

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Advice to Senior Students

This has been an especially busy week for our senior students. Year 11 have just finished their assessment tasks and move into the AP2 examinations today. This is a very stressful time for them and they are reminded to eat well and have regular breaks to ensure their study is more effective. Any student who is sick during the exam period needs to refer to the Assessment Booklet as to rescheduling exams or applying for illness or misadventure. Year 12 students are reminded of the importance of being focussed at this time. Across the state many students relax after their trial examinations thinking there is 'plenty' of time left. The reality is that content area is still being covered in many classes and valuable tips and revision exercises are planned to further increase knowledge and understanding in the next three weeks.

### Temporary Changes to CTHS Executive

The next few weeks will be especially busy as Mr Johnson moves to Nirimba office to relieve as a Director of Public Education. He will still be available to attend evening functions and graduation events for Year 12. As a result I will relieve for Mr Johnson and Mr Clements will step in as Deputy Principal for the duration.

### International Day

A fabulous multicultural celebration was enjoyed by all on Tuesday. During the course of the day students attended one of two marvellous assemblies chaired by our Multicultural Leaders, Vidhi Nanda and Marcus Lee. The assemblies began with a colourful flag parade representing over 90 national backgrounds of our students as well as some terrific performances from a range of different cultural backgrounds. Some of the highlights included the entire Japanese continuers class singing *Let it go* from the movie *Frozen*, in Japanese of course; an excellent Tae-kwon-do show which included students from local primary schools as well as many of our students and a montage of Bollywood and Indian dances.

The assemblies were also addressed by Ms Tager who spoke about her experiences as a migrant and shared why Australia is such an important place to her. Many audience members could directly relate to her story and students were speaking about it after the assemblies.

Following this, students enjoyed a fabulous food fair with a diverse range of culinary delights. It was fantastic to see so many students embrace traditional costumes or adopting a costume to represent the diversity of our school. A huge thank you is extended to the organising committee headed by Mr Ibarra and Mrs Arkins and also the students, parents and teachers who took part, cooked, performed, served and organised to again make this one of the most successful days on the Cherrybrook Technology High School calendar.

### HSC Showcase - Art, TAS and Music

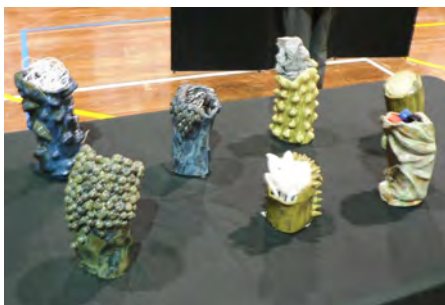
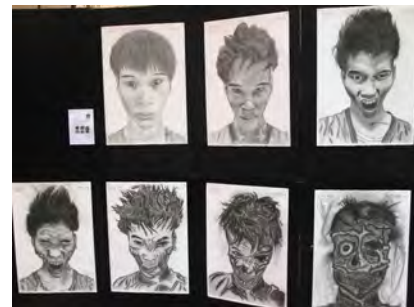
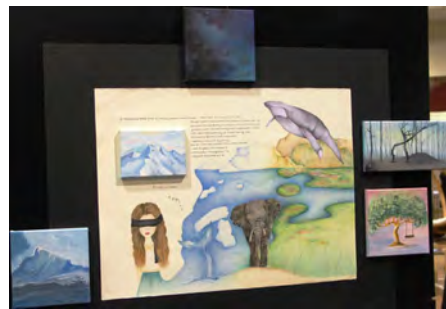
On Wednesday evening Year 12 students showcased some of their major projects in the MPC. It was incredibly pleasing that many of their friends and family were there to support them and share their success. Project based subjects not only allow students to develop their creativity but they also force students to increase planning and management skills. The documentation of the process becomes a valuable tool for reflection and further planning to reach a product. Students who complete project based subjects always comment on how much they have learned and how much they enjoy this type of work. There were some excellent pieces in the display and the journey of the construction processes was expertly displayed in detailed portfolios.



