

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



End of Year Celebration Ceremonies and Assemblies

Over the past weeks, CTHS has hosted a multitude of celebration Ceremonies and Assemblies as our academic year draws to a close. Last week, Cherrybrook Primary School kicked off proceedings on Thursday, with Beecroft Primary School following-up on Friday, for their respective Presentation Assemblies. As we moved into this, the penultimate week of the school year, another of our local primary schools, Oakhill Drive Public School, also celebrated another great year.

On Tuesday, we held our own Presentation Night Ceremony. The evening was a resounding success with over 320 Awards presented! Parents, staff and more importantly, the students themselves were all rightly proud of their achievements. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all Award winners.

The outstanding planning and organisation of the evening by Mr Fisher and his team, is a testament to his attention to detail and the wonderful supper provided by our marvellous P&C, was as always delicious.

The individual Year Group Assemblies were held on Wednesday, where we celebrated the more academic and cultural successes across our student cohort. We also managed to squeeze in another local primary school, Samuel Gilbert, who were the final visiting school to share our community resources.

Our Year 10 students assembled as junior students for the final time on Thursday, to recognise the academic success and acknowledge their transition into the senior school. The P&C ceremoniously presented each student with the coveted 'red tie', which symbolises their movement into the senior school.

On Friday, to complete what was a genuinely exhausting week, we celebrated our sporting success with our Sports Presentation Ceremony. The event showcased more of the breadth of talent we foster at CTHS as a comprehensive high school. Thanks to all staff and students involved in organising these significant events.

Staff Retirements and Departures

At the end of every year, there is always a number of our staff who will leave CTHS. This year, we will farewell two long-serving staff members who are retiring; Ms Ann Minogue (Maths), and Mrs Sue Collins (TAS). We will also bid farewell to Mr Peter Murphy (Christian Studies) who has decided to move on after many years of service at CTHS. Each of these individuals will be missed, and I am sure the entire Cherrybrook community joins me in wishing them well for the future.

Student Attendance and end-of-year Arrangements

Please note, **the final day of the school year at CTHS for 2018 is Wednesday 19 December.** Parents should also note, classes will conclude at the **end of period 4** on this day. During period 4, students will attend a very brief Assembly from which they will be dismissed for the summer holidays at approximately 12.30pm. Any parent who needs their child supervised until 3.00pm on Wednesday 19 December, should contact the school in writing so this may be arranged. Parental support in ensuring student attendance each day, in full school uniform up to this point, will be appreciated.

Year 10 Crossroads

Our Year 10 students completed their Crossroads Program this week, organised by Mr Monahan. This Program is designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing, at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. We welcomed presenters from KYDS, who spent time exploring the many issues faced by teenagers today, concerning their identity, independence and changing responsibilities. Other presentations covering the impact of sleep and academic performance, youth mental health and teenagers and the law.

HSC Results Released

I am sure there were many 2018 Year 12 graduates, parents and even some teachers who experienced a restless night on Wednesday awaiting the release of the 2018 HSC results. The results for the HSC were released on Thursday morning, with the ATAR results coming through on Friday. This year, the results, as is always the case at CTHS, were truly outstanding and a testament to the hard work of the students, their teachers and the support of the parents. Early in the new year, staff will analyse the results of their classes to further improve teaching practice.

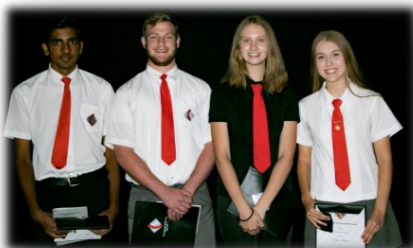
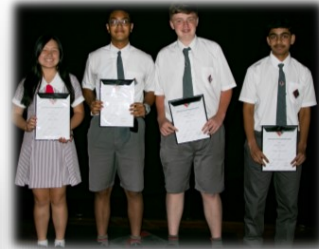
Friday's BBQ was a chance for the 2018 Year 12 graduates to catch up, debrief and if necessary, look for further guidance. Their relieved, beaming faces, is one of the many things that makes this job so worthwhile and rewarding.

