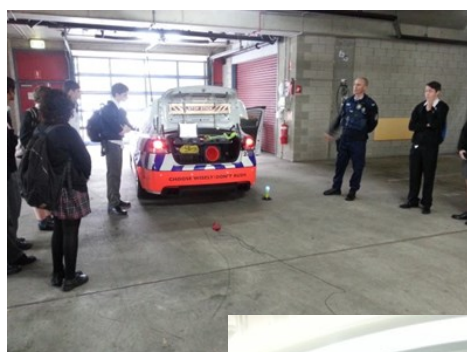
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A Day in the Life of a Police Officer...

On Tuesday 10 June, a group of students with career aspirations to become Police Officers visited Castle Hill Police Station. They learnt about the many different career options within the Police Force and how a Station operates. The highlights included an inside look at the lock up charging rooms and a demonstration of how a highway patrol car operates. We all decided Police divers have a very challenging job diving in zero visibility searching for dead bodies! We also learnt that the key qualities for this job are a keen desire to help people, good communication skills and a genuine empathy for others. The students were inspired and commented on the variety of opportunities within the Police Force.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower





FREE
WORKSHOP

Do you find it difficult to separate your teenager from their computer, mobile phone or video game?

Introducing a special, practical workshop for parents, designed to educate you on the consequences of the overuse of electronic devices and give you the tools to engage your child to break the habit by making healthier choices.

Presented by motivational speaker, author and director of The Oxygen Factory, The Hopefull Organisation and Men of Honour, **Glen Gerryn**. You will be inspired, motivated and prepared to help focus your child on what is happening around them, not on the screen.

6:45pm – 9pm Wednesday 18th June 2014

William Clarke College, 1 Morris Grove, Kellyville

RSVP to natalie.paoli@2realise.org.au or 02 9639 0253



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GROCERIES

Breakfast Cereal
Cooking Oil
Couscous
Rice
Noodles
Pasta
Tinned Fruit & Veg
Tinned Fish
Tomato Paste
Spices & Curry Powder
Tea
Long Life Milk
Instant Soups
Chocolate and sweets
Nappies
Washing powder



CHURCHES

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Please deliver donations to the church by Sunday 22 June 2014

Cash donations also accepted

He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing. So you, too, must show love to foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. (Deut 10:18-19)

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home." (Matt 25:34-35)

DIARY – Term 2 Week 8A

Monday 16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 11 Mathematics & General Mathematics Assess Task • Yr 11 Economics Research Essay • Yr 11 VET Work Placement Begins • Yr 12 Bio Assess Task • 14's Boys & Girls Futsal
Tuesday 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Senior Science Excursion - period 1 to lunch • Yr 11 VET Work Placement • SRC Junior Elections
Wednesday 18 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Legal Studies Assess Task • Yr 11 Extension 1 Mathematics Assess Task • Yr 11 VET Work Placement • Volunteers' Lunch • Stage 5 Fashion Design Incursion • Japanese Continuers Assess Task • Yr 11 Standard English Assess Task • 16's Open Girls Futsal
Thursday 19 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Careers Expo • National Chemistry Quiz • Yr 11 VET Work Placement • Yr 11 Geography Excursion • Yr 12 Industrial Technology Assess Task • Open Boys Futsal
Friday 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 10 Careers Expo • Yr 12 Physics Assess Task • Yr 11 Work Placement Ends • Prelim Business Studies Assess Task Trade Display - MPC • Japanese Extension Assess Task • French Extension Assess Task • 16's Boys Futsal
Saturday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 7 2015 GATS Test