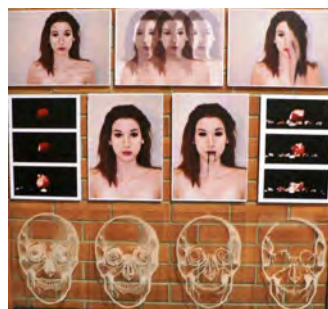
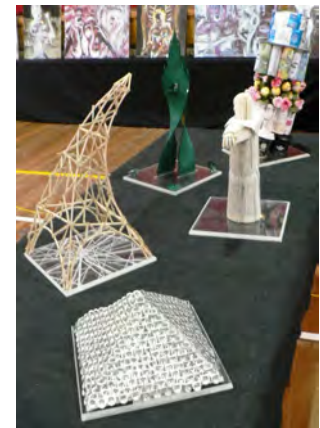
First Prize Winner, Emily Ung



HSC Visual Art Prize Winners



HSC Visual Art Works



HSC Visual Art Works

Part of the exhibition's tradition is the judging and issuing of some awards. Jennifer Lee was given the People's Choice award for her drawings of her family's journey to Korea. First place was given to Emily Ung for her photo media work titled *Perfectionism*. Three other works were given Highly Commended, including Eileen Brisco's photography entitled *Ballet Shoes*, Caitlyn Orr's paper sculpture on *Reading* and Sarah Gan-Brown's drawing work, *Juxtaposing Imagination and Knowledge*. The judges included the Principal and Deputies, although not selected for their artistic expertise, added an element of fun to the night.

Also on display were graphics projects, design and technology projects and wood and metals projects, all accompanied by their extensive portfolios. One of the design and technology projects would be particularly valuable for Year 12 students at this school. Tanya Obeyesekera created a phone app which has a user friendly ATAR calculator and valuable links to university's admissions and course information. Other projects which drew attention were Lucas Redgrave's *Collapsible Splint* and Nikki Kay's design which easily turns a shipping container into temporary housing for refugees.

There was a wide variety in the nature of the projects with many being drawn to the huge rocking chair, wanting to try out how comfortable it was. The huge bicycle, a metal's project, also captured the audience as they walked in. Congratulations to the CAPA and TAS staff for supporting and guiding these students as well as displaying the projects.

After the exhibition the Music 2 students each played three pieces. The audience was blown away with the expertise of the musicians and the technical difficulty of the pieces they chose. Jolene Chua opened the evening performing on piano, with Vine's *Bagatelles* offering an elegant start. She was followed by Yanny Yu also performing on piano. One of Yanny's pieces opened with the start of *Chopsticks* and moved into a complex theme and variation with intricate trills and syncopations. A third pianist, Annie Tan, made the piano sing with her variation of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* and her duet with her teacher was intense and passionate. Nathaniel Chidgey was the single male performer of the evening, his skill on the flute established immediately with his haunting rendition of Clarke's *Deep Blue*. The final performer was Grace Liao, her piano piece transported us directly to a carnival, complete with elephants, dancing horses, swans and fish. The dedication of these musicians, which led to such excellent performances, was apparent and it was a pleasure to be a part of the audience. We wish them the best for their upcoming HSC assessments.

(Music photos, as well as information regarding the Music 1 performances, will feature in next week's *Network*.)

#### **Executive Conference**

Last weekend the Cherrybrook Technology High School Executive held their annual executive conference. Staff spent Friday evening and Saturday engaging with up-to-date educational research and planning for the future.

Sessions included guest speaker, Margaret Baker, from legal services who spoke about cyber issues and safety related to internet usage for staff and students. I delivered sessions from the ACER conference on *Girls and Mathematics* and *Metacognitive Strategies to Help Students Learn*. Mr Johnson kept us up-to-date with future education directions and initiatives and shared John Ainsley's latest research on assessment.

The Executive assessed the greatest strengths of Cherrybrook Technology High School, ready for inclusion in the new school planning tool. Groups were asked to focus on exit outcomes, for students who may guide the new planning process. Staff capacity to contribute to and participate in the new 5 P planning model was one of the conference's key focus points.

