

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Mr Townsend to Relieve as Principal

I will be finishing work this Friday, 11 May, and taking an extended break and travelling for the remainder of the term. As many of you are aware, I have reached retirement age and during this break from the school will be considering my future. My chief focus in any decision I make will be, as it has been for the past sixteen years, the welfare of our students and the continued advancement of our wonderful school.

Early next term I will provide you with an update about the future leadership of the school. In the meantime I'm confident Mr Townsend will do an excellent job. Pleasingly, I am very comfortable in the knowledge that he has the full support of staff, students and the community.

### Stage 5 Parent / Teacher Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many parents take the time to visit the school on Tuesday evening to discuss their child's progress with teachers.

Perhaps it is our online booking system, but it was terrific to see so many parents attending the evening. Congratulations to all involved.

### NAPLAN

A reminder for parents with students in Years 7 and 9, the annual NAPLAN tests will take place next week.

The tests will commence on Tuesday 15 May and conclude with the 'catch up' day on Friday 18 May. Students should do their best in the tests and not spend time becoming stressed over preparing for the tests or agonising over the degree of difficulty of the papers.

As I have said many times, the tests are diagnostic and designed to help the school determine areas where we may need to concentrate in order to help improve student outcomes.

Remember, the tests are only one measure taken on one day and do not in any way reflect the total ability level of an individual candidate. However, it is most important all students apply themselves to the best of their ability.

### School Plan and Annual Report Available

A reminder, the school's three-year plan and our 2017 Annual Report are now available for download from our school website at <http://cths.nsw.edu.au>.

The Annual Report details the many successes of the school and provides information in relation to our performance in all external examinations including the Higher School Certificate and NAPLAN. The Report also includes a detailed analysis of the progress of our previous school plan.

Please take the time to look through this valuable document.

### Grade Sport Finals

Thursday of last week saw seventeen school teams competing in summer grade sport finals. Pleasingly, the school was successful in seven matches. The following winning teams are now Zone Champions: Hockey boys A&B; handball boys 9/10; volleyball boys B; speedaway girls A; futsal 15 girls A and squash.

Even more pleasing was the way students conducted themselves during the finals, competing spiritedly, but being respectful of their opposition and, at all times, displaying good sportsmanship.

My congratulations are extended to all participants.

### SCHOOL CARPARKS

Boom gates have been installed to both school carparks. Parking is available to staff only, between the hours of 7am and 4pm school days. Ample street parking is available for visitors to the school.



### **Kokoda Preparation at Govetts Leap, Blue Mountains**

Staff and students have been busy preparing for the school's forthcoming Kokoda track expedition, which is to take place in the July holidays. All members of the group have been in intensive training, with students and staff engaging in a number of wilderness walks over the past few weeks. Participants have already satisfied their water safety requirements and have been busy breaking in new hiking boots and organising the required vaccinations.

The trip will be a marvellous experience helping each individual to understand the extraordinary demands made on our servicemen during the Second World War.

I know the entire community joins me in wishing all participants well as they prepare to undertake their challenge.



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### Updated Staff Studies

Apart from our wonderful new 'J Block' building with our superb classrooms and cutting edge technology and furniture, we have recently had the opening of our new two level staffrooms in a relocatable building, which had previously been at Artarmon Public School.

These areas finally provide our English and Mathematics staff with up-to-date professional facilities for lesson preparation, marking and collaborative programming and planning. Both large KLA groups have happily settled into their new surroundings and are making the most of their additional space and facilities.



### Congratulations to...

- Rahul Desai, Year 10, who represented NSW at the 2018 Pizzey Cup National Tennis Championships.

Mr Johnson

### 2018 Pizzey Cup National Tennis Championships

From 28 April until 6 May I represented NSW at the 2018 Pizzey Cup National Tennis Championships, held in Brisbane at the University of Queensland. Each state had a team consisting of eight boys and eight girls from private, public and catholic high schools all over the state. The tournament was made up of players 18 years and under though I happened to be the youngest in the team. The four trials to get here were quite tough but I had to compete fiercely to get through. It was an amazing experience competing against the top 18/u players across the nation and with tennis being such a lonely sport it was a great opportunity to travel and compete together as a team for a whole week. NSW ended up with an awesome result by defeating all the states and winning the Pizzey Cup. The days were long and rigorous supporting each other and also playing singles doubles or mixed doubles. Though it was an expensive trip it was worth every cent, learning so much, making many friends and enjoying an experience of a lifetime. It was an honour to represent CTHS, Sydney North and NSW and I thank you all for your support and encouragement.

