

NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 2

Week 8B

12 June 2015

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



STEM Project Presentation Night

On Tuesday evening, students from the Stage 5 STEM class presented their findings on their current project investigating future options to improve the state of the top playground area. A large contingent of parents, staff and visitors from ACARA and BOSTES were present to witness a fine array of work undertaken by the students. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project embodies the connections between scientific inquiries, mathematical problem solving and design innovation, in a way which reflects real world engineering challenges. We are proud to be a pilot school for this initiative in what has been described by Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb, as unequivocally Australia's future. The level of student interest and engagement with their learning, related to real world problems, has been a very positive outcome from involvement in the project. Students and staff are to be congratulated on the excellent quality of the work on display and the professional way it was presented.

P&C General Meeting

The Cherrybrook Technology High School P&C Executive and General Meetings took place this week, with staff members from the STEM Project Team as guest speakers for the evening. They presented a summary of the students' findings and recommendations for improving the state of the top playground. Many of the parents in attendance were unaware of the condition of the top playground and were keen to follow through, on at least some of the ideas presented, to improve this aspect of the school. Stay tuned for news on this front.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 July, with the Mathematics Head Teachers speaking about Mathematics at Cherrybrook Technology High School. All parents are invited to attend.

MPC Heaters

Good news which will be very pleasing to regular users of the MPC; we have had the old gas heaters replaced with new ones, which are guaranteed to work more effectively and efficiently. The old heaters had reached the end of their life span, with many inoperable and unable to be repaired. This work is funded by the Department of Education and Communities as part of our annual Programmed Maintenance Works funding. We saw this as a priority project and I'm sure any who have sat in the MPC during winter, would certainly agree.

Boom Gates

As a follow-on to a previous edition of *Network* and the issue of some parents continuing to drive into the staff carpark between the hours of 7.00 - 9am and 2.30 - 4.00pm, please be advised we have now ordered boom gates for both carpark entrances to CTHS, which are due to be installed in the very near future. It was necessary to take this action to ensure the utmost safety of both staff and students whilst on the school site. More details will be communicated soon, but suffice to say, unless you are transporting an injured student to school, in future you will need to drop off your child outside the school grounds.

Year 12 Assessments

If you have a child in Year 12, you will understand they are feeling somewhat stressed at the moment. Many students are in the middle of an assessment period, with a number of subjects holding tests during this time of the year. Please be mindful of this and understand the pressures they are going through in what is a very important year in their school career. Your support will be highly appreciated by all involved.

SWOT Information Evening

On Wednesday evening, the CTHS Careers Advisers ran an information evening, for targeted students and their parents, for the School and Work Options for Training (SWOT) Program. This program aims to assist students, who are likely to have difficulties with understanding the Stage 5 subject selection process and struggle to gain adequate information, to make informed subject choices, which best suit them for the future. A key product from this is a Transition Plan tailored to individual students' needs. The evening was well attended and as always we are greatly appreciative of the efforts of our Careers Advisers, who do a fantastic job at CTHS.

Congratulations to...

- Ryan Jones, Year 8, who has been selected to participate in the State Cross Country Carnival.

Mr Clements



Market Day



Market Day Cont'd



CTHS Alumni Update

We kicked off the Cherrybrook Technology High School Alumni earlier this year. The Alumni network is open to anyone who attended CTHS since its opening. As an Alumni group, our focus will be to give back to the students and staff of CTHS. The working committee is building a register of Alumni members which will be made available to the school as well as other Alumni members. This will help to build a working relationship with the school and to create a professional network with other Alumni members.

Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire, which can be found at the link below. Information collected through this questionnaire will be used to build the Alumni Register.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1amdL8WkkjhdDJ0P1uyLJu20NVCLBwARPgo-0R_T1To/viewform?c=0&w=1



CTHS Alumni Banner

Nominations are now open for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

Teachers make a vital contribution to the lives of our young people and help shape the future of our country. Yet there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding commitment to the community.

The ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA) is the only independent national awards program where school and early childhood communities, individual parents, school councils, committees of management, parent associations, secondary student councils and community organisations, can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers, directors and principals who contribute excellence.

