

Term 2 Week 5A 22 May 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 7 Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents take the time to visit the school on Tuesday evening to discuss their child's progress with teachers. Perhaps it is our online booking system, but 292 students had at least one parent attend the evening. Congratulations to all involved.

Cherrybrook Hosts P&C Forum

On Wednesday night, the school hosted a major forum for the newly formed and restructured State P&C. The evening, chaired by our own Tim Spencer (CTHS P&C Vice President) was a great success, with parents from all over the Hills and Northern Sydney present. The focus was on building student resilience with expert guest speakers including leading psychologist, Lyn Worsley, as well as representation from key DEC personnel who provided a great deal of valuable and useful information. Pleasingly, our big band, led by Mr Felton, set the tone for the evening with a tremendous performance in the MPC, whilst our wonderful school leaders did a superb job of hosting and directing the many guests.

P&C Survey

Many thanks to the parents who responded to the recent P&C online survey. We received an excellent response from 283 families representing 389 students. Mr Poole, a leading member of the P&C executive, organised the survey and will present a summary of the results at our next P&C on Tuesday 9 June. However, some early points you may find interesting include the fact that 66% of families agree their decision to live in the CTHS drawing area was partly based on the success and positive reputation of the school. There is also helpful feedback about the canteen (don't take the chicken burgers off the menu!).

Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters

Parents of students who travel to school using one of these modes of transport, will be pleased to know our new HT Administration, Mr Fisher, is organising specialist lockable devices to store these items whilst students are in class. Additionally, the area will be monitored by security cameras. An announcement will be made to students once this work is finalised.

Community Thanks

Further to an article in last week's *Network* about the help students of this school provided to an injured women, I have included in this week's edition a copy of a letter I received from the woman's grateful parents. It is a lovely note expressing their heartfelt thanks to our students which helps to remind us of the wonderful capacity of the students in this school.

Year 12 High Achievers

Wednesday morning tea provided a perfect opportunity for Year 12 students, who achieved at a very high level in the recent AP3s, to come together and celebrate their success with the school's Senior Executive. Students reflected on the hard work they had put into their studies up to this point, but were only too aware that HSC success remains their main goal and that much work will be needed before the written tests begin in October. My sincere congratulations are extended to all students who attended the occasion, for their fine effort.

High Achieving students include Cassandra Barberis-Leon, Sarah Collins, Eliseus Feng, Yousef Hakimi, Stasia Hendrawan, Stella Hendrawan, Alyssa Hutchings, Michael Italiano, Syam Iyer, Madeleine Johnson, Tyler Le Roux, Marcus Lee, Theodore Liew, Darren Lim, Katie Lim, Michele Lim, Bhavik Magan, Nicole Marshall, Vidhi Nanda, Hassan Naveed, Merle Runde, Charith Seneviratne, Tiffany Shi, Stanton Tam, Lakni Weerasinghe, Kevin Xi, Kate Ye and Yuqi Zhu.



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Congratulations to ...

• Charles Marais, Year 7, who has qualified for the Pan Pacific Games competing in Adelaide later this year. This is a most prestigious meeting and the selection criteria is extraordinarily high.









Charles Marais





P&C Parent Forum

May 15, 2015

Dear Mr Johnson,

I would be very grateful if you could convey my thanks to your remarkable students.

 Last Thursday my daughter Robyn had a dreadful accident while rollerblading with her dog at Greenaway Park in Cherrybrook. The fall resulted in her fracturing her skull and her thumb and being badly grazed and bruised. She was able to call out for help and that's when your students came to her aid.

One fellow initially spoke to me on the phone and said he would call 000 for an ambulance and stay with her till I got there. When I arrived your students were in groups to direct me, then the ambulance, to her. They had found her glasses etc and were minding Rhubarb her dog. They kept speaking to her and reassuring her, showing kindness and maturity.

Unfortunately the ambulance became bogged, and they then helped to sort that too!

I was able to get some of your wonderful students to write their names on a scrap of paper, these were Daniel Yang, Dennis Lo, Emma Searle, Thomas Gold, Jonathon Dixon and Bill Lin. Maybe these students could tell you the names of others who also assisted.

Please tell them Robyn's recovery will take awhile but thanks to them she will be ok.

We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

With heartfelt thanks,

hiz + Robyn.

Liz and Robyn Mansfield

Student Religious Activities

Recently the Department of Education and Communities has revised its Religious Education implementation policy. Our school is, in turn, revising our procedures to ensure we not only adhere to these guidelines, but also help to facilitate the freedom of these groups' meetings.

The main difference you will need to be aware of is the necessity for schools to ensure parents give specific permission for students to participate in organised religious activities outside normal lessons, such as during the lunch break.

Please ensure you provide a written note, signed by a parent or guardian, giving express permission for your son or daughter to participate in these lunchtime religious groups. This permission is separate to any communication related to Christian Studies timetabled classes. Students without written permission will not be able to attend.

For your convenience, a pro former permission note is included in this edition of Network.

You can find a copy of the policy at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/spec_religious/REimplementproced.pdf

If you have any questions relating to this change please contact the school via email.