Rahul Desai, Year 10



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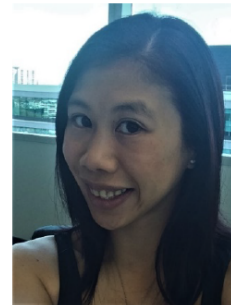
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# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Sandy Chan

**Current Role:** Assessment Officer  
Child Protection Services, NSW Department  
of Education

**Graduated  
CTHS:** 2001



### What's your current role?

I recently commenced a role as an Assessment Officer with the Department of Education in their Child Protection Services team. I graduated from University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree and have worked in the field since.

### Did you always want to be a Social Worker?

I've always wanted to work with children and considered a career in teaching. However, in Year 12 I attended a seminar at Westmead Children's Hospital where they spoke about the role of a Social Worker. I was intrigued and it was at that moment that I realised this is what I want to do. I want to be an advocate for vulnerable children.

### How did you come to your current role?

I have been in the Public Service since I graduated from University in 2005. My first job was with the Department of Family and Community Services, FACS (formerly known as DOCS) as a Caseworker with their central intake unit. After a few years I went to England for a year for a working holiday where I worked as a Social Worker for Coventry Council's Social Services team. This was an invaluable life experience where I developed personally and professionally. When I returned to Sydney I went back to FACS and was there for over 10yrs in various positions such as a Child Protection Team Leader and Manager. After being with the same Department for such a long time I needed a change and decided to seek opportunities elsewhere. Hence, I am now starting a new chapter with the Department of Education!

### What does your average day look like?

I provide support and advice to schools in regards to Child Protection matters. Principals contact me and provide me with information regarding concerns they have for a child and/or young person. Concerns can be in regards to physical harm, sexual abuse, neglect, psychological harm etc. We have a professional discussion and based on the information provided I make an assessment and advise of next steps. Outcomes may include monitoring, referral to services and/or reporting to the Department of Family and Community Services.

### Tips for those in high school that aren't sure what they want to do?

Do your research! Speak to your career advisor, teachers, friends, and family. Sometimes people make suggestions that you didn't even consider, which is exactly my case! Of course, a high ATAR will open up a lot of opportunities so studying hard is important. However, it is also not the end of the world if you didn't achieve the score you wanted. There are many paths to get to where you want to be.

I'm a believer that you should choose a career that you are passionate about and able to gain satisfaction from. You spend a huge amount of time at work so you should choose something that you enjoy as you are investing your most precious asset, time.

It doesn't matter if you haven't got life all figured out at 18, most of us don't! It's ok if you don't get it right the first, second, or even the third time. Just don't give up! In the bigger picture of things your working life will amount to 40+ years. A few wrong turns here and there may be blessings in disguise!



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## Mock Trial Round 2

In round two of the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition, the Cherrybrook Technology High school team recently competed against Rouse Hill High School. The students who participated include: Daniel Monteiro and Charlotte Cameron (Barristers); Shakila Muthukuda and Madison Pryor (Witnesses); Sophia Koller (Solicitor) and Dwara Ratnasiva (Clerk). Cherrybrook succeeded in this challenging trial which was to obtain money for the plaintiff in equity. The magistrate commended the presentation skills of the participants of this trial and provided us with beneficial feedback. Thank you to Mr Fernandez for organising this trial which was such a valuable experience. Our team looks forward to Round 3 of this competition against Baulkham Hills High School.

Dwara Ratnasiva, Year 10



## UPCOMING SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENTS

### CTHS Trivia Night

'Save the date' for the CTHS Annual Trivia Night, Friday 29 June, a fun night for a great cause! All money raised will be going to our sister school in Cambodia. Booking details will be released soon, so start organising tables with friends and family.

### CTHS Movie Night

CTHS is holding a Movie Night, watching the new film *Ocean's 8* at Event Cinemas Castle Hill, Friday 8 June at 6.30pm. Tickets are \$16 each, with profits being donated to The Sanctuary - The Hills Women's Shelter, a local charity which provides support and accommodation to victims of domestic violence. Students, parents, teachers, friends and family are all invited. Only 140 tickets available so get in quick! Tickets go on sale from the start of Week 3, next to the Canteen at lunchtime every day.