Both Mr Townsend and Mrs Bevan presented sessions on *Systems and Processes Within the School*, including the e-diary which will be an effective tool to assist students' planning in 2015. This will be especially relevant when every student has a technology device to assist learning.

The final guest speaker, Jane Sherlock's, presentation was on *Generating an Expert KLA Team*. This was an invaluable reminder of the important role of the Head Teacher to guide, support and model excellent practices.

Discussions around these issues and ideas were intense causing the final session to be delayed until this week's Executive Meeting. A huge thank you is extended to all teachers and to the planning committee, who gave up their time on the weekend.

#### **Congratulations to...**

• The graduates from Cherrybrook Technology High School class of 2013. At the recent University of Sydney Faculty of Science Awards evening, held on Wednesday 6 August, three of our past students were acknowledged for their excellence in academic achievement and commitment to their studies. These students include:

- \* Christa Pang, who was awarded a science scholarship by the University
- \* Longen Lan, who was awarded a mathematics scholarship by the University
- \* Nicholas Armstrong, who was honoured with the Dean's Excellence in Academic Performance award.

We wish all these students the best in their academic endeavours and are very proud of the recognition of their commitment and achievement.

Mrs Weal

## HSC Design and Technology Projects

There it is again.....that huge sigh of relief from TAS's design and technology students, the latest to have completed their major works. As with all of our students who have completed major works, their projects have consumed every spare moment of their life, culminating in a range of innovative design ideas ranging from space saving furniture and repurposed cameras to architectural designs and thermo electric generators. Overall we have seen another creative group of students explore all avenues of design to successfully create their final products.

Once again I congratulate the students on their work and thank the staff, Mr Skodras and Mr Craft, for the extra time and effort spent with their classes, ensuring all students produce quality design solutions.

Mr Andrew Kerr, Head Teacher I/TAS





*International Day*

## International Day

International Day is held at Cherrybrook Technology High School annually every August to celebrate cultural diversity. It is a mufti day for some, since students are allowed to wear traditional clothing which includes sports jerseys, uniforms and cultural dresses/oufits. International Day occurred during periods 2 to 5.

Throughout the day the students had an assembly which was repeated. In the assembly we had a flag ceremony, student performances and presentations by teachers. Some students signed up to carry a flag for the assembly and the 96 flags were used. Flags included those of Australia, Aboriginal, India, Japan, Korea, Germany, France and Poland. There was a presentation by Ms Tager where she explained her immigration from Lebanon to Australia. Student performances included martial arts, Spanish, dancing, singing and some Indian dances. The assembly was a great way to showcase the many cultures of our school.

At lunchtime food stalls were held all over the school. Stalls included German, Indian, Korean, Chinese and French food. Teachers, parents and students participated in making and preparing the food. The food was spectacular especially the Butter Chicken from the Indian stall! At lunch there was music played and many students danced along to the Indian music. Mrs Bevan took many videos and photos showcasing the food stalls and the Indian dancing.

Overall International day was a fun day to showcase and introduce cultures to our school. I think that we could have also had a big ceremony at night where all families would be welcome to enjoy and celebrate our varied cultures. Our school could have showcased many of the best-dressed students at the assembly. International Day is a great idea which was first introduced to the school 20 years ago and I am excited to see what will happen next year.

Selina Go, Year 8



International Day is an annual event that takes place at Cherrybrook Technology High School. The fun-packed day started at period two with our colourful assembly and continued at lunch time with our magnificent food stalls. The main focus of the day is to showcase cultural diversity.

Firstly, our exhilarating assembly is packed with back-to-back performances, memorable speeches and exotic singing. The dancers took you from Seoul to Punjab in fifteen minutes. They had colourful costumes and exciting yet different choreography. Ms Tager gave us an insight of her migrant story and fascinated us with the amazing sights of Lebanon rather than the unpleasant stereotypes. The assembly also included a flag ceremony which showed us just how diverse our school really is, with about 96 different cultures. The bright assembly kept us entertained for an hour and a half.

