

# NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4

Week 8B

27 November 2015

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Final P&C Meeting for 2015

The final P&C Executive and General Meetings for 2015 were held on Tuesday evening, 24 November. The highlight of the evening was the presentation from our exchange student Lucy Roeung and Mr Mark Wade, LOTE teacher, who spoke about schooling in Cambodia and the difference that the assistance from CTHS is making in the lives of these wonderful people. The President of the P&C Mr Stephen Phillips, thanked the Principal and staff of CTHS for their efforts in maintaining the high standards and excellent achievements witnessed throughout 2015 and likewise Mr Johnson thanked the P&C for their ongoing support and commitment to making a difference to the students of CTHS. The first meeting for 2016 is scheduled for Tuesday 16 February at 8pm in the staff common room and, as always, interested parents are welcome to attend.

### Assembly Week

As we steadily roll towards the Christmas break, it is important to note that next week is amongst the busiest in the school calendar as we celebrate and recognise the outstanding achievements of our wonderful students. Students and parents are asked to take note of the following dates and times:

- Presentation Night: Tuesday 1 December in the MPC from 7pm
- Sports Awards Assembly: Wednesday 2 December in the MPC from 9.20am
- Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day: Thursday 3 December from 9am until 11am
- Presentation Day Assemblies: Friday 4 December in the MPC. Year 7 from 9am; Year 8 from 10.45am; Year 9 from 11.40am; and Year 11 from 1.15pm.

Parents please note, there is very little parking in the Cherrybrook Technology High School vicinity, the boom gates will prevent parental access to the school carparks so please allow ample time to park and make your way to the venue for the designated start times.

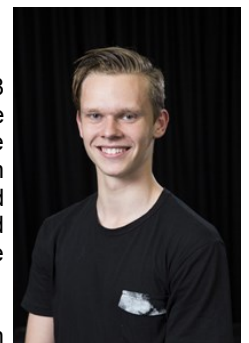
### Student Attendance

A reminder to all parents the school year continues for students up to and including Wednesday 16 December and student attendance to this date is a requirement of the NSW Government. Your support in ensuring your child attends each day in full school uniform will be greatly appreciated.

### Schools Spectacular

A reminder to parents and students the Schools Spectacular takes place this Friday 27 and Saturday 28 November at The Qantas Credit Union Arena. This will be the last Schools Spectacular to be held at this venue as it has been earmarked for demolition in the coming weeks. The show is always an outstanding spectacle and involves over 3,500 students from public schools throughout NSW. This year, twelve students from Cherrybrook Technology High School will be representing our school, with the amazingly talented Brendan Weal Year 11/12, who has been selected as a featured dancer. Congratulations to all students and staff involved, especially Miss Holt, whose involvement has been tireless as the students trek to and from the city to attend rehearsals.

Tickets are available from Ticketek <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS15> with limited availability.



Brendan Weal

### CTHS Building Project

Time is running out for you to have a say on your ideas for the upcoming building project. Thank you to the parents who have already contributed. If you would like a voice, please complete a very quick survey, which should take less than a few minutes. Please follow this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/WMMMMyx3O7K>

### Uniform Blitz

Last week the Deputies and Mr Bamford conducted a random uniform blitz in an ongoing effort to maintain high standards and expectations for our students. In what can only be described as a very pleasing result the vast majority of students were in full school uniform. Congratulations to all those students who take pride in their uniform and wear it correctly and thank you to the parents who assist in this regard.

## World of Maths

This week, we hosted the World of Maths Travelling Roadshow. One hundred Stage 4 students participated in a range of mathematical activities where they experienced the broad applicability and creative playfulness presented in all mathematics. Students worked in small groups during their sessions and faced challenges which combined the abstract problem solving skills of mathematics with a variety of physical scenarios, ranging from rescuing people trapped in a burning building to designing a CCTV surveillance system for maximum efficacy. Throughout the day, there was a clear emphasis on the Working Mathematically strands of the syllabus, especially Communicating (expressing ideas in verbal and visual ways) and Reasoning (making inferences and adapting knowledge between different situations).