Benefits of Participating in the NEiTA Program

For Students and Parents:

- The awards provide an opportunity to say a special 'thank you' to inspirational teachers, directors and principals who demonstrate effectiveness, innovation, and excellence in their profession.

For your School or Centre:

- Nominating a teacher, director or principal raises teacher, student and school/centre morale
- Nominations provide an opportunity to gain grants and publicity for the school/centre
- The awards enable the whole school/centre to celebrate its achievements and contribution to the community.

All nominations can be made online at www.asg.com.au/nominate

Nominations Close on Friday 31 July 2015

Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your outstanding teachers and leaders nominated this year. Many parent groups report that the process of selection and nomination is an empowering one, promoting constructive discussion and resulting in strong nominations.

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.***

Year 8 Geography in-School Excursion

On Friday 5 June, I, along with seven other Year 9 and two Year 12 students, was invited to speak to all Year 8 students as part of the Year 8 geography in-school excursion. This annual event, which ran over two periods, included a guest speaker from World Vision talking about what their organisation does to raise funds to help people living in developing countries, as well as Mr Clements, who spoke about what CTHS does to be environmentally friendly.

The first presentation was by Alyssa Hutchings and Kristie Ching of Year 12, who spoke about their amazing experience attending an HSC geography excursion to Lady Elliot Island on the Great Barrier Reef. The study of the reef as an endangered ecosystem is part of the Stage 6 geography course. They showed us a short video of the wonderful things they saw and did, which included viewing sea turtles and watching baby turtles hatch. After Alyssa and Kristie's presentations, Russell Lee and I spoke about our experiences representing CTHS in the WeSSSTA (Western Sydney Social Sciences Teachers Association) Geography Trivia Competition last year.

After our speech, Rebekah Cochrane, from World Vision, presented Year 8 with a rather powerful reminder of how fortunate we are to be living in Australia where we often take many things for granted, for example the fact we can simply turn on a tap and be confident knowing the water from it is clean and safe, and that we have access to education and health facilities. This is not the case for everyone in the world and global inequalities, which is a focus of the Year 8 geography course, are very much the case with millions of people in developing nations not having access to safe, clean, fresh water, food and educational opportunities. Rebekah spoke about the role of World Vision as a non-government organisation and some of the work it does to help people in need living in developing nations. She encouraged us all to get involved in programs, such as the 40 Hour Famine, which go a long way to addressing global inequalities.

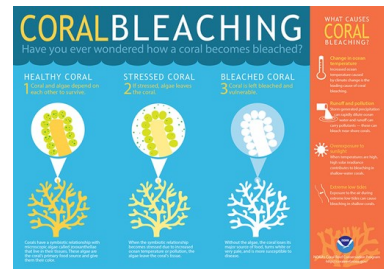
Following-on from Rebekah's presentation, Hemanshi Kumar of Year 9, spoke about her experiences volunteering in India, along with her family, helping people less fortunate than herself and the positive impact this had, not only on the lives of those she helped, but also upon her and her family. Dua Kashany and Tiara Manawaduge, also of Year 9, then spoke about the water crisis, highlighting that it is a major issue which needs to be addressed.

Marcus Eather, Matthew Digby and Salman Ibrahim presented a PowerPoint which included suggestions as to what we, as a school, could do to be more environmentally friendly. Their ideas were thoughtful and gave students in Year 8 ideas as to what they could do in their class projects to improve our ecological footprint. This was a fitting introduction to the final speaker, Mr Clements, who enlightened the students on the incredible amount of resources the school uses, such as electricity, water and paper, and strategies which have been implemented to minimise costs and resource use.

As a powerful conclusion to the geography in-school excursion, Miss Kerr showed two short video clips, one on Mother Nature and the other on Coral Reefs.

On behalf of all Year 8 students, who thoroughly enjoyed the geography in-school excursion, I would like to thank Miss Kerr and Mr Caccamo for organising this very worthwhile event.