Mr Anderson

School Evacuation Drill

As part of our ongoing compliance to WH&S, we had an emergency evacuation drill on Thursday. Luckily, the weather was fantastic and everyone enjoyed a period in the sun. The students, as usual, carried out the drill with the appropriate level of respect. A few minor issues were identified and these will be addressed by the WH&S Committee.



PROCEDURE FOR LATE ARRIVALS

All students arriving to school after 8:40am *must* sign in at the student window where they will be issued with a late note. All late arrivals are required to have a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for being late. No note results in a detention.

May 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,

A number of students at Cherrybrook Technology High School voluntarily participate in religious groups, which meet weekly during lunchtimes. In accordance with DEC policy, visiting group leaders undergo all appropriate child protection checks and practices and the content of the activities is regularly monitored.

Following are details of the voluntary groups of a religious nature, which operate at Cherrybrook Technology High School.

Group	Run by	Day & Venue	Participating Year Groups
NOVA	Students (under teacher supervision)	Tuesdays, D2.14	Years 7-12
ISCF	St Matt's Anglican	Wednesdays, A2.23	Years 7-12
Discipleship Group	Cherrybrook Presbyterian	Thursdays, E2.6	Years 7 & 8
Ignite	Cherrybrook Anglican	Fridays, D2.19	Years 7-12



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Department of Education and Communities' Religious Education Implementation Procedures, last updated on 25 March 2015, now require parental permission for students who participate in voluntary student activities of a religious nature in schools. Before participating in any of the above mentioned activities, a student must present the tear-off permission slip, signed by a parent or carer, to the leader of the group (this can be done upon arrival at their first session). Group leaders will maintain a list of all students from whom a permission note has been received and will pass the signed note to the Head Teacher IT, Mr Anderson. Permission will remain effective unless a letter of withdrawal is received from the student's parent or carer.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this letter, please contact Mr Anderson via the school email.

Yours sincerely. Gary Johnson Principal Please detach and complete the permission slip below and return to the leader of the relevant voluntary religious activity group. ×------PARENT/CARER PERMISSION **Voluntary Religious Activity Group** STUDENT'S NAME: Year: I have read the information about the religious activity groups which operate at Cherrybrook Technology High School. I understand these activities operate under the auspices and supervision of the Principal. I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the voluntary religious activity groups. I understand this consent will remain effective unless a letter of withdrawal is provided by me to the school.

Parent/Carer's Signature: ___



Cherrybrook Technology High School Year 8 and 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Year 8 and 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on **Tuesday 26 May 2015** from **4pm - 8pm** in the **MPC**. Bookings can be made online at times which best suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Monday 18 May at 9am BOOKINGS CLOSE Sunday 24 May at 5pm No bookings will be taken after this time



Enter THIS school event code, then follow the three simple steps.









When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately, **check your junk mail folder**.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews, until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN MONDAY 18 MAY TO ENABLE ALL FAMILIES TO BOOK AT THE SAME TIME.

Interviews are strictly five minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your Stage Head Teacher to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you have time, please click on the 'contact us' button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and leave some feedback, anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

HSC Extension Intensive Studio Practice in Visual Arts

Two Year 11 students have successfully been accepted into the National Art School's 2015 HSC Intensive Studio Practice. After submitting a portfolio of artworks and being part of an extensive selection process to select the best students, Maria Okuneva, Year 11, was accepted into *Printmaking* and Rachael Soo, also Year 11, was accepted into *Digital Photograph*.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these students and wish them the best of luck as they undertake this intensive study.

We look forward to sharing their artworks when they complete this course in September.

Mrs Donoghue, HT CAPA





Maria Okuneva

Rachael Soo

My Restaurant Rules

8TEC3 technology food had some fantastic presentations for their *My Restaurant Rules* design project. There were some marvellous mains, delectable desserts, creative cakes and delicious drinks. Mr Hartman, Year 8 Student Advisor, was one of the judges and he loved trying all the amazing foods. His favourite was the Beef Quesadillas while Mrs Lane's was the Berry Parfait. Congratulations to all students on their fantastic efforts.

Mrs Lane, HT TAS





CHERRYBROOK STEM TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT PRESENTATION EVENING

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Cherrybrook Technology High School's STEM Project Presentation Evening

Tuesday 9 June 2015 Room C2.1 6:00pm Start

Telephone 9484 2144 • Fax 9875 4537

Email: cherrybrok-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Contact: alesha.bleakley1@det.nsw.edu.au

RSVP

Please register via the school's website - http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=9466 RSVP by June 1 2015 Catering will be provided based on RSVP

WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday Sport: All teams have been finalised and intra-sport is underway. Students must check the noticeboard carefully for their time, venue and bus number each week.
- Grade sport starts next week against Turramurra. Good luck to everyone!
- Notes have been distributed for the Sydney North Cross Country, which will be held on Thursday 11 June in Gosford. Good luck to all runners who have qualified for this event.