Next, tastes of our world were explored at our lunchtime food stalls. They included typical foods from countries such as France, Germany, Italy, Korea, India or China. I feel this was a spectacular idea and really had students appreciating the other cultures at our school.

Finally, seeing people's traditional clothing was fabulous. Especially discovering how different CTHS students really are. I believe this allowed students to feel comfortable and confident with their cultures. Expressing their pride for their country in colourful clothing.

These are some of the activities that took place at International Day and left us appreciating ourselves and others for who we are and not as how the media might show us. It highlighted the great aspects of our different cultures.

Ava Akbarian, Year 8

## Medieval Day

On Monday, Year 8 students experienced James Adams' Medieval Show. During the show students learnt about a wide range of medieval weapons and armour as well as information on law and order, medieval dress and battle tactics. The show also gave all students the opportunity to participate in demonstrations, try on medieval clothing, wield weapons and wear armour.

Mr Keating



Medieval Day

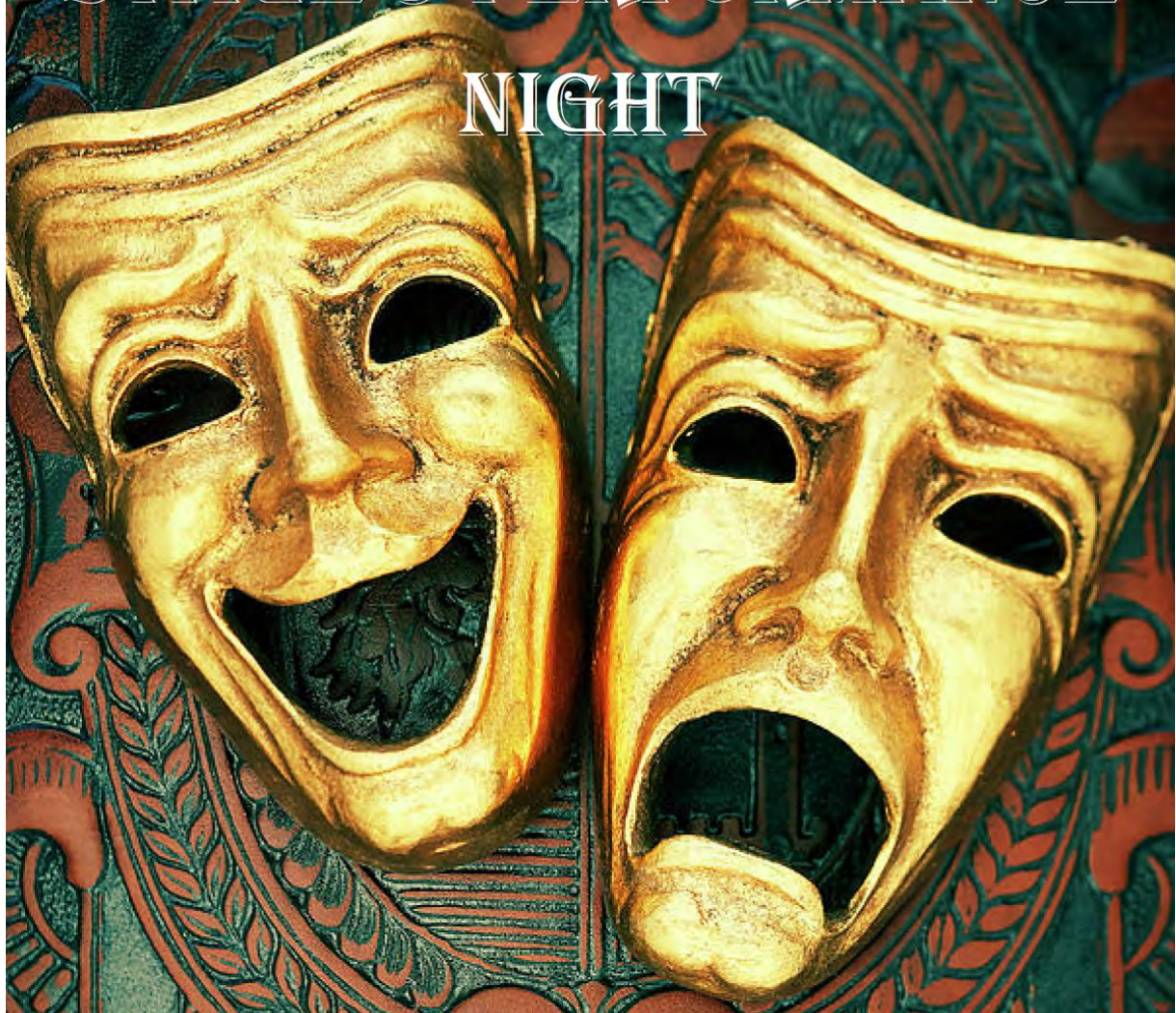
### PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the **front office** and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. Please refer to your diaries for further details. ***Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.***



