

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

## Term 1

## Week 8B

# 21 March 2014

# **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**



#### Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the students and staff of Cherrybrook Technology High School for the fantastic athletics carnival which was held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The main carnival on Wednesday 19 March had 1,589 students in attendance. This is the highest number of students ever at an athletics carnival at this school, and probably in NSW as most schools do not have an enrolment anywhere near that number.

The enthusiasm and participation rates were something to behold. Most events had so many competitors the officials were concerned they would not have time to complete the event. In the end, all went extremely smoothly. Thanks must go in particular to the PDHPE staff for their organisation, the Sports Captains and

House Captains for their enthusing of the troops, and to students from all years who assisted as officials at all the track and field events, in the canteen, BBQ, first aid etc. Congratulations must also go to all the students from Year 12 who attended and participated, even though they have their AP3 exams starting next Monday.

#### Year 12 AP3 Exams

The first exams for the year are the Year 12 AP3's which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Centre from Monday 24 March until Friday 4 April. These exams are the first of three exam periods which Year 12 will face this year. Students are reminded full school uniform is to be worn to every exam, and they must have their student ID card (or driver's licence) on the desk during each exam. Any student suffering illness or misadventure during the examination period must see Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Stage 6, or Mr Fitzgerald who is relieving as Head Teacher Administration. It will be necessary to complete the required paperwork so results can be assessed, based on their appeal, or to re-schedule exams later in the exam period. Students are reminded they must use the new CTHS medical certificate if they are appealing based on illness.

#### P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 25 March, commencing at 8pm in the school common room. All parents are invited, indeed actively encouraged, to attend the P&C meeting.

These evenings are a great opportunity to have some input into the direction of the school, meet with other parents and to hear of new developments within the school. Guest speakers at this meeting will be our librarians, Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, who will talk about what the library offers our students, and Mrs Bevan who will lead parents through the new student e-diary. I am certain present members of the P&C will make all newcomers feel most welcome.

#### Trees in the school

Some parents have expressed concern about the state of the many trees in the grounds of the school. For the past twelve years we have had a Tree Plan in action whereby professional arborists have regularly assessed the health of all of our trees and taken remedial action where necessary. Such a policy will continue into the foreseeable future.

#### Year 7 Gala Day

Last Friday saw all students in Year 7 involved in a Sports Gala Day at Greenway Oval. With perfect weather and enthusiastic students and staff, everyone was guaranteed a fun day of competition and teamwork. Congratulations to Year 7 for their participation, to the more than 50 students from Stages 5 and 6 who were there as coaches, and to the PDHPE staff for their excellent organisation.

#### Year 7 Interim Reports

On Monday 17 March the Year 7 Interim Reports were e-mailed to parents. This report provides an early indication to students and their parents, about the students' progress so far this year.

High school is a very different learning environment for Year 7 students. Unlike in primary school, they are taught by many teachers and required to travel around the school to many classrooms. A particularly big change is going from the 'seniors' in primary school to the 'juniors' at high school, which can also have an unsettling effect on some students.

Parents with concerns about their son/daughter's progress in Year 7 should contact the Head Teacher Stage 4, Mrs Lane. Anyone who has not received the interim report is asked to contact the school and confirm their email address is correct.



#### Congratulations to...

- Konrad Cuevas, Year 8, who achieved third place in the under 15's pole vault event at the 2014 Australian Junior Athletics Championships which was held last Saturday.
- Ryan Ashtari, Year 10, who has successfully auditioned for the 2014 NSW Public Schools Year 10 Drama Ensemble. This ensemble meets weekly for the rest of the year where they are involved in a range of skill development workshops with specialist tutors, as well as performing in events throughout the year.
- Keegan Ross, Year 12, who has been chosen to represent Australia at the Ultimate Frisbee World Championships which will be held in Italy in July.

