

# NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4

Week 1A

9 October 2015



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Term 4

A big welcome back to the entire school community for the final term of 2015. Term 4 is always an extremely busy time with assessments being completed by students and the preparation of reports by staff. Over the holidays the General Assistants have also been busy completing landscaping work and other general maintenance, which is essential for providing the school community with a safe and pleasant environment.

With the onset of much warmer weather and the change to the summer uniform, it is timely to remind everyone of the correct uniform, which can be found on the school's website [http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page\\_id=4114](http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=4114). Students are also reminded black leather business shoes must be worn as part of the summer uniform, particularly for practical classes, in order to

comply with WH&S requirements. If students have a genuine reason not to be in the correct school uniform, they must provide a note from their parents or guardians, otherwise they will receive a lunchtime detention.

### Year 12's Final Week

The last week of Term 3 marked the final days for Year 12. It featured class parties, selfies and photos, excursions and gifts. The Picnic Day at Fagan Park was a great opportunity for students to celebrate their schooling and unwind prior to the commencement of the HSC. Students looked fantastic in their movie themed costumes with many staff also dressing up. The charity concert was well received and showcased the talents of our outgoing Year 12 students. Donations from the day were gifted to Doctors without Borders.

### Year 12 Graduation

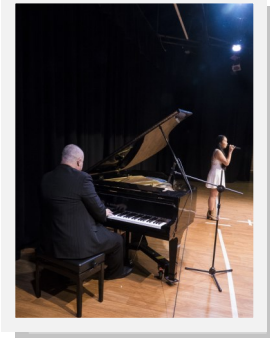
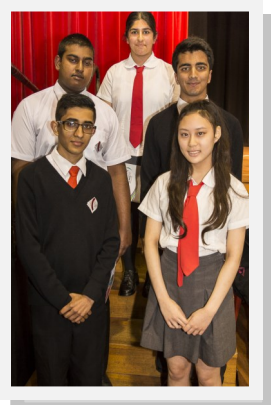
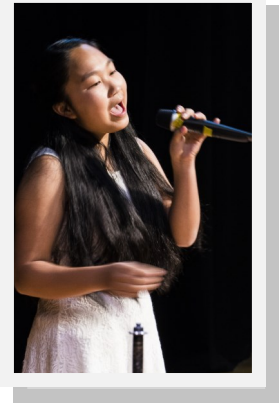
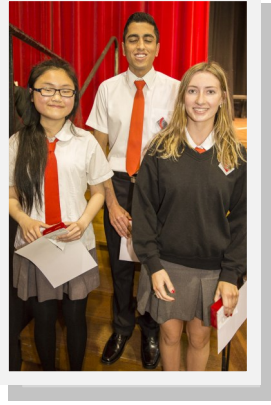
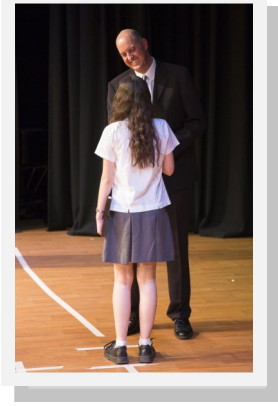
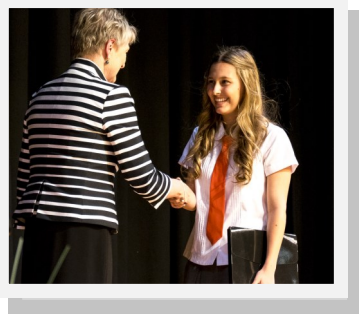
Possibly the biggest highlight of the week was the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony where staff, parents and students celebrated a major milestone in the lives of our students. The recognition of achievement and the significance of the major milestone in a young person's life is always a rewarding and proud moment for everyone involved. There is a photo gallery of the evening on the school's website. As always a huge thank you to the organisers of this event, including the P&C who cater for this event, and School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS), who work tirelessly to ensure programs and certificates are prepared, and the performers who always showcase some of the best from the performing arts. A very special thank you should also go to Mr Dwayne Goodman, a member of the CTHS Alumni, who was a guest speaker and all the special guests and sponsors of the evening.