STAFF, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO OUR

# STAGE 5 PERFORMANCE NIGHT



WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER IN C1.1 AT 7:00PM

THIS FINE NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL  
SHOWCASE A RANGE OF GROUP PERFORMANCES  
WHICH HAVE BEEN DEvised BY OUR STAGE 5  
STUDENTS.

### Mind Marathon

On Thursday 21 August, eighteen male students from core classes 7T, 8T and the Year 8 boys' class, travelled by bus to East Hills Boys High for the GATS Mind Marathon Competition. Competing for CTHS were Matthew Barrett, Lachlan Cranfield, Konrad Cuevas, Nicholas Guichelaar, Justin Kam, Mahir Khan, Raj Kulkarni, Daniel Le Fontaine, Sam Lin, Adrian Monardo, Daniel Monteiro, Kaustubh Patel, Aaryan Ramesh, Stephin Robinson, Kirtik Singh, Kurtis Stringer, Ethan Tang and Erik Willison.

Accompanied by Ms Howard and Miss Wilson, we competed in teams of six and in various academic and interesting categories such as science, maths, history and English. We competed against 27 teams of students from other high schools in New South Wales and it was exciting to meet and socialise with other students during recess and lunch. While CTHS didn't take out a place on the day, we are looking forward to competing next year!!

Ethan Tang and Stephin Robinson, Year 7



### Royal North Shore Hospital Excursion

On Thursday 28 August Miss Hampe, Mrs Flowers and 45 Year 9 and 10 students attended an excursion to the Royal North Shore Hospital Trauma Unit. Students heard from doctors, nurses and paramedics on the harsh reality of poor choices, and spent time in the emergency room, intensive care and rehabilitation units. They were also told the story of a trauma patient and their severe life-changing disability. This was a great opportunity for our students who learnt a lot from the experience, particularly in regard to the impact of risk-taking. Thank you to Miss Hampe for all of her hard work organising this excursion.

Peter Hind, HT Welfare



## CAREERS UPDATE

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Hannah Bronger and Jessica Funda. These girls graduated from the Certificate III Health Services Assistance Course, delivered by Hornsby Hospital. Thanks to Katherine Pile and all the educators at Hornsby Hospital. These students were encouraged to apply for employment in the casual pool of Nursing Assistants in 2015.



### UTAS Pharmacy Relocation Funds for Interstate Students

Interstate students who enroll in the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 are eligible for a \$2,000 relocation bursary to assist with those extra costs of moving to Tasmania. <http://www.utas.edu.au/pharmacy/scholarships-offers>

### New Bachelor of Health Science at UTAS Sydney

The Bachelor of Health is a new course in 2015, designed for students interested in working in an area of health care or health service delivery. <http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/hsi/courses/530-bachelor-of-health>

### UTS Open Day Registrations

Students who register and attend the event go into the draw to win a university starter pack valued at \$2,000. <http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/open-day>



### Get That Job Student Program Interview Day

Wednesday 3 September, Novotel Hotel, Parramatta. Get That Job Student Program aims to help students gain an apprenticeship or traineeship across Sydney. The final stage of the Get That Job Student Program, the Interview Day, will be held on Wednesday 3 September. Students choose a trade or traineeship area that they would like to gain employment in and attend a relevant job interview. Contact: [kara.oliver@aussip.com.au](mailto:kara.oliver@aussip.com.au)

### Women in Engineering Student Conference

Wednesday 24 September, 8.45am - 3.00pm, Scientia Conference Centre UNSW Australia, Kensington. Aimed at secondary students in Years 9 - 12, the conference will provide students with information on engineering as a career and allow students to attend workshops based on their area of interest.

