

# NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1

Week 3A

17 February 2017



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony

One of the most prestigious events on the Cherrybrook Technology High School calendar is the High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony, which celebrates the HSC achievements of the previous year's Year 12 cohort. In his speech, Mr Johnson showed some very impressive statistics, highlighting the outstanding achievements and the exponential growth in CTHS's results since 2002. This year there were 423 listings on the Distinguished Achievers list, showcasing the broad range of talents of our students and a personal best for the school. Academic excellence was shown by the nine students who achieved ATARs greater than 99 and the 100 students who achieved an ATAR over 90! Over half of the year group were invited back to participate in the High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony, having reached the top band of achievement in at least one course of study. Congratulations to all students for such outstanding results. As a school we are proud of your efforts and celebrate your success with you. A special mention for two of our highest achievers, Dominik Strbik with an ATAR of 99.85 and Keshini Vijayan with an ATAR of 99.75. Dominik received the Commonwealth Bank Award for the highest ATAR and Keshini received the Cherrybrook P&C Award.

Valerie Ling, an inaugural Captain of CTHS, gave the address as well as five tips for navigating a pathway post HSC, which are included below:

1. Appreciate the detours. Life is a journey and there is no rush to have it all figured out. The degree I was initially accepted into was a Bachelor of Music. I did not pursue that. The degree I started with was a combined Law/Arts degree, I did not finish with that. After a year of Law, I moved into Education. After a year of Education, I settled on Psychology. I majored in Organisational Psychology and had my first two jobs in the corporate sector. I enrolled in a Masters of Organisational Psychology before realising that I wanted to be a Clinical Psychologist. So I retrained there. Along the way I have come to appreciate detours. The scenic route is not necessarily straightforward, but it does allow you to meet a whole bunch of different people and gain a whole bunch of different contextual knowledge. This helps to clarify what really interests you and where you want develop.
2. Figure out your common denominator. I don't know what you believe about having a personal mission, but I find this incredibly important. Figure out what it is that brings joy and purpose to you. What are the issues that engage your heart as well as your mind? Across all the career paths I explored, my common denominator was that I loved the complexity of people, and I valued spending time in their world. I learned so much from their struggles and I admired their courage to keep on going. I worked out that human suffering was not something that was intimidating. It is poignant and dignified. I feel a great sense of purpose, passion and enjoyment in what I do.
3. Compassion above Competition: You have just gotten used to running an academic race, to do the best you can. If we are not careful, the pursuit of excellence can push us into a never ending chase for higher and better grades. This translates even to when we get to work. My encouragement is to work on pursuing compassion above competition - even now. Choose to give to others before taking. Think about the struggle of your fellow course mates. Choose to see their point of view. Work collaboratively.
4. Be a part of something bigger than yourself: Seek out avenues where you feel the privilege of serving a cause that makes a difference, even if you cannot see it in the immediate. Try out being a cog, even a small one, in the wheels of making a change. It helps to be a part of a larger cause to buffer out the individual disappointments and challenges you may face.
5. Have courage: To make mistakes, to say "I don't know", to seek counsel, to remain open to the input of others. Take learning risks that put you in the direct path of asking for input and assistance. Put up your hand not only for the questions you know the answer to, but the ones you do not. It helps to know that it is not just about what you achieve, but also about who you are becoming.

### Additional New Staff for 2017

In addition to the new staff who were introduced in Week 1, we are also fortunate to have the following people join the Cherrybrook team, Magali Mello (Science) and Mark Hamilton (TAS).



Magali Mello  
Science



Mark Hamilton  
TAS



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### Road Safety

With the start of the 2017 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to ask all parents to speak to their children about the importance of road safety. We frequently receive phone calls from concerned members of the general public regarding students crossing the road inappropriately or riding bikes dangerously. The two areas of greatest concern are at the front of the school and at the lights on New Line Road. Often when students have their headphones in their ears, they have little awareness of what is going on around them. This lack of awareness also extends to students who ride their bikes or skateboards to school.

This important message was also reinforced at our School Assemblies this week.

### School Photos

School photos took place for the entire school on Monday with a catch-up day on Wednesday. It was obvious students went to great efforts to ensure they looked their best for the day. School Photo Day ran extremely smoothly as a result of Mrs Penhall and Mrs Tolhurst's fine organisation skills and we thank them for their efforts.

Some parents have contacted the school with the request to buy additional photos. The process you have to follow is outlined below:

Parents can order photos via the website <http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au> and follow the prompts. Please note there is a \$1 handling fee. In addition to the student's name other information that will be required is the student's Roll Call class and the school code which is X288HSB37C (this code is case sensitive).

Photos ordered online will be delivered to school and given to the student to take home.