Mr Summerhayes

#### **Chicken Pox**

We have been informed by two families their children have contracted chicken pox. Please be aware of the symptoms and keep your child home if they are exhibiting signs of this disease as we have several staff members who are pregnant. Below is a link which explains the symptoms.

http://www.activebeat.co/your-health/children/chicken-pox-symptoms-8-signs-of-chicken-pox/8/

Unfortunately, children are most contagious two days prior to the blisters appearing.

Mrs Bevan

### NAPLAN 2014 Test Dates Information for Parents Available in 35 Languages

Information for parents on the 2014 dates for the NAPLAN tests and what they will comprise: A letter to parents advising them of the dates of the 2014 NAPLAN assessments and what they will comprise is now available for download in 35 languages from the Department's translations website. Please see: <u>National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Letter to parents</u> for all the available languages.

If you would like help accessing the letter in another language please contact Ms Parsons at school.



### Statements of Account

Year 9 and 10 statements of account were mailed to you today. Unfortunately, due to an oversight on our behalf, the due date reads Friday 28 March; please note this should be Friday 4 April 2014. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

Ms Kendrick, Administration Manager







# **Cherrybrook Technology High School App**

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download this free app. This will provide you with school information, maps, dates of upcoming events and much more, even when you are on the go. By enabling push notifications you will receive important information instantly.

#### Social Justice Assembly

Continuing with our themed assemblies for the year, last Tuesday's meeting focused on social justice initiatives which we undertake and support at CTHS. The assembly had two guest speakers, former student Joshua Henry, who spoke passionately about human trafficking. Josh is a member of the A21 campaign; their mission is to inform people everywhere about the issue of trafficking and through awareness, support people involved and decrease this activity.

Closer to home, we had Bee Ornsini speak about the incredible work the Salvation Army does, especially in relation to youth homelessness. As Cherrybrook Technology High School is a strong supporter of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, it was a reminder to be involved when this initiative arises. At a school level we also support the SHAC Smiling Hearts School in Cambodia where we financially sponsor individual students and the school in general. Another excellent program involved a group of Cherrybrook Technology High School students travelling to Pendle Hill to take part in SPARK; an initiative to assist refugee students, especially to read.

As you see there are many activities which Cherrybrook Technology High School students support and take part in which are helping make our community, our nation and our world a more just and equitable place in which to live. A huge thank you goes to all students involved in this assembly and to Mr Brennan and Mrs Minogue for their assistance in making these things happen.

Mrs Casey



CTHS students making the A21 symbol to stop human trafficking

#### **FIRST AID**

Please note Cherrybrook Technology High School does not have any medical practitioners on the premises. We provide first aid assistance to students who are unwell or injured. *Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.* 

#### Year 11 Geography Field Trip

The students of Year 11 geography travelled to the Field of Mars Earth and Environment Centre on Wednesday 12 March to undertake an investigation of the local reserve. Specifically, they studied the interaction of the four spheres of the biophysical environment and how the local urban environment is impacting on the area. A range of management strategies to deal with these issues were observed and discussed. A short trip on the minibus, driven expertly by Mr Clements, and a visit to McDonalds to re-hydrate finished off a great day. We can't wait for our next field trip.

Year 11 Geography





#### From the Library - Term 1 2014

The year began with our welcoming Cherrybrook's new Teacher Librarian, Mrs Sorensen. Mrs Sorensen is highly qualified and experienced in the dual roles of teacher (HSIE and English) and librarian, with a special interest in the application of IT skills in teaching and learning. Her arrival greatly expands the ability of the CTHS library staff to initiate and renew program to support and extend the skills and opportunities for enriched learning of its students and staff. In addition to managing the library and teaching information skills, Mrs Sorensen joins Mrs Casey in teaching computing studies to Years 7 and 8.

#### Year 7

During this term, Year 7 will use the library as part of their HSIE lessons and for wide reading. Their HSIE lesson focuses on using the CTHS library to develop their research skills for their first HSIE assignment on World Heritage.