The Social Justice Team

### Human Torso Model Donation

Thank you to the Demopoulos Family for donating a human torso model to the Science KLA. The model has removable organs, a visible backbone and a removable head! It will be used to help demonstrate the positions of different organs and body systems to students.

Mrs Siratkov

## FROM THE LIBRARY

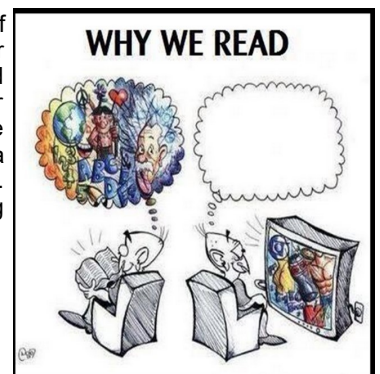
Parents of Year 7 should see an encouraging transformation in the time management skills of students. Days will pass smoothly as focused and organised students, with schedules clearly mapped, enjoy their routines and rituals. The timetable may require updating when activities change. For revision, practise, suggestions and additional resources, students can go to [Canvas/library181/files/studyskills](#) to find a link to Elevate Education/Year 7 Study Skills, Junior Time Management. There are also links for other years and components of this program.

The Premier's Reading Challenge promotes reading, not as a competition, but as a personal (highly enjoyable) challenge. The benefits of wide reading are well established. All the components of literacy, vocabulary, structure/grammar, comprehension, writing skills, etc. will benefit. Insight into other lives, experiences, challenges, worlds and possibilities will be revealed.

Followers of the Premier's Reading Challenge should have logged on at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> The Challenge opened a month ago and will continue until 31 August. Any Year 7, 8 or 9 students can participate, including those who have never participated before. Your Departmental login is used.

Ms Sorensen, one of your teacher-librarians, does more than just acquire resources for CTHS staff and students. Although the many books are a challenge too grand, selecting some to be her companions on a reading journey is an achievable goal, which she is sharing via the red noticeboard in the library. Follow her on this endless journey. You do not need to feel sorry for her because the pleasure, benefits and joy, and sometimes frustration and even disappointment, are all thrilling elements of the journey. Share your love of reading and write a review in Oliver, make a shelf talker for our shelves and discuss your discoveries with friends, family and your teachers. Reluctant readers, conquer your hesitations with something not too overwhelming and having experienced a buzz, discover more and more and more...

Ms Halder



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## CAREERS UPDATE

### JobJump

JobJump is an excellent Careers Resource which CTHS subscribes to each year, with relevant information which is well categorised. Please subscribe using the password 'fox' to identify you are part of the CTHS community. This resource is available for students and parents. One excellent feature is called *My ATAR*, which enables the user to choose an anticipated ATAR and see which courses will enable entry, based on ATAR cut-offs from last year. <https://www.jobjump.com.au>

### Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies Year 11 and 12 Information Evening

Tuesday 29 May, Sydney Nanoscience Hub. Join us for the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies' Year 11 and 12 Information Evening to discover everything you need to know about studying Engineering, Computing, Technology or Project Management at Sydney University. Find out more:

<http://whatson.sydney.edu.au/events/published/feit-year-11-and-year-12-parents-information-evening>

### Macquarie University Student and Parent Info Evening

Wednesday 23 May, Marquee, Eastern Rd. At Macquarie, we are all about unconventional thinking, open collaboration and making connections with diverse people and perspectives to create real change. Find out more:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/student-and-parent-information-evening-2/>

### UNSW Sydney Scholarships Information Evening

Tuesday 5 June, John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington. The Scholarships Information Evening provides depth and detail on the range of scholarships at UNSW and the application process. This evening is aimed at Year 11 and 12 students and their parents. Find out more: <https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/scholarships-information-evening-0>

### InTech Major HSC Industrial Tech Projects Exhibition

This exhibition covers all Industrial Technology focus areas, Timber Products and Furniture, Automotive, Electronics, Graphics, Metal and Engineering, and Multimedia. The exhibition includes students' folios which document the design, management, communication and production of their projects. Sydney Timber and Working with Wood Show, Hall 6, Sydney Showground, Homebush. Friday 22 June until Sunday 24 June, 10am-4pm. Find out more:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/events/hsc-showcases-and-events#intech>