## Swimming Carnival

The school Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday at Parramatta Swimming Centre. This new venue was a resounding success with the 'lizard lane' being hugely popular, which is not surprising given the temperatures. The competitive spirit was evident with many students in attendance and participating in events. The crowd appreciated the quality of performances from many students with the relays being the highlight. On the day, Charles House was victorious. However, the final result cannot be determined until the Year 7 carnival is held early next year. Congratulations to those who participated and to the PDHPE staff who were the organisers of this successful event.

Mr Townsend

## Lions Youth of the Year Quest 2015

Ms Corbett, Mr Pedley-Smith and myself had the pleasure of attending the Lions Youth of the Year Quest held at West Pennant Hills Sports Club on Monday night. CTHS was ably represented by our school captains, Doris Che and Chris Swanepoel. They were competing against four other students from local schools, including Galston High, Pennant Hills High and Normanhurst Boys High. The competition involves a number of categories including an interview to gauge the student's leadership and personal interests; academic and general knowledge; personality and finally the public speaking component. On the night, students were required to answer two impromptu questions for two minutes each.

The questions this year were:

1. How can we increase the inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in all facets of life?
2. Author Peter Fitzsimmons is leading another push for the republican movement, is this another misadventure or should Australia consider moving down the path of being a republic?

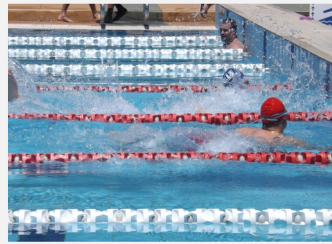
There is no right or wrong answer to these questions, but sight unseen, they proved to be quite formidable for all students to express an informed opinion and back it up with considered knowledge for two minutes each. Despite this, Doris and Chris presented well and then backed this up with their prepared speeches on *The morally right things to do in life* and *The issues left handers face in our world*, respectively. Doris and Chris were pipped at the post for the title, but did themselves, their family and the school proud. Congratulations to both students on your efforts.

Mr Clements





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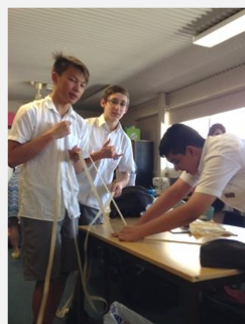
### Social Justice Committee

Over the last few weeks, some student volunteers have spent their lunch time sewing pencil cases for our sister school, SHAC, in Cambodia. Lucy, a Year 10 exchange student from our sister school, has enlightened us on the schooling conditions in Cambodia and how, for a student to attain an education, they need all the equipment and uniforms necessary.

The Social Justice Committee has organised for the pencil cases to be taken to Cambodia with a group of Year 12 graduates who will be volunteering at the school in December. The 75 pencil cases will be gifted to the incoming kindergarten students at Lucy's local school.

If you are interested in being part of this, but aren't the best with a needle and thread, we would be so grateful for donations of stationary to fill our handmade pencil cases with.

Monica Macinante, Year 10



### Grease Musical Taking Shape

With a run-through of Act 1 and Act 2 slated for the Wednesday of Week 11 this term, things are really 'hotting up' on the *Grease* front. Madison Brown from Year 10 has been enjoying the process. I asked her to write a little article outlining her involvement from the get-go up until now:

"This was my first musical audition for the school so it was quite nerve wracking as I am not a confident singer. Luckily, we were able to audition in groups of around twelve people, which made the process faster and less daunting. My partner, Sandya, and I gave the audition all we had, dancing our hardest whilst attempting to sing in time with the others. It was a really fun experience and I am looking forward to performing with my friends in this great musical."

More about *Grease* in the coming weeks.

Ms Cannon



### FROM THE LIBRARY

#### Changes, changes...

Stop press!! Library closure postponed. The library closure is postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, the library will operate as usual until further notice.