Achieving Together

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Presentation Night Ceremony



CANTEEN NEWS

Please be advised, the CTHS Canteen will be **CLOSED** on
Wednesday 19 December 2018.

Thank you, Canteen Staff



Happy Holiday

As this will be the last *Network* for 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff, students and the community well for the approaching Christmas break and to thank you all for the tremendous support provided to our fabulous school throughout the year.

Resumption of School in 2019

In 2019 school will resume as follows:

Wednesday 30 January 2019: Years 7, 11 and 12
Thursday 31 January 2019: Years 8, 9 and 10

Please also note, classes will resume on a Week B

Mr Townsend

Kieran Frank wins Academy Access Scholarship

On Tuesday night I attended the Academy Access Award Ceremony in support of one of our Year 11 students, Kieran Frank, who has been awarded a Scholarship in this Western Sydney University program. This Award includes a \$500 Study Grant to assist him in his HSC preparations in 2019, guaranteed entry into a WSU program of study in 2020, entrance into the WSU Academy program and a \$20,000 scholarship, conditional on Kieran achieving an ATAR of 90+. The criteria for this prestigious Award was diligence, effort and achievement in his Year 11 studies and Kieran is congratulated on this great achievement.



Mr Hartman

HSC Aboriginal Studies Canberra Excursion

Sixteen intrepid student travellers and three staff set out aboard the Kenthurst Community bus to Canberra on 3 December 2018. The students were travelling to undertake important research to assist them in the completion of their Aboriginal Studies Major Works, as they complete the HSC Course. Despite an inauspicious beginning, the trip was an outstanding success. Nobody really planned for the bus to blow its front left tyre 20 kilometres from Marulan. Several thanks are in order; thanks to Mr Caccamo whose cat-like reflexes and quick thought were enough to keep the bus on the road. Thanks to the Police who diverted oncoming traffic away from the bus and to Wayne Frkovic of Wayne's Auto Service, who changed the blown tyre for free. Our school is indebted to all of these people and if there is anything other members of the community can do to show their support, please do so.

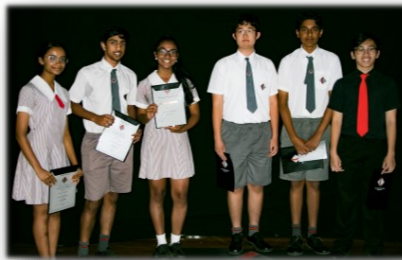
The students found the trip to be extremely beneficial. We still managed to spend the day at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, an exceptional learning resource. Other destinations included Parliament House, Reconciliation Place, The National Gallery of Australia, Reconciliation Australia, The National Film and Sound Archive, The National Museum of Australia and The Australian War Memorial.

Thanks to Ms Kerr and Mr Caccamo for giving up their time to accompany the students on their three day research trip. Thanks to the broader school community for its ongoing support of Aboriginal Studies at CTHS.

Mr Fernandez



Presentation Night Ceremony



Making History: Medieval Blacksmithing

On Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 December, members of the Making History class took part in an incursion to learn about the traditional art and science of Blacksmithing. Mr Hartman took students through the principles of safe practice in the forge, explained the use of tools such as hammer and tongs, anvil stakes and top tools such as fullers and hot cuts, as well as how to operate a gas forge and the uses of a London pattern anvil. The exemplar project was a medieval style tripod, which can be converted into a spit. Students watched a demonstration of forging techniques including drawing out, tapering, scrolling, twisting, and spot quenching. Members of the Making History class ably assisted with three-man striking, a technique common amongst medieval smithies who lacked modern conveniences such as power hammers, and was used as an effective way to move metal quickly. Students also bent round stock over the anvil horn to make drinking-horn-holders, to use at their medieval feast next Tuesday 18 December. Thank you to the TAS KLA for allowing us to use their metalworking facilities, and to the members of the Industrial Arts faculty who assisted, particularly Mr Sloan who demonstrated to students the procedure and pitfalls of heat-treating.