### University of Notre Dame Early Offer Program, Sydney

Applications close Tuesday 31 July. Are you motivated, forward-thinking and eager to get a head start on your future? Secure a place at Notre Dame before you sit your final Year 12 exams with the Early Offer Program. Tuesday 26 June at Chippendale: [Early Offer and Parent Information Session](#). Contact: (02) 8204 4404 or [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au). Find out more:

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/early-offer/early-offer-sydney>

### Defence Info Sessions

Tuesday 15 May: [Parramatta: Comms, It & Intelligence Roles Info Session](#)

Wednesday 16 May: [Parramatta: Gap Year Information Session](#)

Thursday 17 May: [Parramatta: Trade Careers Information Session](#)

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

The banner for JobJump features a grid of colorful icons representing various professions: Dentist, Sales, Lawyer, Childcare, Fitness, Fashion, Chef, Mining, Signwriter, Scientist, Choreographer, Security, Photographer, Therapist, Web, Nurse, Teacher, Designer, Architect, Journalist, Officer, Film, Veterinary, Physiotherapist, Mechanic, Technician, Hairdresser, Printer, Beauty, Surveyor, Accountant, and Builder. The text 'JobJump' is in the top left, and 'Our school password:' is followed by a text input field. Below the icons, the text 'The news for your Careers sent to you!' is displayed. At the bottom, three white boxes with colored clips contain icons and questions: a magnifying glass for 'How do I get there? My Career. My News.', a question mark for 'What's my future career? Answer some quick questions to find your career.', and a dollar sign for 'What's next? How much will I earn Find me a job?'. The website address 'Vist us: www.jobjump.com.au' is prominently displayed at the bottom.



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Please join us for the  
Pennant Hills War Memorial  
Children's Centre  
70 year celebrations



**DATE**

Sunday 27th May 2018

**TIME**

11am-2pm

**WHERE**

Pennant Hills Memorial Children's Centre  
3-7 Shields Lane  
Pennant Hills NSW 2120

**INCLUDES**

Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony  
Roving children's entertainment  
Guest Children's Author (Lesley Gibbes)  
Children's Art Show  
Displays & Memorabilia  
Light refreshments

**RSVP**

Friday, 11 May 2018  
phwmcc@iinet.net.au



Find us on Facebook at  
Pennant Hills War Memorial Children's Centre



**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 into 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.

**MURRAY FARM PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Tracey Ave, Carlingford

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**SATURDAY 2 JUNE**

**2PM - 8PM**

**FIREWORKS @ 7PM**

- Tombola
- Rides & Jumping Castle
- Games & Prizes
- White Elephant Stalls
- Market Stalls
- Laser Tag
- Cake Stall
- International Food & BBQ
- Lolly Stall & Fairy Floss
- Murraycinno's Café

Pre-order unlimited ride armbands for \$25 at [www.trybooking.com/VNYZ](http://www.trybooking.com/VNYZ)

Ride armbands will be \$30 on the night

Gold Coin Donation on Entry. No alcohol, smoking or drugs on school grounds.

**Harcourts Carlingford**

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**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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Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “Cherrybrook Technology High School” to download the free app. This will provide you with school information, dates of upcoming events and more. By enabling push notifications you will receive important messages instantly.

**CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 3B**

Monday 14 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 AP1 Exams</li> <li>• Year 7 Resilience program Session 1 (plus Year 11 Peer Supports Leaders)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 AP1 Exams</li> <li>• Year 7 &amp; 9 National Language &amp; Writing Exam (paper version)</li> </ul>
Wednesday 16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 AP1 Exams</li> <li>• Year 7 &amp; 9 National Reading Exam (paper version)</li> </ul>
Thursday 17 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 AP1 Exams</li> <li>• Year 7 &amp; 9 National Numeracy Exam (paper version)</li> </ul>
Friday 18 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 11 AP1 Exams end</li> <li>• Year 12 Drama Camp Evening</li> </ul>
Saturday 19 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Drama Camp</li> </ul>
Sunday 20 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 12 Drama Camp</li> </ul>



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