Finally it would be remiss of me not to give an extra special mention to Ms Parsons who has now organised her last Graduation Assembly and to Mr Taylor, a gentleman who has worked tirelessly delivering the AV effects from the booth since the school opened some years ago, both of whom are retiring from education in the near future.

### High Achievers' Morning Tea

This morning tea, held on Monday 14 September, provided an opportunity to congratulate 24 Year 12 High Achieving students for the very last time. The outstanding reports from each student, following the recent AP4 examinations, reinforced the academic excellence this school prides itself on. Students enjoyed a fine morning tea and discussed their plans for the future with the School Executive, Stage 6 Head Teacher and Year Advisors. Congratulations to the following High Achievers: Sarah Collins, Eliseus Feng, Michael Gunn, Stasia Hendrawan, Stella Hendrawan, Alyssa Hutchings, Syam Iyer, Tyler Le Roux, Jing Lee, Miao Lim, Michele Kit Lim, Zi Shan Lim, Bhavik Magan, Vidhi Nanda, Hassan Naveed, Merle Runde, Jiayi Shi, Pragma Singhal, Stanton Tam, Lakni Weerasinghe, Eric Windsor, Yang Xi, Kate Ye and Yuqi Zhu.





*Year 12 Graduation Assembly*

## Premiers Award for Mr Woo

Mr Woo, Head Teacher Mathematics, has been honoured as the recipient of the 2015 Premier's Prize for Innovation in Science and Mathematics Education in NSW. This prize is in recognition of excellence in the STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), aiming to raise community awareness and encourage careers in these areas due to their value in society. Candidates for the prize were judged by a panel convened by the Office of the Chief Scientist. At the presentation ceremony this week, Professor Mary O'Kane (NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer) pointed out that the field was extremely competitive this year with numerous impressive nominations having been submitted.

Mr Woo received the prize from Premier Mike Baird for motivating and inspiring students through his work promoting STEM, both within the school and in other roles such as at the University of Sydney, as well as providing rich learning resources to students and teachers freely through his Youtube channel, Wootube. More information on this prize is available at <http://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/premiersprizes>.

**CATEGORY 8:  
INNOVATION IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION  
IN NSW**



Joint Winner: Mr Eddie Woo, Cherrybrook Technology High School

Mr Eddie Woo is Head Teacher, Mathematics at Cherrybrook Technology High School. He has a passion for helping students see mathematics as profoundly elegant and deeply practical, which has led him to explore the teaching of mathematics through technology, in the context of an authentic narrative, and as an integrated STEM experience.

His roles include leading a team of 18 teachers to implement a range of effective teaching, learning and assessment strategies for mathematics, as well as having a primary role in the school's development of STEM curricula. His priority in STEM is to ensure that students develop a level of mathematical understanding that coheres effectively with their learning and working methods in science, technology and engineering. Previously, he led the pilot

case study in Google Apps for Education in NSW Department of Education schools and constructed the business case for its adoption as a 21st Century learning tool for students and teachers across the state.

Mr Woo is known for championing blended learning by combining his engaging live classroom teaching with online delivery, centred upon 'Wootube', his popular Youtube channel. Wootube provides open access to his classroom lessons for people all over the world. The channel has received over a million views, more than 10,000 subscribers from all over the world, and has attracted national media attention.





*Premier Mike Baird presenting Mr Woo with his Award*

## Year 12 Formal

The makeup artists and hair salons of the local community braced themselves as 360 students prepared for their night of nights, the Year 12 Formal! Curzon Hall was the venue, where all of our stunningly attired young men and women gathered for a most memorable evening. The food was fantastic, the company delightful and the behaviour impeccable. It is fantastic to see the students enjoying themselves in such a positive way and I hope all our fantastic young adults will remember this event for years to come.