#### Genreification of the Collection

From 2016, there will be a major change to the way many of the resources are arranged, notably the fiction resources, which will be reorganised into genres, rather than alphabetically by author. Some non-fiction resources will also be included in a new *True Stories* genre. Other proposed genres are *Speculative Fiction*, *Sport*, *Relationships*, *Action/Adventure*, *Crime/Mystery*, *Historical Fiction*, *Humour*, *Short Stories* and *Horror*. Students will be voting for their favourite designs, so look out for the colourful identifying spine labels which will also be added to identify each genre.

Mrs Sorensen and Ms Casey



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday 11 November CTHS commemorated Remembrance Day together, with the Year 7 cohort attending a special ceremony out of the rain in the Pavilion. Joshua Stubbins of Year 10, gave a speech which asked the question, "What do soldiers fight for?" Thank you to Joshua for helping us observe this important occasion, the speech is recorded below.

Mr Hartman

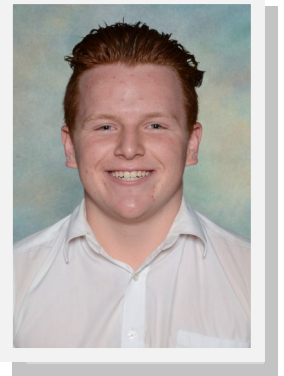
### What do soldier fight for?

97 years ago to this day, the last soldier of WW1 fell in battle, acting as the final number to the 10 million or so soldiers killed in the conflict.

What did this soldier fight for? What gave him the vigour to stride on against such overwhelming tragedy? What path had led him to his death? Did he enlist eagerly or reluctantly?

These questions, of course, cannot be answered so easily. However, what can be said with absolute confidence is that he died with an unwavering duty to humanity.

Since the end of WW1, just over 100 wars have ravaged the face of this Earth leading to the accumulative death of almost 150 million people - to be put into perspective, that's over six times the population of Australia.



Let that really sink in - 150 million people: the population of Australia, New Zealand, England, Canada, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland combined. All killed in the act of war. All killed in just under 100 years.

Again we must ask why these wars are fought? What end could possibly justify these conflicts?

Unfortunately, these too are not questions that can be answered so easily. Wars are fought for a myriad of reasons. They are fought for borders, water, resources, or land, due to stubborn politics and diplomacy, to stop invaders, or to invade, because of misguided extremism, or for independence, and sometimes, war is fought simply because, "you hit me first".

But there is one undeniably important point we must always remember: the reasons and actions of going to war are not the decisions of soldiers. Soldiers, and the officers that lead them, are merely the instigators of government and diplomatic orders and they fight regardless of their opinion in conflict.

So again, I return to that final WW1 soldier who was killed this day 97 years ago. What did this soldier fight for?

That soldier, along with all soldiers, whether they be from Australia, Britain or Germany, Pakistan or India, Vietnam or America, Russia or Afghanistan, Bosnia or Serbia, Israel or Palestine, these soldiers fought with the hope that one day, their momentary actions of extreme destruction and violence would lead to a land in peace, free from the actions of war they are all too aware they have committed.

Of course, all wars are controversial, some more so than others, and it is a vital part of a progressive society that we ask "was it worth it?", but today isn't about that. Today isn't about politics or opinion, arguments or hidden agendas, today is about coming together, in harmony and respecting the great sacrifice people have made on both sides of conflict, in the face of such overwhelming tragedy

I, and everyone in this school, are forever grateful.

Lest we forget.

Joshua Stubbins, Year 10



## CAREERS UPDATE

### **Jobs, Training and Careers**

#### **How to Get a Job in Game Sound Production**

JMC Academy advice <http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/news/how-to-get-a-job-in-game-sound-production>

#### **Defence Careers Information Sessions**

Various NSW locations near you. Army, Navy, Airforce, Reserve, Trades, Officer topics.