#### World Book Online

World Book Online: www.worldbookonline.com

#### Find it in *Moodle - Library* and click on the link! User name: *cthslibrary* Password: *cherrybrook*



We have recently subscribed to *World Book Online*, Advanced and Student editions, including *Timeline*. **World Book Student** is based on the World Book Encyclopedia, includes an expansive reference database, multimedia library, a built-in dictionary and atlas, thousands of biographies, a timeline builder and research tools. World Book Student correlates to the NSW curriculum.

**World Book Advanced** integrates primary and secondary source databases, plus more than 5,500 e-books in a single search, including world newspapers. Over 750 of World Book Advanced e-books can be downloaded to e-Readers and i-Pads.

There are **425 Timelines** within the eight categories of Literature, the Arts, Notable People, Parts of the World, Science and Technology,

Society and Culture, Sports and World History. The Timelines have been optimised for iPads and selected Android devices.

Mrs Casey and Mrs Sorensen, Teacher Librarians

#### **CREATIVELY SPEAKING**

Amelia Smillie from Year 9 has, once again, been successful in her audition for the NSW Public Schools Drama Ensembles run by the Art's Unit at Lewisham. Amelia was a member of the Year 6 Drama Ensemble in 2011, was accepted into the Year 7 Ensemble for 2012 and, once again, made the grade for the Year 8 Drama Ensemble for 2013 and has now progressed to the Year 9 Drama Ensemble for 2014.

Each year, once a week, Amelia has been travelling across town to the Inner West to be part of this elite group which is comprised of other equally talented individuals who also represent their school at this state level. Each Wednesday of each school week has been a very long day for Amelia who has finished at Lewisham at 7.15pm to then fight the traffic to arrive home around 8.30pm.

All of this hard work culminates in the opportunity to perform an original piece of theatre at the State Drama Festival which is held at the Seymour Centre in Chippendale. Playing to sell out houses at every performance is a thrill. Our Year 7, 8 and 10 CTHS Drama Ensemble members will be there again in the audience in November to cheer her on.

So, congratulations to Amelia for her tireless effort in the area of the Performing Arts. She continues to represent Cherrybrook Technology High School at a state level. The standard of excellence she has been able to maintain makes her a great contender for positions of trust within the school community and beyond as she has continually proved herself to be trustworthy, reliable and remarkably committed to seeing a project through to completion.

To Amelia Smillie's wonderfully dedicated parents who have supported their child in their creative endeavours, a heartfelt thank you goes out to you from the Drama staff at CTHS.

#### Shoulders to the Wheel

Mr Jones and Miss Holt have been the two staff members who have been bearing the most significant part of the load of this year's musical production. Many, many hours of rehearsal time have been poured into this project with hard working performers responding to the unremitting efforts of their very dedicated teachers.

I had the chance to catch up with Mr Jones recently and, between breaths and directorial duties, offered the following insights into the show's progress so far; "It's a BIG show! Having lots of kids in the cast is both challenging and fun. This production is going to look spectacular when they're all up there doing their thing. At the moment rehearsals are manic, more than anything but we've really made a lot of progress and it's all coming together. One significant challenge for this year's show is creating all the different locations. Little Shop of Horrors only had two locations whereas this show has about seven different settings. From Kansas to Oz to the Emerald City to the Wicked Witch's castle, it's going to be visually dazzling!!"

Keep your eyes peeled for the opening of ticket sales and be sure to book yourself a seat for this terrific night out!

Ms Cannon, CAPA Publicity



#### **CAREERS UPDATE**

Cherrybrook Technology High School has subscribed to the Careersworks site. Careersworks is an organised grouping of careers resources and sources for secondary students' parents, teachers and careers advisers. Please use it to assist your son/daughter.

Website http://www.careersworks.com/ Password: works

How to get the most out of this website?