A special thank you to the Year Advisors, Ms Azzopardi and Mrs Lovett (from previous years), Mrs Bennett and Mrs Skyba, and also to Miss Adamou, Stage 6 Head Teacher, for the support, organisation and guidance they have tirelessly offered this cohort over their years at CTHS.

## HSC Begins

Best wishes are extended to the Year 12 cohort as they begin the Higher School Certificate on Monday of next week. We hope Year 12 have spent their time revising and preparing over the holidays for the exams. Please also note staff are available to offer support and assistance to any student in need.

## Peer Support Training

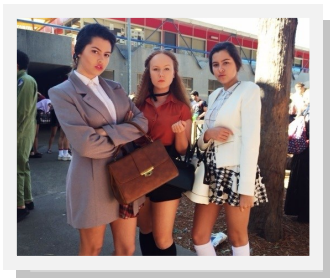
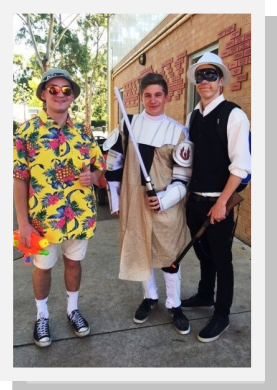
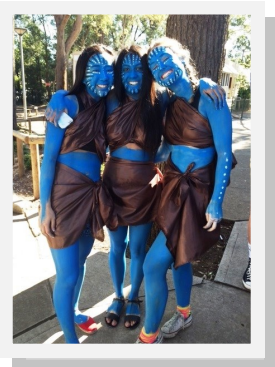
On Monday and Tuesday of the last week of Term 3, our current Year 11 Peer Support Leaders undertook training to lead our new group of Peer Support Leaders for 2016. Theory was put into practice when 100 Year 10 students attended training. They discussed important leadership qualities, particularly focusing on communication and how to handle possible situations, which they may have to deal with as leaders. Students participated in fun activities and games to practise their leadership skills and were shown examples of how to make sessions entertaining for Year 7 students. A big thank you to Mr Hind for his effort in organising the training and also to the trainers, many of which would make fine educators!

## P&C Meeting

A reminder to all parents the P&C General Meeting will be held in the Staff Common Room at 8pm on Tuesday 13 October. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mrs Sorenson, who is leading the upgrades to the library, which will take place over the Christmas break.

## Year 9 Camp

Monday to Wednesday of next week will see Year 9 students attend The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. Hopefully, the weather will be fine so everyone will be able to participate fully and have great fun. A sincere thank you to all staff who have offered to give up their time to make these three days a successful learning and welfare experience for our students.



Year 12 Picnic Day

### French and German Exchanges

During the recent school holidays, many students attended overseas exchanges in Germany and France. All reports coming back to the school praised the excellent behaviour from students and highlighted the importance of this type of experience in the learning process for languages. As well as the language benefits the cultural experience and social development gained from these exchanges is immeasurable. I look forward to hearing first-hand reports from staff and students on their return next week.

### Year 8 Gala Day

Year 8 enjoyed a day out from classes on Friday 18 September to participate in their annual Gala Day. The students enjoyed a variety of sports in a non-competitive environment which focussed on participation and friendship. The weather even managed to hold off for the day allowing students to bond and develop important team working and social skills.

### Congratulations to...

- Brendan Weal, Year 11/12, who received a Western Sydney University Talent Development Scholarship, valued at \$1,500, to assist with his involvement in the Schools Spectacular as a performer.

