

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Dr Chris Ferrie

On Friday, I was privileged to meet Dr Chris Ferrie, a published author of Quantum Physics and also, in what may seem to be a strange combination, children's literature. Dr Ferrie is a researcher at UTS where he specialises in Quantum Computing, an area of research in which Australian Scientists are at the absolute forefront. The potential of such technology is truly mind blowing and if successful will completely change the society in which we currently live. He has reached out to the school to develop some links and proposed a program developed by UTS, involving our students, who will peer-review research papers to determine the suitability and relevance of the language to a younger audience.

Thank you to Mr LaGinestra and Mr Fairclough whose networking has facilitated this exciting new partnership.

### P&C Meeting

The final P&C meeting for 2017 was held on Tuesday evening and parents had the opportunity to provide invaluable feedback relating to the performance of the school. Those in attendance were able to identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and potential areas for improvement. The collation of this data will prove to be valuable, moving forward, as we develop our strategic plan for the next three years. Thank you to those in attendance who provided such thoughtful insights. The first meeting for 2018 is scheduled for 13 February 2018 and will feature a recap of the 2017 HSC results.

### Swimming Carnival

Since the closure of Parramatta Pool earlier this year to accommodate the redevelopment of Parramatta Stadium, the PDHPE staff needed to find an appropriate venue for our carnival to be held. Cue the Aquatic Centre at Homebush, where our annual carnival was held on Wednesday this week. Given it is an indoor venue, the PE staff were not avidly checking the Bureau of Meteorology, as previously has been the case, hoping for fine weather. The carnival was a resounding success, despite what can only be described as unexceptional attendance by our students. Students were able to compete, socialise and marvel at the talents of their peers. With the final result of the carnival not known until the Year 7 Swimming Carnival early next year, it was pleasing to see students participating. Thank you to the PE staff for organising the event and to the huge number of student volunteers whose assistance is essential for the smooth running of the day.

### End of Year Arrangements

A reminder to all parents the school year continues for students up to and including Friday 15 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.

After consultation with the P&C, this year the school day will finish at the end of period 4 on Friday 15 December, with an assembly in the MPC. Students will be dismissed at this time to go home. The bus companies have been informed of these arrangements, but unfortunately cannot provide school bus services at that time. Students will need to travel home on normal timetabled schedules or arrange alternative transport. Any parent who needs to have their child supervised until 3.00pm on this final day should contact the school **in writing**, so this may be arranged.

### Major Ceremonies

Commencing next week, a number of local primary schools will be using our hall for their presentation ceremonies. These events are scheduled at various times throughout the final weeks and this will have a direct impact on local vehicular access. All this activity culminates in our final ceremonies which will be held on the following dates and times:

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day:	Tuesday 5 December in the MPC from 9am until 11am
Presentation Night Ceremony:	Tuesday 5 December in the MPC from 7pm
Sports Awards Ceremony:	Thursday 7 December in the MPC from 9.20am
Presentation Day Assemblies:	Friday 8 December in the MPC - Year 7 from 9am; Year 8 from 10.45am; Year 9 from 1.15pm

### Year 10 Transition Assembly, Tuesday 12 December

Parents please note: There is very little parking in the Cherrybrook Technology High School vicinity, exacerbated by the closure of the staff carparks to accommodate the building project. If possible, please utilise public transport, a car pool or walk to school and do not park across the driveways of local residents as this is impolite, as well as illegal, and it is quite possible the Council Rangers may also be in attendance. The boom gates will prevent parental access to the school carparks. Please allow ample time to park and make your way to the venue for the designated start times.

CTHS Swimming Carnival



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### Building Update

This week has been a busy one for many staff as the English, IT, LOTE and ESL staff packed up their office space in preparation for the new modular staff rooms to be relocated from Artarmon Public School. Staff took the move in their stride and managed to uproot their resources to take up a temporary residence in the Library seminar rooms. In what is a busy time of year the professionalism of all concerned is a testament to the culture of our staff. The existing staffrooms are to be disassembled and removed from site mid next week. The contractors will establish a compound in the main staff carpark early next week and this will potentially provide further disruption on Purchase Road, particularly when the demountable rooms are removed from site.

Up in the new J Block, internal finishes are beginning to be installed on the ground floor, most of the first floor brick work is complete, and the windows are continuing to be installed. The roofing contractors are back on site, therefore we anticipate completion of the roof in the near future.



### Market Day

Today the HSIE faculty held its Market Day, an opportunity for students in Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) studying Commerce to test their entrepreneurial skills in a competitive marketplace. The creativity of students and their strategic planning are to be commended, as is the dedication of the teaching staff who organised and managed the event.

