

NETWORK

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4

Week 7A

21 November 2014



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Death of Mrs Katherine Au

It is with great sadness that I advise the Cherrybrook community of the death of Mrs Katherine Au. Mrs Au was a Mathematics teacher who began teaching at Cherrybrook in 2005. During her time at the school she was a most diligent and committed staff member who always had her students' best interests at heart.

Early in 2013 Mrs Au was forced to take extended sick leave following her diagnosis with a brain tumour. For the past 18 months she has fought valiantly to recover and return to school. During this time she was constantly concerned about her classes and how they were progressing, remaining a most concerned and dedicated teacher to the very end of her life.

Her funeral took place on Thursday 20 November where she was farewelled by family, friends and a very strong contingent of Cherrybrook staff and former students. She will be sadly missed.

At her funeral, in lieu of flowers, the family suggested a donation be given in memory of Katherine to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. Any member of our community wishing to make a donation can do so online at <https://www.curebraincancer.org.au/donations>



Back at CTHS

I must say it is terrific to be back at Cherrybrook after my extended leave and my sincere thanks are extended to all my staff who stepped up into relieving positions during this time, particularly Mrs Bevan who did an outstanding job in the Principal's office.

During my absence a great deal has happened, including Mrs Weal taking on the role of Principal at The Ponds High School and several other staff promotions. These positions are in the process of being filled at the present moment and I am confident we will find well-qualified able individuals to step into important roles in our school.

During the final two weeks of my leave I represented the Department of Education at a very large educational forum in Jiangsu province in China. During the course of the conference I made several presentations both about our school and assessment in Australian and New South Wales schools. During this conference I was fortunate to share the stage with Andreas Schleicher, who is Director for Education and Skills and a key policy advisor for the OECD, and George Zegarac, the Deputy Minister for Education from Ontario, Canada who leads one of the world's most progressive and high performing education systems. It was certainly a positive experience and one, which highlighted the need for our school to continue with our very successful engage Asia strategy.

Student Attendance

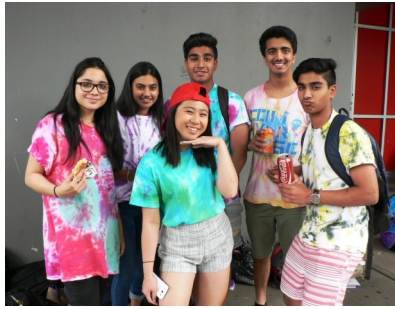
A reminder to all parents that the school year continues for students up to and including, Wednesday 17 December and student attendance to this date is a requirement of the NSW government. Your support in ensuring your child attends each day, in full school uniform, will be greatly appreciated.

Mufti Day

Wednesday proved to be a great day for school spirit with a terrific mufti day organised and run very efficiently by our wonderful school SRC. Students were resplendent in a variety of outfits that showcased 'tie-dyed shirts'. Not only did our students have a fun day with the SRC actually dying and distributing nearly 400 shirts, significant funds were also raised for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation, Westmead Children's Hospital, Beyond Blue and the Guide Dogs association; four most worthy causes.



Staff wearing their tie-dyed tee shirts



Tie-Dye Mufti Day

Swimming Carnival

All students should have received notification of the school Swimming Carnival to be held next Wednesday 26 November, at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush. Students need to return permission notes and money to the student window to enable the correct number of buses to be hired. A reminder, this is a **compulsory** event for **all** students.

Final P&C Meeting for 2014

A reminder to all parents that our final P&C meeting for 2014 will take place next Tuesday night, 25 November, in the school common room commencing at 8pm. As this is the final meeting for the year, apart from the usual agenda items there will be some social Christmas activities. All parents are encouraged to attend and enjoy the evening.

MADD Concert

On Wednesday evening the excellent showcase of Creative and Performing Arts drew a large audience to watch the annual Music Art Dance and Drama (MADD) extravaganza. Entering the MPC the audience was drawn to the fine array of artworks completed by Stage 4, Stage 5 and Year 11 visual artists, showcasing the variety and skill of their artworks. A wonderful gallery-type atmosphere was created for the evening with many of the public commenting upon the level of sophistication and refinement of these accomplished young artists' work.

Mr O'Brien's Concert Bands opened the first and second half with an exciting compilation of medleys. Other musical items included the Choir and Guitar Ensemble who together, performed Led Zeppelin's *Stairway to Heaven* as well as a medley. The String Ensemble played a captivating rendition of Coldplay's *Viva La Vida*. Both the Choir and Vocal Ensemble sang beautifully under the direction of Mrs Felicity Tsoltoudis.