### Lu Wan Visit

On Thursday we welcomed our Chinese visitors. Mr Clements practiced his Chinese greeting to students, who then enjoyed going to classes Aussie style. Thank you to Ms Wu for her organisation and to the CTHS families who have agreed to host these students as part of our Cultural Exchange Program.



### Year 7 Swimming Carnival

Year 7 students and a number of Year 11 Peer Support Leaders were lucky to enjoy a beautiful sunny day for their Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on Friday. This Carnival was well attended, with many students participating in a range of events including the novelty races. It was great to see the enjoyment of all students as they competed at their first High School Carnival for 2017. A big thank you goes to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders, who encouraged Year 7 students on the day, as well as the PE staff for their organisation of the event.

### Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder, Tuesday 21 February will be the first of our Parent/Teacher Interviews for 2017, with Year 12 parents having the opportunity to meet their child's teachers from 4pm - 7pm in the MPC, to discuss their progress thus far. Year 12 students are also encouraged to attend and learn some strategies they need to implement for the road ahead to the HSC. Bookings for the night can be made on the Parent Portal. These bookings must be finalised by 5pm, Monday 20 February.

### Valentine's Day

A Happy Valentine's Day for many was spent on Tuesday, as they received roses at school. Our SRC has worked tirelessly this week to sell, organise and wrap, many, many roses to make this the special day that it is. A Wandering Minstrel trio delivered roses at lunchtime, there were love song dedications and a photo booth was available for special photos. Money raised will be donated to Mission Australian for Homelessness and to Ovarian Cancer Research. A big thank you must go to Mrs Fletcher, Mr Laginestra, Miss Campbell and the entire SRC team for their incredible efforts this week.

The P&C meeting was also held on Tuesday night. We all felt the love in the new library and celebrated the official opening of this excellent new space, which is shared by staff and students. The next P&C Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 21 March in the Staff Common Room at 8pm. We encourage all parents to become involved in this wonderful body, which supports the staff and students in so many ways. Put the date in your diary!

Mrs Bevan



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### Valentine's Day 2017: Chill-Out Club Special Edition

Chill-Out Club held a special party on Tuesday this week for Valentine's Day. Students were each given half a heart and had to find their partner in order to enter the party. The partners were well-known cartoon characters such as Shrek and Fiona and Mickey and Minnie. Once students entered, they were treated to a wonderful display of food art, with hearts made from Strawberry Oreos, Raspberry lollies and a giant heart made from M&Ms. Students had decorated a range of biscuits and Mrs Bevan judged four winners who were all awarded Valentine's Day prizes. There were red drinks, lasagne and pink biscuits galore. Thank you to all the students who created decorations and the food displays and those who helped clean up afterwards! Our next party will be Friday Week 10 and will have an Easter theme. Chill-Out Club is open every Monday for chat and computers and every Friday for movies in D1.3. Don't forget about Card and Game Club on Tuesdays, Homework Club on Wednesdays and Thursday Club when we create all the decorations for the parties. Hope to see you all there.

Miss Deadman



#### 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.

#### 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 be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.**



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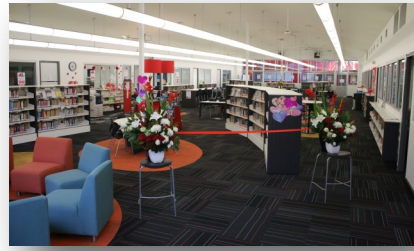


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## FROM THE LIBRARY



*Library Opening*



### **Study Skills Reminder for Year 12**

The Study Techniques/Sleep Seminar will be held on Friday 24 February. Payment/permission notes are due so please complete these if you have not already done so. A complimentary Parent Information Seminar will be held on Thursday 23 February at 7pm in C2.1. This seminar will enable families to encourage and support students in their planning and preparations. For catering purposes, could parents please return the attendance note. Spare notes are available in the library.

### **Literature Festival 2016**

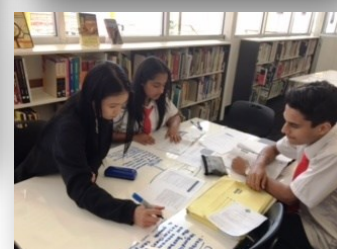
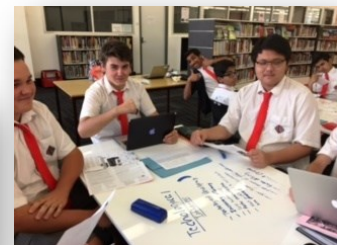
One of the presenters at this Festival was Candy Royalle. Poetry from her workshop with CTHS students can now be viewed at <http://redroomcompany.org/projects/cherrybrook-technology-high-school/> and follow the link on the left. [Click here](#) to read the poems from the day.