Mr Townsend



*Year 12's Final Week*

### The Moran National Portrait Prize

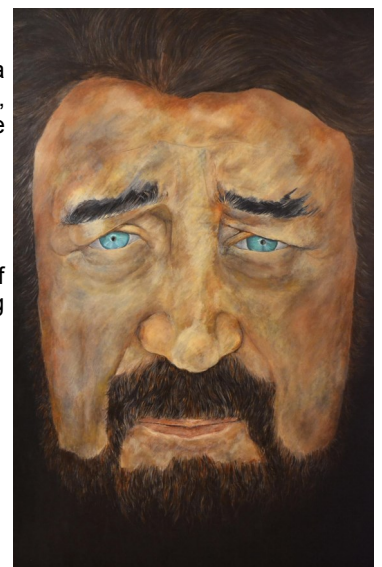
Congratulations to Mrs Sarah Key, a member of our CAPA staff, who has been selected as a semi-finalist for the 2015 Moran National Portrait Prize, with her portrait of Journalist, Derryn Hinch, *The Heart of the Headline*. Her artwork is pictured on the Moran Website in the semi-finalists section.

The 2015 Moran Portrait Prize Winner receives \$150,000 and all 30 finalists receive \$1,000.

No doubt the school community joins with me in wishing Mrs Key well as the final stages of judging approach. As a school, it is marvellous to have a practising artist of this calibre teaching our students.

Mr Johnson

*Mrs Key's portrait of Derryn Hinch*

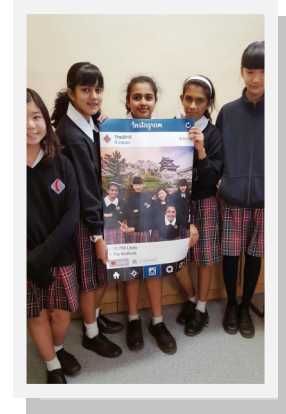
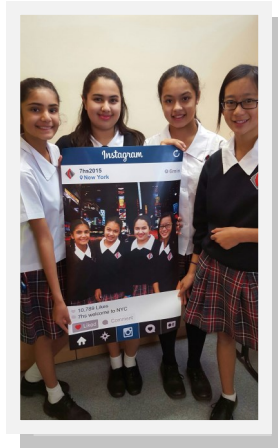


## Sprucing up our Learning Environment

7H have had a fantastic semester studying geography this year with Miss Kerr. Our class studied many different topics such as fieldwork, deserts and our favourite, World Heritage Sites. In World Heritage Sites we studied monuments like the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall Of China. We completed group assignments on World Heritage Sites, some of which included posters, movies, creating video games and presenting plays.

Our classroom looked a bit plain so we all decided to redecorate to make it look more geographical. With the help of one of our classmates we managed to make a number of awesome Instagram formatted posters. The posters included pictures of us in front of a chosen background. The backgrounds our class chose were NYC, Japan, Brazil, America, Antarctica and Mexico. In the end our posters turned out great and made our classroom look more exciting. We are a little nervous though to be looking at ourselves on the wall! Overall we had a wonderful time learning geography.

Yasmeen Vaseem, Ishita Arora and Amrit Singh



## Creatively Speaking

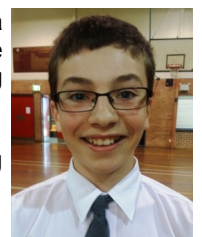
There can be a great deal of excitement to be enjoyed when you have the good fortune of being cast in a school musical and Oliver Donnelly, Year 7, has been loving the whole rehearsal process for Grease, our CTHS school musical for 2016. Here are some of his thoughts:

"I'm playing Eugene Foxnickle. I'm a nerdy kid at the High School. I get bullied around, you know. But it's only a stage play. I think that Eugene probably aspires to be a biologist or something like that. He also really wants to be in the cool crowd. He tries everything like wearing his hair right, adjusting his glasses but it all ends up just coming off weird.

I've been getting lots of help with the role from other members of the cast. Everyone just joins in. It's like one big family. I'm so excited about the show. It's going to be absolutely out of this world!"

Grease, our smash hit musical for 2016, will be an entertainment event you will not want to miss!!