This year there were many dance items including the Regional Dance Ensemble who represented the school earlier this year with their stunning performance of *Lanterns*. As well as this, we were treated to the splendid performances of both the Stage 5 and Year 11 Dance classes, while brand new Hip Hop Crew wowed the audience with their streetwise composition.

Additionally, Drama was well represented with the Year 7, 8 and 10 Drama Ensembles who were thoroughly entertaining and provided the audience with very thoughtful pieces for us to reflect upon. Both the Year 8 and Year 10 Drama Ensembles represented the school at the Arts North Regional Drama Festival at NIDA in July.

Mr Felton's Big Band closed the show with the fanfare we would expect from this exceptional group.

Thank you to the whole CAPA faculty, tutors and other CTHS staff for their many hours of hard work in preparing, practising and organising the students, to pull off yet another celebration of our talented students.

Schools Spectacular

A reminder to parents and students that the Schools Spectacular takes place next Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November at The Qantas Credit Union Arena. The show is always an outstanding spectacle and involves over 1,000 students from public schools throughout NSW. This year Cherrybrook students will be involved as singers, dancers and members of the orchestra.



Congratulations to...

- The Cherrybrook Technology High School girls' soccer team, consisting of Ellen Berios, Emma Conlon, Sarah Dinatale, Emma-Rose Greenwood, Brittney Hartley, Anamaria Martinez, Tiana Perry, Colaina Raccani, Emma Searle, Brooke Steinwede, Amy Swainston, who took out the Wanderers Cup victory.

Mr Johnson



MADD Concert

Library Book Sale

The rolling book sale last week proved very popular and we sold 1,168 books in total. The Library raised \$233.70 which has been donated to the Cherrybrook Technology High School Social Justice Program, to allocate to a worthy cause.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set-up and pack-up the tables and books each day. We were particularly pleased with the number of thoughtful senior students who came to our assistance without any prompting.

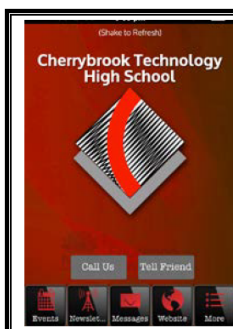
There are still a number of books needing a new home for 20c each. Please see library staff if you are interested. Remember to check out the CTHS Library web page regularly <http://www.cthslibrary.weebly.com>

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey

Keep Calm and Drink Coffee

On Wednesday 19 November, twelve CTHS students and Miss Kerr went to an all-day Barista Skills training at Ryde TAFE. In the morning session we learnt the process of roasting and grinding the coffee bean and the various functions of the espresso machine. We were then given the opportunity to make our own coffees. At first the espresso machine was challenging to use, in particular the process of steaming the milk to create froth, but after a few trials and errors, the coffees began to turn out just as we wanted. We were given the opportunity to make a large range of coffees including a cappuccino, flat white and espresso. It was a great experience as we were able to develop a large variety of skills through the training, beneficial for future job opportunities. Thank you to all the teachers who took time out of their day to drive us there and back.

Kavita Murali, Year 11



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.

Taekwondo News

The CTHS Taekwondo Club has been going strong with 2014, perhaps our most successful year yet! We have over 75 registered members attending classes Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays after school. Taekwondo is a Korean martial art which focusses on self-defence and discipline. Most of all, the five tenets of Taekwondo are reinforced through both word and example in every class. These tenets are: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit.

Last weekend Mr Hartman accompanied nine CTHS students and alumnae to the annual IMT training camp at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, about 100 km north of Sydney, joining around 50 other students of all ages from our Brookvale, Gordon, Waitara, Marrickville and Macquarie University Club. These students were Mathura Babu, Annissa Maharrani, David Yoo, Nathan Soo, Eric Hoh, Wayne Foo (all Yr 9), Winston Foo (Yr 10), Matthew Serretta (Yr 12) and Haleem Mohammed Abdul (alum 2013). The weekend consisted of intensive martial arts training in both Taekwondo and Kumdo (Korean sword fighting). It was both exhausting and enjoyable at the same time, and all attendees expanded their knowledge immensely. Congratulations to all members of the Cherrybrook club for their great efforts and dedication. Well done to Matthew Serretta for receiving the Best at Camp award.