Making History will run as a 100-hour course next year and it is hoped that Blacksmithing will appear once again as an activity for students to experience.

Mr Hartman



Rock Climbing Reaches New Heights

As part of their intra-sport activities at rock climbing, students participated in an Adventure Sports Challenge of 27 different activities within the gym. As well as climbing challenges it included completing the labyrinth without a light source, fitness activities like doing 50 push ups and learning to tie knots used in rock climbing. As a reward for ticking off as many challenges as possible the students got to do the final task of completing the high ropes course. This spring term of sport has certainly been a test for the students involved. Certainly, I have seen their confidence and climbing skills grow whilst at the same time positively shaping an awareness for safety and increasing their fitness and strength. Well done everyone, I congratulate your tenacity and persistence to achieve new heights over this term.

Mrs Bignold



Rite of Passage 24-Hour Challenge

As part of the Rite of Passage program, students sought to gain a greater sense of social responsibility by raising money for the Commando Welfare Trust, a charity which provides support for families of veterans who lost their lives in the battles abroad and at home. Donations are still invited and can be made here <https://tinyurl.com/y88ar4ld>

As a nod to the armed services, students hiked for 24-hours straight starting on the morning of Thursday 6 December with only a few pit stops between Brooklyn and the Sphinx War Memorial in Turrumurra through the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

Mr Pedley-Smith asked for help promoting the walk from 'Commando Steve' Willis of Survivor fame. He was so moved by the concept, he asked to join the boys for the walk, but even the fourth fittest man in the world had to acknowledge the difficulty of the task. From the undulating terrain, spider webs lining the track, unmarked and often misleading trails, harrowing darkness and sapping fatigue associated with walking nearly 60km, it was an amazing effort by the boys, as well as teachers involved to make it to the final destination before 9am on Friday. Broken up over four legs, the hikers were able to resupply their water and refill their stomachs thanks to the support of Mr Gibbs and Mr Fairclough.

The first leg involved step climbs and amazing views over the Hawkesbury and Mooney Mooney Bridge, before stopping for a late lunch at Cowan. After an all-too-short respite, the walk continued through narrow bushland tracks, avoiding inch ants as well as lace monitors before continuing the up and down through Berowra Waters, stopping for dinner as the sun was setting at the Berowra Community Centre. After refuelling with sausages and ravioli, the head torches were brought out and they began the longest and probably most difficult part of the trek. Rock Wallabies, frogs as well as leaf tailed geckos could be heard, but rarely seen as the walk through the night started to take its toll. At Crosslands, the party stopped to appreciate the stunning night sky in which not a single cloud obstructed the vivid summer constellations. The hike continued through the suburbs of Mt Ku-ring-gai up steep fire trails, with very sore feet and tired legs walkers started to question the strength of their resolve. Spurred on by the personal recounts of war widows and in the knowledge that an early arrival at their final pit stop would afford them some respite, they made haste arriving at Bobbin Head, the third check point, at 4.30am.

After a brief kip and a breakfast of bacon and eggs, only two hours was left to cover the final 8kms to the War Memorial. A small brown snake with a half-eaten skink in its mouth in the middle of the trail put a bit of spring in their step and the boys managed to make it to the Memorial on time to be welcomed by representatives of the NSW Commando Veterans Association, who expressed their appreciation and respect for the boys' efforts. Special congratulations goes to Eric Noh, Riko Schultz and Joshua Muller, who were presented with pins by the local Commando President, usually only given to the Green Berets.

There were many lessons learned by all involved, in particular what can be achieved with help from your brothers. The students involved with the program were sore and exhausted, but amazed they were able to complete such a feat, perhaps less amazed were the teachers of the program who always knew the boys had it in them. Congratulations to all the team involved and special thanks to all the CTHS staff whose support for the program makes the seemingly impossible possible.