Ms Cannon



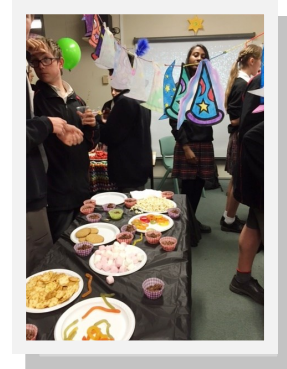
## Lunchtime Club Activities Update

Term 3 was very busy once again with various activities taking place and the most exciting place to be was at one of the many lunchtime clubs the school runs. To start off the term, we had a Magic Show at our Card and Games Club. Students were entertained and amazed at the talent on display by the students. Many thanks go to Shannon Kelly, Aakersh Verma and Daniel Liao for being our magicians. We also held a memory tournament in the final week of school where students competed against each other for an iTunes gift voucher. The final round had to take place over two days due to the finalists reaching a draw every time! Well done to Raghav Janardhan who eventually won in the end. Card and Games club runs Monday lunchtimes where students can play various board and card games. Stay tuned for more tournaments in Term 4!

Homework club also finished off the term with a party in Week 10. Students were treated to ice cream, food and drinks plus those who had attended Homework Club throughout the term were in the draw to win one of the many fantastic prizes on offer. To be in the draw for the party next term, you need to attend homework club and be doing homework for at least one half of lunch at any point during the term. The more times you attend the more chances you have for the draw in the final week. Homework Club runs Wednesday lunchtimes in D1.3.

Chill-Out Club is a place where students can relax and start to wind down after working hard throughout the week. To celebrate the end of the term, we held a 'Magic and Fantasy' party where students were able to play pin the wand on the wizard and were also treated to another magic show. Congratulations to Shannon Kelly (Year 7) who was voted as the best entertainer and received a new magic kit so she can learn even more tricks! Many thanks must go to the students of Stage 4 Club who assisted in the organisation and preparation of the party. Students in Stage 4 were working throughout the term designing decorations and food items for the party and some of their efforts are displayed in the accompanying photos. Stage 4 Club runs for the first part of lunch on Thursdays for students in Stage 4 only and Chill-Out Club runs every Friday at lunchtime. All clubs take place in D1.3 and there will be more events such as Halloween and Christmas the students can look forward to celebrating with us in Term 4. We hope to see many more faces at any one of our clubs in the future!

Miss Deadman and Miss Hampe



## Dollar Smart

Recently, Year 9 commerce students from the Dollar Smart classes conducted a Product Testing activity in the Pavillion area. They were investigating what actually drives consumers to buy particular products by conducting a 'blind' taste test and then comparing the results with the most commonly bought products. Invited classes were treated to tasting chocolate, chips, lollies and soft drinks before completing their survey responses. The Dollar Smart students will now tabulate, graph and analyse the results from their surveys and present their findings in a report. The students organised their stalls and conducted themselves very professionally and had a lot of fun doing it. Thanks to the teachers involved, Miss Nguyen, Miss Kerr, Mr Smith, Mr Fernandez and Mrs de Matos.

Mrs de Matos



## CTHS Mock Trial Team, Last Sixteen Schools in the State

The CTHS mock trial was in a jubilant mood just as last term was winding down. On the evening of Wednesday 2 September Cherrybrook hosted Henry Kendall High School in an elimination round of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. Just making the elimination rounds is a great achievement and the current team is already the most successful group of Mock Trialists in the recent history of the school. The team for this round consisted of Amelia Smillie and Ellen Cameron (barristers), Natalie Windsor (solicitor), Laura Heinrichson (clerk), Lottie Wills and Hansika Muthukuda (witnesses).

In a hard fought contest, Cherrybrook were successful in prosecuting a case about cruelty to animals. The end result was extremely close. We prevailed by just two points. We now progress to the next round against Green Point Christian School early in the term. Our whole team performed very well and it has been great to see each other improving in the competition during the year.

Natalie Windsor Year 10

## CTHS Chess Success

On Sunday 13 September, six students represented the school in the NSW Chess Association Annual One Day Tournament at North Sydney Boys High School. The open team consisted of Nathan Soo, Sandeep Darapuneni and Angad Ahuja, while the junior team (Year 7-9 students) consisted of David Packer, Reuben Soo and Agustin Palais.