Here is the latest three minute demo PowerPoint (with SOUND) for students and parents, to give them a taste of the careersworks content. This appears on the HOW page of the website. Just sit back and relax for three minutes with your computer's volume turned ON.



#### **UMAT Registration Reminder**

Students completing their final year of high school and intending to apply for a course which requires a UMAT in 2015 are reminded that registration opened in December 2013 and closes Friday 6 June 2014 at 5pm AEST.

Students will sit the UMAT exam on Wednesday 30 July 2014. http://umat.acer.edu.au/

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

#### 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 in at 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.

#### WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



#### **Cross Country Age Champions**

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Jessica Olliver	Daniel Martinez
13	Brooke Steinwede	Anjana Kodthuwakku
14	Laura Heinrichson	Max Ward
15	Catalina Martinez	Cameron Hall
16	Emily Jones	Owen Guichelaar
17	Emily Jarred	Jack Patten
18	Erin Blundell	Robin Liu

#### **Knock Out Sport Results:**

• Knockout Opens Boys Basketball won 39-31 against North Sydney Boys High.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday 6 Tuesday 8 April: CHS
- Monday 7 Tuesday 8 April:
- CHS Swimming CHS Diving

**Sydney North Trials:** If interested, please see the PE staff in the PE staffroom for further information.

- Tuesday 1 April Rugby League Trials
- Tuesday 1 April: Boys' Hockey Trials
- Wednesday 2 April: Girls' Knockout Netball
- Thursday 3 April: U15 AFL Trials
- Friday 4 April: Open Touch Trails

Julieanne Chu and Lloyd Caletti, Sports Promotion officers

#### Grade Sport Results Round 5 Opposition - Carlingford

Event	Result
Boys	
Opens Basketball A	Lost
Opens Basketball B	Won
Basketball 9/10	Won
Frisbee A	Won
Frisbee B	Draw
Volleyball A	Won
Volleyball B	Won
Sofcrosse A	Won
Handball A	Won
Handball 9/10	Won
Touch A	Won
Touch B	Won
Hockey 7's A	Won
Hockey 7's B	Lost
Soccer 7's A	Won
Soccer 7's B	Won
Girls	
Open Basketball A	Won
Frisbee A	Won
Frisbee B	Won
Volleyball A	Lost
Volleyball B	Lost
Sofcrosse A	Won
Handball A	Lost
Handball 9/10	Draw
Touch A	Won
Touch B	Draw
Softball A	Lost

# Alcohol fuelled violence in our community

# **FREE** EVENT

Essential new information for parents, professionals and local services covering:

- Alcohol issues in Australian society what can we realistically do?
- Teenagers and alcohol

**Featuring Paul Dillon** – keynote speaker and bestselling author of Teenagers Alcohol and Drugs. Regarded as a key social commentator, Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth Development Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide insight and answer your questions.

When:	Tuesday 25 March 6.45pm-9pm
Where:	Hornsby RSL (main showroom) 4 High Street Hornsby (Hornsby RSL supports local community initiatives)

RSVP: Please call Paul Stuart on 9477 8729 or email pstuart@nsml.com.au













	DIARY – Term 1 Week 9A	
Monday 24 March	Yr 12 AP3 Exams Start	
	Yr 11 Ancient History hand-in Asses Task	
	Yr 11 Advanced English Asses Speech	
Tuesday 25 March	Yr 11 French Continuers Listening Asses	
	Yr 11 Advanced English Asses Speech	
	P&C Executive Meeting - 7pm, 'A' Block Conference Room	
	P&C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room	
Wednesday 26 March	Yr 9 Science Skills Test	
	Yr 11 German Continuers Listening Asses	
	Yr 11 Advanced English Asses Speech	
Thursday 27 march	Yr 8 Maths Asses Task	
Friday 28 March	Yr 11 Advanced English Asses Speech	
	Yr 11 Legal Studies Asses Task	
	Yr 11 Japanese Continuers Asses Task	