### **Renovation**

The P&C has generously funded the furnishing of the rejuvenated library, with wonderful shelving and inviting tables and seating. One great addition is the whiteboard tables. This is an evolution of butchers paper, which has long served students when brainstorming and developing concepts in collaborative tasks. Ms Kumar's Business class is enjoying the flexibility of these tables.

Pictured above are some images from the library opening.

Ms Halder



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## CAREERS UPDATE

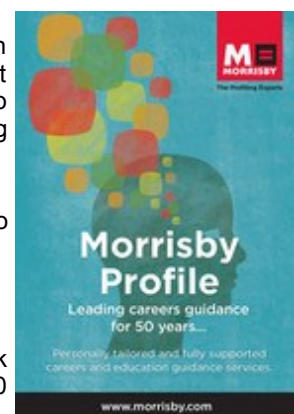
### Morrisby Career Assessment Program Years 9 - 12

Students interested in completing the Morrisby career profiling tool, please collect a lime green permission note from outside the careers office, located in the library. This tool combines a career interest questionnaire with a series of skills tests, to determine the strengths and abilities of candidates. No special preparation or study is required. The test costs \$100 and will take approximately 3.5 hours, during school time on Tuesday 7 March.

NB: The Morrisby Career Assessment is for students who are unclear about their career path **or** who have a firm idea and want to know if this coincides with their natural skills and interests.

### Work Experience Opportunities

Students interested in participating in work experience in 2017, please see Mr Baird to collect a Work Experience Form. These forms, along with a work place learning unit, have been forwarded to Year 10 students via their school emails.



### Macquarie University Hospital

MUH has opportunities for work experience and are open for expressions of interest during the month of February. They will be doing one intake for the entire year.

### Taronga Zoological Park

Students interested in taking part in a work experience program at Taronga Zoo, will need to complete an application. These applications must be collected from the careers office, located in the library.

### Meet-a-Keeper Excursion

Students interested in a career with animals and who might be interested in this excursion, please see Mr Baird in the careers office, located in the library.

### Defence Force Work Experience Opportunities

Information in the careers office, located in the library.



### UMAT 2017 - Reminder for Undergraduate Programs in Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science

Registrations close 2 June. UMAT test on 26 July. Results will be released late September. <https://umat.acer.edu.au/>

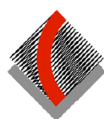
Mrs Bower and Mr Baird

## CLOTHING POOL

### CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, the First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience, through kind donations from the CTHS community.

For more information please contact Sara at [uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com](mailto:uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com)



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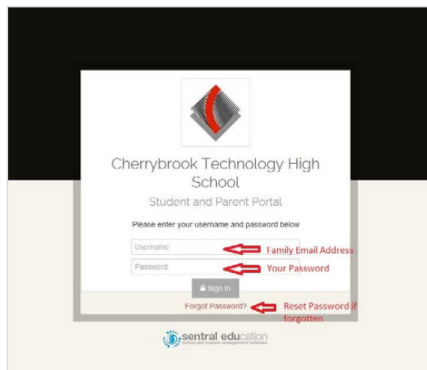
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## Year 12 Parent/Teacher Night Tuesday 21 February 2017 4pm - 7pm MPC

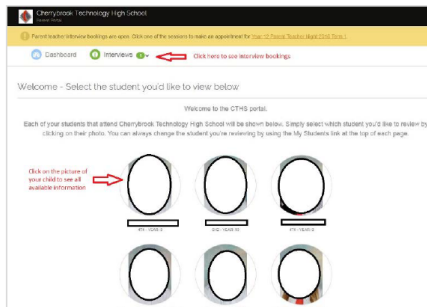
Bookings can be made via the CTHS Parent Portal (<http://oasis2.cherrybrook.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>) from 9am, Monday 13 February to 5pm, Sunday 19 February 2017.



Your **User Name** will be the family email address nominated in the school's enrolment data.

Your **Password** was created by you when you created the account. There is a reset password function on the login screen if you have forgotten.

**It is not necessary to re-enter a family key**, the link to your child/children will continue from the time the account was first created.



Once logged in, click on the notice about the upcoming interview session or click on the picture of your child, then click on the large word **'Dashboard'** to access your child's information.

Select the available time for each of your child's teachers.

**Please remember to take a copy of the bookings and bring this with you on the night**, as it is not possible to provide you with this information once you arrive at the venue.



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	23 April.....	Zenith Jazz Sextet
	21 May.....	Sydney Youth Jazz Orchestra

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CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 4B	
Monday 20 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Blitz Week</li> <li>• Year 12 Geography Excursion</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews - 4pm-7pm, MPC</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• Year 8 Drama Incursion</li> </ul>
Thursday 23 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• Year 12 Parent Study Skills Evening Seminar - 7pm, C2.1</li> </ul>
Friday 24 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• Year 12 Study Skills &amp; Sleep Seminar - pds 1, 2 &amp; 3</li> </ul>



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