Mr Townsend

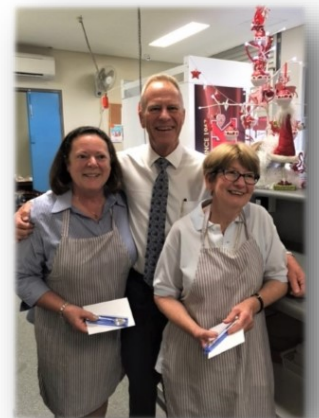
### Canteen Volunteers

On a sad note, Friday was the final day with Carol Preston and Pauline Peacock working as volunteers in our school canteen.

Both women have stayed on as volunteers long after their children left Cherrybrook Technology High School. In Carol's case her son, Ross, graduated in 2006, whilst Pauline had three children at the school, Alan, Robert and Laura, who was the youngest, graduating in 2014.

I am sure the entire community joins me in wishing these two wonderful women all the best for the future and thanks them for their sterling service to our school.

Mr Johnson



### *Gold Award*

Congratulations to the following student who has achieved a Gold Award. This Award will be formally presented at the appropriate end-of-year Assembly.

Samarth Ganju Year 8

### *Silver Awards*

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Silver Awards. These Awards will be formally presented at the appropriate end-of-year Assemblies.

Adelea Kee	Year 11/12
Yvonne Huang	Year 9
Samarth Ganju	Year 8
Hayley Scowen	Year 8
Sean Yam	Year 8



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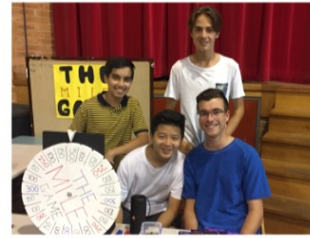


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## Market Day



### Correct Procedure When Approaching Pedestrian Crossings

As you approach a pedestrian crossing or children's crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a 'STOP Children Crossing' sign, you must **slow down and stop**. You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed.



Stop signs may be placed at an intersection immediately after a pedestrian crossing. You must stop at the stop sign even if you have already stopped at the pedestrian crossing.

**Please Note:** If the road beyond a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing is blocked, you **MUST NOT** drive onto the crossing.

For more information, visit the RMS website <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/pedestrians.html#Children'scrossings>

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### World of Maths

On Monday 20 November, 118 students from Years 7 and 8 enjoyed hands-on problem solving activities, participating in the World of Maths sessions. Through seventeen stations students discovered new ways to think 'outside the square' and develop advanced problem solving strategies. They were kept intrigued and challenged by activities including Hexagon Haunt, untangling themselves from chains and Problem Pipes. Many thanks to Mr Singh for organising such a successful day.

Below is a personal reflection from Shaan Bakshi, Year 8, who participated in the day:

"Selected students from Years 7 and 8 were invited to participate in an event exploring Maths. This event was held in C2.1. There were 55 Year 8 students and 63 Year 7 students at the event and everything was planned well. We were assigned many different problems which we had to solve within one hour and 30 minutes. These problems were extremely difficult and students had to work in groups of four to finish them. The activities needed teamwork to be done and my group was able to perform as a team. In the end we didn't finish all the activities but, we had fun. I believe everyone gained some knowledge in solving Mathematical problems. This clearly assisted our Mathematics skills and was a great experience. I would like to thank Mr Singh and Ms Iacona who organised this for us."

Ms Iacona



*Kathy Wang, Andy Peng,  
Jerry Zheng & Liya Ruan*

### From the Library

Every year the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge offers the opportunity, beyond the thrill of the read, to get recognition for students' enthusiasm for children's literature. We congratulate 30 students who received certificates at their assembly this week. Two students were awarded the Premier's Reading Challenge Medal. This is awarded to students who have completed the Challenge every year from Year 3 to 9. Chris Konieczny and Monica Li have enjoyed hours of reading and now have a medal to acknowledge this.

Reading is simply a pleasure beyond measure so remember to borrow for the holidays. There is always the option of reading an eBook from our collection, no weight, no forgetting and no overdue.

Below is some artwork by Matthew Lin who was a presenter at our Literary Festival.

Ms Halder



## CAREERS UPDATE



### University Info Days

If you have applied for university for 2018, you might be a bit nervous right now. Getting your results and making your final course decision can be tough. Once upon a time, students had to wait weeks or months between receiving their results and being offered a place, but now the 'Powers That Be' have made some changes to dates and everything happens much quicker than it used to.