<http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/events/experience-it-student-conference-2014>

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bevan

### 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.**

## WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



### Upcoming Events:

- Good luck to all grade sports teams who have their first game this week against St Ives. Let's start this season off with a winning game.
- The Iron Man and Iron Woman competition is coming back to CTHS in Term 4 so start training!

Zoe and I are introducing sports quotes in the newsletter each week so you can feel more inspired to get involved and get fit.

*"Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination"* – Nelson Mandela.

Chloe James and Zoe Anstee, Sports Promotion Officers

## Join us at Cherrybrook Athletics Club in September!

For children aged 5 - 16 who enjoy family fun and fitness, Cherrybrook Athletics Club welcomes you!



Cherrybrook's streamlined athletics program runs on **Friday nights from 5.45 pm until around 8.00 pm.**

The program, involving five or six events of running, jumping and throwing, is held at **Greenway Park No. 2 Oval from Friday 5 September** to mid-March. **Training is available Mondays and Wednesdays at the oval** (for a fee) under the guidance of the professional coaching team.

The club is not only a second family to its 460 members, but highly competitive. In 2014 the club achieved 30 medals at the NSW Little Athletics State Championships, to be **ranked in the top three clubs in NSW!**

You can trial for two weeks for \$30, on Friday 12 and 19 September. Trialling is not available on Friday 5 September. For more **information on registrations see [www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au](http://www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au)**, or  **speak to Mr O'Connor in the CTHS PDHPE staff room.**

Register online now, fees start from \$135.

*For Saturday athletics in your area contact Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, North Rocks, Northern Districts or Ryde Little Athletics Centre.*

# BREAKERS JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE



## Exciting new T20 Competition! Open to girls of all abilities

- U15 Division 1** (Hard-ball for 12-14 year olds)
- U18 Division 1** (Hard-ball for 15-17 year olds)
- Opens Division 2** (Soft-ball for 12-17 year olds)

Games played Saturday afternoons (2-4.30pm)

- Spring League** (Oct-Dec)
- Summer League** (Jan-Mar)



Interested in playing cricket with your friends? West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club is one of the largest cricket clubs in New South Wales and are seeking to expand their girls teams with the launch of the Breakers Junior Cricket League. To register go to <https://www.wphccc.org> and follow the links to our Registration page  
For more information please contact our Director of Girls Cricket, Graham Chivers on 0415 891004 or email [g\\_chivers@bigpond.com](mailto:g_chivers@bigpond.com)

## DIARY – Term 3 Week 8B

Monday 1 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 11 AP2 Exams Start</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 12 Ancient History Excursion</li> <li>• Music 1 HSC Practical Marking</li> <li>• P&amp;C Executive Meeting - 7pm, A Block Conference Room</li> <li>• P&amp;C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 10 Mathematics Assess Task</li> <li>• Yr 10 Geography Excursion to Long Reef</li> <li>• 8T Special Interest Project</li> <li>• Yr 12 legal Studies Courts Excursion</li> <li>• Music 1 HSC Practical Marking</li> </ul>
Thursday 4 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHS Athletics Carnival</li> <li>• Yr 12 Legal Studies Assess Task</li> </ul>
Friday 5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHS Athletics Carnival</li> <li>• Yr 11 Visual Arts BOW hand-in Task</li> <li>• Yr 10 Mathematics CAT2 Part B</li> <li>• Music 2 HSC Practical Marking</li> </ul>
Saturday 6 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHS Athletics Carnival</li> </ul>