Mr LaGinestra



LOST PROPERTY

Between now and the end of term, we will be sorting through the lost property. **All unnamed** articles will be donated to charity! If your child has misplaced an item, please ask them to check the cupboard (near student window) and front office. Thank you, admin staff

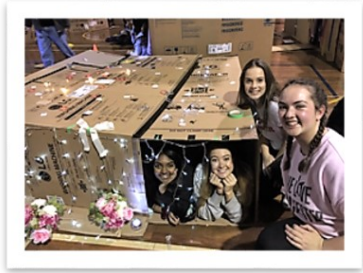
Social Justice in 2018

2018 was a big year for Social Justice! From the success of our inaugural Sleep-out to the fun of our annual trivia night, this year has been full of exciting school and community events.



Sleep-out

2018 marked the beginning of a new tradition at Cherrybrook, the Cherrybrook Sleep-out. A mimic of the annual 'sleep under the stars' night held in the city in support of youth homelessness, students from Years 9-12 camped out on the floor of the MPC for a night. This was all in support of Stepping Stone House, a not-for-profit organisation which plays an instrumental role in so many young people's lives by providing them with care, support and skills which unlike many of us, they do not have the luxury of having. The night was extremely successful as we had fun creating cardboard homes to sleep in for the night followed by talks from the CEO and a former resident of SSH. As a collective we ended up smashing our goals of \$15,000 by raising over \$22,000!



Trivia Night

Another year, another hugely successful trivia night! Filled with fun and games, this night was an excellent way to connect the community and challenge one another in some epic rounds of trivia. Contrary to what the students would have liked, the teachers won the night leading the ladder for most of the night! All money raised was donated to our sister school SHAC (Smiling Hearts Association for Children) in Cambodia.

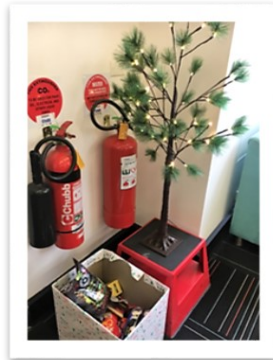
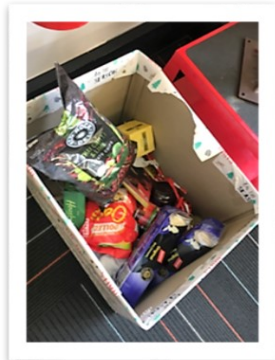
40-Hour Famine/ UNHCR

This year Social Justice played a big role in the formalities of Refugee Week and all things UNHCR. Many students from Year 8 to 11 attended the World Vision Youth Conference, to gain ideas on how CTHS could raise money for the 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge, in which many students from Year 7-12 proudly took part. Some students from Social Justice volunteered at the Australia for UNHCR Breakfast in the city, hosted by many large businesses that regularly donate to the cause. At our Refugee Day Assembly we heard from some very inspiring young women who fled their war-torn countries and are now thriving here in Australia, thanks to many inspiring Organisations like UNHCR that the Social Justice team proudly work with.



Christmas Food Drive

Towards the end of the year we did our annual Christmas food drive to support families in need. This year we collected non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army and to our delight we had an extremely large amount of very generous donations! These generous donations will be put in hampers and sent to those who need them close to Christmas time.



These are just a few highlights of the many amazing experiences the Social Justice Team at CTHS has achieved in 2018. We look forward to 2019 and can't wait to see what amazing things lie ahead! A massive thank you to Ms Corbett and Ms Campbell, the coordinators of the Social Justice Committee as none of this would have been possible without them. Merry Christmas and see you next year!

Eloise Cansdell, 2018/2019 Social Justice Representative

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY
HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



Annie

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production
by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Cherrybrook Technology
High School
MPC

Thursday 14 March, 7PM
Friday 15 March, 7PM
Saturday 16 March, 7PM

Students \$10 Concession \$10
Adults \$15 Family \$45

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Centenary Art Competition

Congratulations to Sherri Casey of Year 8. This incredibly talented Visual Arts student has won third place in the State-wide Centenary Competition run by the New South Wales Teachers' Federation. Sherri entered a stunning portrait painted in oils, depicting how a teacher has influenced her learning. Sherri was also last year's Cherribald Portrait Prize winner.