Yash Mankad, Year 9



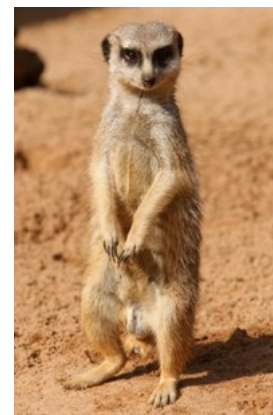
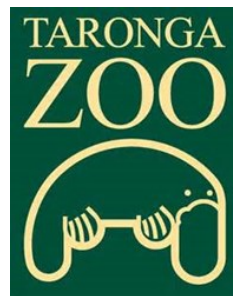
It's Zoo Business

Taronga Zoo is home to 4,000 animals and represents over 350 species. On Tuesday 9 June 140 Year 11 Business Studies students went to Taronga Zoo. Why go to the Zoo for a Business Studies excursion you may ask? Well it is a business, and an interesting one at that. In the morning we listened to a presentation about the marketing activities of the Zoo, we learnt about how the Zoo is funded and also the target market and direct competitors of the Zoo. Both the PowerPoint and videos were really interesting to watch and listen to.

In the afternoon we walked around the Zoo and filled out our *Its Zoo Business* booklets. After hearing the presentation in the morning it made us more aware of different things we saw along the way. We even got to ride the Sky Safari which gave us a great bird's eye view of the Zoo.

It was a fabulous day and we would like to thank Miss Kerr and Mr Lamont for organising the excursion. It was great to see first-hand how a business functions.

Sapna Mistry, Year11 Business Studies



MathsPASS Update

This term, the Mathematics KLA launched MathsPASS (Peer-Assisted Study Sessions). We began with training seminars, designed to equip the Year 11 tutors with skills and a mindset which would help them assist their Year 7 students. Following this, each student was paired with a tutor and they had their first meeting. During each of our weekly sessions, the top floor of A block is taken over by twenty pairs of students, who get to work on unpacking the concepts they've learned that week and applying them to a variety of challenging problems.

Our initial sessions have been wildly successful. One tutor wrote, "They've exceeded my expectations by a lot and I'm really happy about how it turned out. I didn't expect the Year 7's to be so enthusiastic or open to the program." Another spoke about the different benefits which can be gained from the one-on-one environment provided by peer tutoring, "The first few sessions so far have allowed me to help my tutee in a more relaxed atmosphere compared to that of a classroom. I believe that my tutee is slowly being able to grasp a more thorough understanding of various concepts, which I am very glad to be part of."

Mr Woo, Head Teacher Mathematics



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 and the cost remains at \$15. Please return your completed permission note, with 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

University of Sydney: Discussion Paper on Education Strategy

The University of Sydney has released a discussion paper about its courses. The proposals in the discussion paper are intended to simplify the University's complex course offerings, improve student experience, and provide graduates with the skills to contribute effectively in today's rapidly changing world. Importantly, the changes will not be implemented until at least 2017, and will not affect those applying for a University place in 2016. <http://sydney.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=15056>



Macquarie University: New Pathways into Law

Students who have been admitted to a non-law degree at Macquarie University in 2016 will be able to apply for admission to the Pre-Law Pathway prior to their first session of studies. To gain entry into the Pre-Law Pathway prospective students are required to have completed the HSC in 2015, achieved an ATAR above 93, and be accepted into an approved degree at Macquarie.

http://law.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate_law_programs/new_pathways_into_law/

Macquarie University Global Leadership Entry Program for Year 12 Students

Applications close Saturday 15 August. Contact: 1800 351 117. The Global Leadership program provides students with the opportunity to gain practical skills through volunteering and participating in leadership activities in Australia and overseas. As part of the program, students will gain early entry into a limited number of Macquarie degrees and will also receive invitations to special events and pre-study programs. The program is open to Year 12 students who are not only doing academically well, but are also leaders in their community.

https://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_in/entry_schemes_and_pathways/global_leadership_entry_program/

Apprenticeships for 2016

Students who are interested in undertaking an apprenticeship in 2016 are encouraged to start looking now. A number of local and national organisations will begin to advertise positions over the coming months. For more general information on apprenticeships visit <http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Home>

Moore Stephens Accounting Cadetship Program

Applications close Wednesday 24 June. Cadets will study part-time while working an equivalent of four days per week during study periods and full-time during semester breaks. Cadets will work with a range of companies and individuals while receiving a salary, study support and mentoring. <http://www.moorestephens.com.au/cadets>

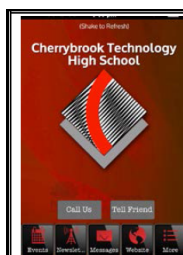


Working at the ABC

A host of opportunities are available for students interested in gaining work experience within the media broadcasting sector through the ABC. Cadetships, Scholarships and Work Experience places are on offer and all applications can be made online.