<https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>

#### **AgriFood Careers and Rural Skills Australia**

Useful website explaining agricultural careers and opportunities

<http://agrifoodcareers.com.au/>

#### **Automotive Apprenticeship and Training Vacancies**

If you would like any more information about any of these positions, please visit the MIGAS website at [www.migas.com.au](http://www.migas.com.au)



#### **Automotive Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

Apprenticeships Plus is a group training organisation which employs over 550 apprentices in the Automotive industry. We are currently seeking people who are interested in an exciting, fast paced and technology filled career. We currently have apprenticeships in Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Spray Painting and Panel Beating. Please call our office to organise an interview 02 9891 6900.

### **University, TAFE and Private College Information**

#### **Term 4 HSC Seminars for Year 11/12 Students and Parents - UTS and Macquarie University**

Our popular Ace the HSC seminars are for students and parents who are beginning their HSC year (and those in Year 11 next year). Each session will provide an insight into the most important aspects of HSC success. The cost is a \$10 donation going directly to Father Chris Riley's, *Youth off the Streets* charity. To read more and register, go to <https://hscintheholidays.com.au>

#### **College of Event Management Information Session**

Friday 27 November, 6.30pm, Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills. Course and career opportunities. Contact: 1300 725 846 or enquires@coem.edu.au, <http://www.collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions>

#### **ACU Make the Right Choice**

Canberra Campus: Thursday 17 December 2015, 5.30pm - 7pm.

North Sydney and Strathfield Campuses: Tuesday 5 January 2016, 9am - 1pm.

Students who are exploring study options for 2016 and would like advice, academic and admissions experts will be available to answer questions at ACU's, *Make the Right Choice* sessions. Students with queries on ACU's Updated Education Course Prerequisites and Education Pathway Options for 2016 should also attend. Visit [www.acu.edu.au/apply2016](http://www.acu.edu.au/apply2016)

#### **Whitehouse Institute of Design Registrations**

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Summer Workshops in Fashion Illustration, Image Styling, Sewing and Interiors Illustration. These workshops will be held from Monday 4 to Friday 15 January 2016, at the Sydney campus, 2 Short Street, Surry Hills. For bookings phone 1300 551 433.

#### **Raffles College of Design and Commerce**

Raffles College is now accepting applications and enrollments for next year, with flexible entry requirements available for all courses. Students don't need Year 12 results to commence their creative studies with us. Contact us via email: [contact@raffles.edu.au](mailto:contact@raffles.edu.au), phone: (02) 9633 3800 or our website [www.raffles.edu.au](http://www.raffles.edu.au).

#### **Kickstart your Media Career at UNSW**

The digital media, communication and entertainment industries are rapidly changing. Find out how a UNSW degree in media can place you at the forefront of creative media, whether your interest lies in screen and sound, digital and mobile, graphics, games, journalism or advertising and PR. Hear from our panel of teaching academic staff and industry-based graduates about the breadth of study options within media at UNSW.

When: Tuesday 15 December 2015 from 6pm - 8pm (AEDT) - [Add to Calendar](#)

Where: The Black Box Media and Production Space - D106, First Floor, D Block. UNSW Art and Design, Greens Rd Paddington, NSW 2021 AU - [View Map](#)

For more information about how to [Kickstart your Media career at UNSW, register now](#)

### **Work Experience**

#### **Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia**

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia offers on-campus work experience for design/education orientated Year 10 students. The week at Whitehouse would provide the opportunity for students to watch and learn about photo shoots, sit-in on illustration and design classes and workshops, as well as experience some of the core administrative tasks in a design college, such as Graphic Design for Advertising, Social Media Management and Reception Duties. Contact 1300 551 433.

Mrs Bower, Mrs Kesby and Mrs Mitchell

# Carols by Candlelight

Friday  
18 December 2015

5.30-7.30pm Family Festival  
7.45pm Carols by Candlelight

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## School bus number changes



### From the start of the school year 2016

Most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers.

Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services.

Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website [sydneybuses.info](http://sydneybuses.info)

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### CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 9A

Tuesday 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 9 Reports Emailed</li> <li>• Presentation Night Assembly - 7pm, MPC</li> </ul>
Wednesday 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Mathematics 2U</li> <li>• Sports Awards Presentation Assembly - 9.20am, MPC</li> </ul>
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