Congratulations

- Well done to the boys' open volleyball team who advanced to the final sixteen in the state wide competition.
- To Charles Marais, who was awarded bronze in the100m backstroke at the All Schools Swimming Carnival
 and has now qualified for the Pan Pacific Games!
- To the under 14 rugby league team who played very well on Tuesday at the Sydney North Gala Day. A big thank you to Mr Monahan for coaching them.
- To the open netball team, who defeated Riverside Girls 32-22, in a very closely contested game. The girls
 will move on to Round 5 as one of the top four teams. Amazing effort from all players and a big thank you
 to Alicia Sparks for umpiring. The team consisted of Eliza Woollett, Emma Fisher, Kelly Simmons,
 Courtney Cattell, Renee Trumper, Ashleigh Searle, Ellie Steinwede, Emma Seamons and Jemma Harris.

Chloe James and Zoe Anstee, Sports Promotion Officers



CAREERS UPDATE

Western Sydney Careers Expo

All students in Years 10 and 12 have a fantastic opportunity to explore their career pathways for the future. Students can access career information from universities, TAFE colleges, private providers and employer groups. This is a compulsory excursion. Please return your completed permission note, with \$15 payment, to the student window.

Permission notes can be downloaded from the school website by clicking on the following link: http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=2872

Power of Engineering

Year 9 and 10 girls who are interested in science, maths or engineering, are invited to attend a free action packed day at UNSW during the holidays.

https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/all-events/power-of-engineering-day

The University of Sydney - Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine

In the new Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and Doctor of Dental Medicine, students spend the first three years studying advanced science courses of their choice, followed by the four year Doctor of Dental Medicine which qualifies graduates to practice as a dentist.

http://sydney.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-science-advanced-and-doctor-of-dental-medicine

POWER OF ENGINEERING CREATE YOUR FUTURE CALLING ALL YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS! DID OUT KNOW ENGINEERING MIST THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD? FIND OUT HOW AT OUR FREE ONE DAY EVENT FOR YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS. You as invited to Sydney's first Power of Engineering west for expension of the control of the control

Post-School Cadetships

Many private and public organisations offer cadetships to students who are first or second year university students. These cadetships allow students to combine study with paid work in a job related to their degree. Cadets are usually offered continued employment upon completion of their degree.

Cadetships are typically available in professions such as engineering, finance, commerce, accounting, information and communications technology, as well as various departments of Federal and State Governments.

Non-government university cadetships can be viewed by searching the internet or visiting career offices at universities.

To see examples of government cadetships, visit:

http://www.australia.gov.au/topics/employment-and-workplace/australian-government-jobs/cadetships-scholarships-work-experience

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

ProjectABLE Excursion to Interaction Disability Services

On Wednesday 13 May, twenty Cherrybrook Technology High School students ventured off to a program organised by Interaction Disability Services, as a part of ProjectABLE. The experience proved eye opening, especially for the large number of us who had not had much exposure to the disability sector.

What did we do at ProjectABLE? The program involved a series of interactive and hands on activities, as well as inspirational videos. We met with individuals with disabilities, their carers and psychologists. We learnt about developments in the disability sector and were informed of possible careers in the field. We took part in activities, which helped us to understand how people with a disability feel (including trying to open a Mars Bar with our non-dominant hand!). We also learnt the importance of effective communication and interpersonal skills, and even learnt a bit of sign language! The videos depicting the life of individuals with disabilities were truly inspiring, as despite all odds these individuals were able to achieve their goals and a level of independence.

What did we think? Overall, the workshop was a very enjoyable, interesting, insightful and motivating experience. This experience has encouraged many of us to consider involvement and perhaps even a profession in the disability sector.

Nikita Kapahi, Year 11







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DOG KENNELS FOR SALE

As the cold weather is setting in, does your pooch need some pampering? How about a new kennel to keep them warm and toasty!

Stage 5 Industrial Technology Building and Construction module 2 classes, have constructed seven dog kennels which are for sale for \$150 each. The kennels measure 1200mm high x 1000mm deep x 800mm wide and would be great for any size dog from a chihuahua to a great dane.

The kennels are built strong and sturdy, with H3 treated pine stud walls for added strength and stability. They are raised off the ground; have been waterproofed with extensive coats of paint and all feature corrugated iron skillion roofs installed with flashing.

Made with passion and determination, these one-of-a-kind kennels would be perfect for your picky pooch! Only seven kennels are available for sale so rush in before they all go.

Please email Mr Harmer <u>grant.harmer1@det.nsw.edu.au</u> if you are interested in buying a kennel or require more information.

Cameron Lee, Year 10



DRIVING INTO SCHOOL CARPARKS

Parents are requested **NOT** to drive into the school carparks between the hours of 7 - 9am and 2:30 - 4pm. Please adhere to these exclusion times for the safety of staff and students.

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.

CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 6B		
25 May	Year 7 Resilience Program Session 4	
	Year 11 VET Work Placement commences	
Tuesday 26 May	Year 11 VET Work Placement	
	Year 10 Half-Yearly Examination	
	Year 8 & 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Year 11 reports distributed)	
Wednesday 27 May	Year 11 VET Work Placement	
Thursday 28 May	Year 11 VET Work Placement	
Friday 29 May	Year 11 VET Work Placement Ends	