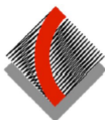
<http://www.abc.net.au/careers/cadetshipsandworkexperience/>

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower



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.



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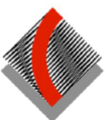
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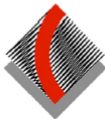
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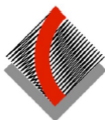
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UOW OPEN DAY

10am – 2pm

Saturday, August 29

Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay
Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place

uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day

Attend the Sydney CBD Open Day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Chat face-to-face with our academic staff
- Learn about our business courses
- Meet current students and industry partners
- Tour the campus

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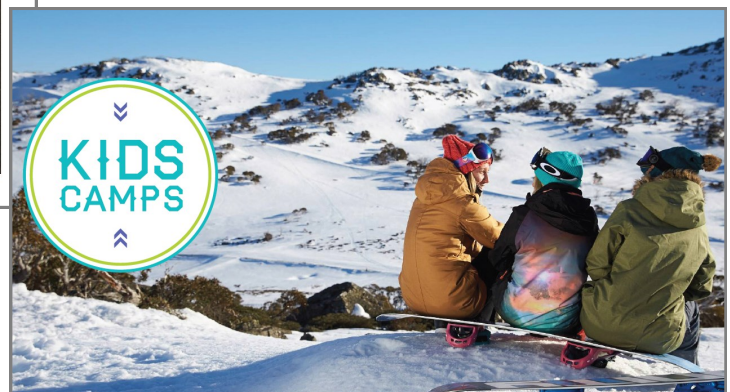
Actual view

ABSENTEE NOTES

- Please ensure notes to the school contain your child's **FULL NAME** and **year** plus the **date** and **reason for absence**.
- Absentee notes should be handed in to the student window the first day back after an absence.
- Notes must be received within seven days of returning to school otherwise it will be recorded as 'unjustified'.

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.



WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

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- ✓ Great value
- ✓ Fun
- ✓ Safe

Our popular Winter Kids' and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what's on including our popular ski / snowboard camps at Jindabyne.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids' Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years* and range from 1 to 7 days.

Residential Kids' Camps include:

- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

*Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10-16 years.



Family Camps include:

- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps | 13 13 02
[fb.com/nswsportandrecreation](https://www.facebook.com/nswsportandrecreation)

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THE CTHS TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY THE 19th JUNE

Students, families and friends of the CTHS community are invited to a fun filled night of trivia with all money raised going to support our sister school in Cambodia and the charitable work of the Social Justice Club.

Date: Friday 19th June 2015

Time: 6pm

Venue: CTHS MPC

Cost: \$10 per person, or \$80 for a table of 10 people.

Tickets to be purchased online at <http://www.trybooking.com/HYZ>.

This is an alcohol free event. BYO own snacks and drinks.
Show your school spirit and grab a ticket!

CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 9A

Monday 15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knockout Futsal - U14's • Preliminary Assessment Task - Economics Research Essay
Tuesday 16 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Geography Excursion • Student Leaders' Selection Presentation - 3.30pm, Library
Wednesday 17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knockout Futsal - Open Girls and U16 Girls • HSC Assessment Task - Business Studies Research • Year 8 Fretworks • HSC Assessment Task - Drama Individual Project • Volunteers Lunch - 12pm, C2.1
Thursday 18 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knockout Futsal - Open Boys • Year 12 Careers Expo
Friday 19 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Economics Student Conference - Wesley Centre • Preliminary Assessment Task - Business Studies Trade Group Display, MPC • Knockout Futsal - U16 Boys • Year 10 Careers Expo • Year 7 Cyber Shorts
Saturday 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 2016 GATS Test