Mr Maynard



PROCEDURES 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.**

Careers Update

CAREER MENTORS NEEDED - Year 11 Career Mentoring Program in 2019

The Career Mentoring Program at CTHS has been a huge success, allowing students to gain wonderful insights into possible career paths. Again, we are asking the school community for names and contact details of possible Career Mentors.

The careers we still need Mentors for include:

- Pilot
- Mechanical or Electronics Engineer
- Photographer
- Graphic Designer
- Film Editor
- Paramedic
- Physicist
- Animator
- Fashion Designer



The Mentors and Mentees meet six times in the year for breakfast and take part in a Shadowing Day. If you have any contacts in these careers, please email or phone the school. More information is available by emailing christine.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events for 2018 Year 12 Students

Friday 14 December

[Australian Catholic University – Know Your Options Info Session](#)
[Macquarie Uni Explore Your Options Week](#)
[Careers Advisory Service – NSW](#)
[Torrens Uni Results Day](#)
[Southern Cross University – Options Day](#)
[UNSW Friday Campus Tours](#)

Saturday 15 December

[Macquarie Uni Explore Your Options Week](#)
[UTS – Info Day](#)
[University of Notre Dame – Info Day](#)
[UNSW – Info Day](#)
[University of Sydney Info Day](#)

Sunday 16 December

[Macquarie Uni Explore Your Options Week](#)

Monday 17 December

[Macquarie Uni Explore Your Options Week](#)
[University of Wollongong – Drop in Sessions for Year 12 2018](#)
[Careers Advisory Service – NSW](#)

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

A vertical poster for 'Summer Reads' by Hornsby Shire Libraries. The background is a vibrant pink with a white scalloped top edge and several black teardrop shapes scattered across it. The text 'HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARIES' is in a small, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, 'Summer' is written in a large, white, cursive font, and 'READS' is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, 'Win prizes for adults and teens 12+' is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the pink section, '1 December - 31 January 2019' and '#hornsbylibrary' are written in a smaller white font. The bottom of the poster is a solid green band. On the left side of this band are icons for Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, and a mobile phone. To the right of these icons is the text 'For more information about your local library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library'. On the far right of the green band is the Hornsby Shire Council logo, which features a stylized white figure and the text 'HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL'.

Sports Report



2018 Sports Presentation Ceremony

Congratulations to all students who received an Award at today's Sports Presentation Ceremony, this is a great achievement! We thank you for your commitment to our school sport.

Special congratulations to our Sportsman and Sportswoman, as well as our Junior Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Award recipients.

Sportsman	Scott Chapman
Sportswoman	Lara Woollett
Junior Sportsman	Alex Pellow
Junior Sportswoman	Milena Visser

Congratulations as well to the Tennis Team for winning the Team of the Year Award.

Australian All Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Scott Chapman, who came third at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championship in Cairns. This is an amazing achievement. He also faced tough conditions, with heavy rain throughout the entire Competition. Well done Scott!

House Sport

Thank you to all students who competed in the House Sport Competition during the term. This has been a very successful initiative and we look forward to continuing it next year. Make sure you keep an eye on the Daily Notices to hear about what's going on.

Ryan Jones and Ellen Berios, Sports Captains



Scott Chapman



Lara Woollett

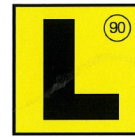


Alex Pellow



Milena Visser

L[®]etz Drive
DRIVING SCHOOL



Fully Certified Instructor 
 Location: Cherrybrook Area
 Price: \$50 per Hour
 Contact: John Farrugia
 Mobile: 0404 940 284

CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 10A

<p>Monday 17 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Ensembles End-of-Year Outing - Ice Skating • HSC Assessment Task - Drama • HSC Assessment Task - Business Studies • HSC Assessment Task - PDHPE
<p>Tuesday 18 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musical Rehearsal Day • Making History: Medieval Banquet Day • HSC Assessment Task - ESL
<p>Wednesday 19 December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 Ends - 12.30pm