### What does this mean for you?

If you finished Year 12 in 2017 and have applied for university, it means you will only have a little while to change your preferences once you have received your marks before the main round of offers. This year, results are released on the dates below and in some states, the option to change your preferences for the main round closes only a week or so afterwards.

State	Admissions Centre	Results Released	Change of Preferences Close
NSW & ACT	UAC	15 December	17 December
Victoria	VTAC	15 December	20 December
Queensland	QTAC	16 December	18 December
WA	TISC	19 December	4 January
SA (&NT)	SATAC	19 December	4 January

Don't freak out, there are still ways to change your mind later and a number of uni students change degree paths during their degree. It is not unusual and you are never 'locked-in' to finishing anything, but it is a good idea to change your preferences as soon as you know your results.

### Why would you change your preferences?

- You got a better mark than you expected and want to apply for a more competitive course
- You did not do as well as you had hoped and want to change to a more realistic course
- Perhaps you have changed your mind in the time between applying and getting your results and want to take a different path
- A new (and more appealing) course has just become available or you recently found out about a course you did not know existed
- Sometimes universities choose to cancel a course and you may want to replace it.

It is a big decision, but now you have more information (ie your results) it is wise to rethink your options. To help you make the best choice, many universities hold special 'Change of Preference' sessions (sometimes they are called 'Info Days') where you can get one-on-one advice and find out about your options. You will also find lots of information about university preparation courses, extracurricular activities, accommodation services and alternative entry pathways.

Below is a list of the upcoming Change of Preference Sessions:

### Australian Catholic University - Know Your Options Sessions

Canberra and Sydney - Friday 15 December

[http://www.acu.edu.au/about\\_acu/our\\_university/contact/events/know\\_your\\_options\\_information\\_sessions](http://www.acu.edu.au/about_acu/our_university/contact/events/know_your_options_information_sessions)

### CQ Uni Sydney - Friday 15 December

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/campaigns/open-days>

### Macquarie University - Saturday 16 December

<https://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/info-day-2017/>

### University of Notre Dame - Course Advice Sessions run until 29 December, book a session online:

<http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2017/course-advice-sydney>

### University of Sydney - Saturday 16 December

<http://infoday.sydney.edu.au/>

### UNSW Info Day - Saturday 16 December

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/info-day>

### UTS - Saturday 16 December, 9am-2pm

<https://infoday.uts.edu.au/>

### UNSW High School Computing (HS1511)

Do you love computing? Would you like to start a university course while in Year 11 or 12?

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/computer-science-engineering/computer-science-engineering/computer-science-engineering/high-school-computing-course-application>

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## Canteen News

School lunches can be ordered online via Flexischools; a quick, easy and cashless way to order school lunches.

Simply logon to the website [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and register your child's details.

All orders are required to be submitted before 9.30am each day.

Orders will be ready for your child to collect from the canteen at lunchtime.

### 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.*



## Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

Come to a FREE two hour workshop full of practical advice and information for parents, carers and supervisors of learner drivers completing the Graduated Licensing Scheme.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

#### TIME & DATE:

6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Thursday  
30th November, 2017

#### VENUE:

Hornsby Shire Council  
Chambers Building  
296 Peats Ferry Rd  
Hornsby

#### BOOK NOW ON:

Online via:  
[www.trybooking.com/NHQX](http://www.trybooking.com/NHQX)  
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Helping learner drivers  
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## SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

**THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES:**

**MODULE ONE:**  
A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**MODULE TWO:**  
A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach.  
**Course cost: \$140**

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3-for-1 scheme cannot be included.

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:**

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)

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**Canterbury Jackets**

Change of Supplier **SALE**

**\$50 Each**

Available from Front Office

*Fittings essential as no refunds provided!*

**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'.

**CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 8B**

Monday 27 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Aboriginal Studies Excursion - Canberra</li> <li>• Presentation Night Rehearsal - pds 3, 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>• Year 9 Debating Competition</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Chemistry</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Aboriginal Studies Excursion - Canberra</li> <li>• Cherrybald - C2.1</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - English - Standard and Advanced</li> <li>• Information Evening: French Study Tour 2018 - A2.11</li> </ul>
Wednesday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Aboriginal Studies Excursion - Canberra</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Mathematics</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Food Technology</li> </ul>
Thursday 30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band &amp; Choir Orientation Workshops - C2.1 &amp; MPC</li> <li>• Year 8 Medieval Day</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - SAC</li> </ul>
Friday 1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Engineering Studies</li> <li>• Year 10 Debating Competition</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Biology</li> </ul>



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