It was extremely pleasing to see all our students giving their best, playing some good chess and representing the school in fine style. Teams came from as far afield as Lismore and Dubbo. The open team was up against some very strong opposition through the course of the day, including current and former age group champions. Despite the fact chess rating points often indicated they might be outmatched, the students performed creditably finishing twelfth out of 26 schools in the division. The junior team performed extremely well finishing fifth in their group, 24 points behind James Ruse, Marist Eastwood, Newington College and a composite team of home-schooled students. They finished ahead of several traditional chess powerhouses including Sydney Boys, Barker and North Sydney Boys High School. On the eve of the penultimate round, the Junior Team ranked as high as second before they came up against the home-schooled team. A significant chess triumph on the day was the junior team beating Eastwood Marist, who finished third, 3-0, in their head-to-head match.

Reuben Soo deserves special congratulations for earning a score of 5.5 out of 7, which was the third best result in the division. A good day was had by all participating students and it was pleasing to see the quality of play improve throughout the day.

Mr Fernandez

## CAREERS UPDATE



### Master Builders Association of NSW Pty Ltd

5 Burbank Place, Norwest Business Park Baulkham Hills NSW 2153. MBA NSW is running a Pre Apprenticeship Information Evening on Wednesday 21 October at MBA Education Centre from 6pm - 8pm. You are welcome to bring along your parents/guardians or even friends who may be interested in participating in the program. This information night requires bookings, so you'll need to book your place. Call 8586 3533 to book.



# WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ANZACS

Apply for the 2016 Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship for the opportunity of a lifetime - see where the Australian soldiers fought in France and Belgium, discover their experiences on the Western Front and commemorate their memory.



Image courtesy of the State Library of NSW

The Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholarship is open to students currently in years 9 and 10. Apply now and you could be touring significant wartime sites along the Western Front for two weeks in July 2016.

For further information and application forms visit:

[veterans.nsw.gov.au/education/premiers-anzac-memorial-scholarship](http://veterans.nsw.gov.au/education/premiers-anzac-memorial-scholarship)



Applications close on 11 December 2015.

*For more information, please contact Mr Hartman*

*WEDNESDAY  
21 OCTOBER 2015*



*STAGE 5 PERFORMANCE NIGHT  
and  
YEAR 11 RETROSPECTIVE*



*PERFORMANCES BEGIN 7pm  
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#### 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.

## SCIENCE UPDATE

### Science Yearly Exams

The Year 8 science yearly exam (90 minutes) will be on Thursday 15 October during periods 5 and 6. The Year 7 science yearly exam (90 minutes) will be on Thursday 22 October during periods 5 and 6.

For more information, please refer to the school's Moodle: Science\Stage 4\Year 8 Notices.

Miss Yang

## CLOTHING POOL

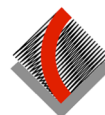
### CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience.

First Cherrybrook Scout Group clothing pool operates through the kind donations of Cherrybrook Technology High School families. All donations of CTHS uniforms will be happily accepted. Please contact Sara Mitchinson to arrange a drop-off. E: [uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com](mailto:uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com).



Open Tuesday 13 October 2015  
between 7:30pm - 8.30pm  
(Regular opening times TBA)  
First Cherrybrook Scout Hall  
Appletree Drive, Cherrybrook



Saturday 24th October  
9am to 2pm

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### CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 2B

Monday 12 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Camp</li><li>• HSC Exams Commence</li></ul>
Tuesday 13 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Camp</li><li>• P&amp;C Executive Meeting - 7pm, Conference Room</li><li>• P&amp;C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room</li></ul>
Wednesday 14 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Junior Assessment Task - Year 7 Maths Exam (Yearly)</li><li>• Science Core B Task - pds 2, 3 &amp; 4</li><li>• Year 9 Camp</li></ul>