An important part of the weekend was the Dan assessment (Dan refers to black belt grades, starting with first Dan, fourth Dan in Master level) where prospective black belts are tested to see if they have what it takes to advance. We are very pleased to announce that Matthew Serretta and Winston Foo passed their assessment and are now eligible to sit for (fight for?) their black belt grading in December. The grading will occur on Saturday 13 December at Empower Dojang in Brookvale. If anyone in the school community would like to attend, please see one of the boys or Mr Hartman. This is a great achievement, and special mention must be made of Matthew who met all training requirements in the lead up to the assessment, as well as assisting with junior classes after school, all while completing the HSC year.

Mr Hartman



Matthew Serretta and Winston Foo sparring with Bo-staves



Matthew Serretta & Winston Foo after their assessment



Nathan Soo & Winston Foo at Kumdo

Big Band Concert Saturday 22 November 2014 CTHS MPC at 7pm

Everyone is invited to a special Big Band Concert this Saturday night, 22 November in the MPC commencing at 7pm, to witness the culmination of Mr Felton's 'twelve new pieces challenge'. Come along and see what these very talented musicians can accomplish, after only two days of workshopping, at the second 'Big Band Theory'. Entry is free, enthusiasm is mandatory and a love for pushing the limits essential.

NSW Constitutional Convention

Last Monday 10 November, I had the privilege to attend the 2014 NSW Schools State Constitutional Convention at the Parliament House of NSW. It was an opportunity to be more informed about current political discussions surrounding our national Constitution and this year's topic was the Constitutional Recognition of Australia's Indigenous people. It was an issue that I was particularly passionate about having just completed the HSC Aboriginal Studies Course in October.

The day began with an introduction to the topic by Professor Larissa Behrendt, a Eualeyai/Kamillaroi woman and a well-known advocate for Aboriginal rights in Australia, and Law Professor Anne Twomey from the University of Sydney. It was such a pleasure to listen to these two admirable people, bringing in their own insight about the need for such a referendum as part of Reconciliation, whilst raising some questions about the proposed changes by the Expert Panel which reported to the Prime Minister in 2012. Afterwards the students were split into six groups to discuss amongst ourselves whether we believed the Constitution should be amended and how. I was lucky to meet many other Year 12 students from all across NSW, some of which identified as Aboriginal, whose knowledge on and common passion towards the topic, catalysed very interesting conversations and debates.

Each group reported their ideas back to everyone at the end of the day and we had the chance to vote on the proposed changes through a referendum. The majority of us supported both 'the symbolic recognition of Indigenous Australians through the insertion of a Preamble' and 'changing the Australian constitution in order to recognise Indigenous Australians'. We were also required to elect only thirty people from the more than seventy who attended, to represent the state in a National Convention in Canberra next year. Although I was unfortunately not chosen, I am confident that the elected candidates will sufficiently represent the belief of the majority of students who attended, in the achievement of Reconciliation and greater justice for Australia's Aboriginal peoples. The event truly inspired me to think about our potential impact as young individuals in becoming the future voice of the Australian people for significant national issues such as the Recognition of Indigenous Peoples.

Stasia Hendrawan, Year 11



BYOD Program in 2015

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we now have the 2015 school year in our sights. The school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program has been in full swing this year and we would like the participation of Years 7 to 9 to be just as successful in 2015.

More information is available on the school's website at: http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=6395

Access Equity in BYOD

We envisage most students and families of these year groups will be able to provide a device and participate in the program. However, we recognise that parents may encounter difficulties in providing a device in this short timeframe. Whilst the school is not in a position to issue a personal device to students, we are keen that no student is disadvantaged by not being able to participate. If you have any difficulty, financial or otherwise, please let us know in writing if you need assistance.

Signed Agreements for BYOD

Completed and signed charter agreement forms can be returned to the TSO office in the student services building. Please return these to the school as soon as possible this year for collation.

I can be contacted on 9484 2144 or by email craig.anderson1@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any further questions about the program.

Mr Anderson, Head Teacher Information Technology

WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Upcoming Events

- The Ironman and Ironwoman competition is coming back to CTHS in this term so start training!

Quote of the week - *"Sport Can Create Hope Where Once There Was Only Despair. It Is More Powerful Than Governments In Breaking Down Racial Barriers. It Laughs in the face of All Types Of Discrimination"* - Nelson Mandela.

Chloe James and Zoe Anstee, Sports Promotion officers

Wanderers Cup Victory

The Cherrybrook Technology High School girls' soccer team advanced to the semi-finals of this major tournament after they had progressed through two days of qualifying matches earlier this year. During these preliminary stages they scored a sensational victory over a high school with a talented soccer program.

The final stage was held at Pirtek Stadium prior to the Western Sydney Wanderers game against Central Coast Mariners. Our semi-final was against Castle Hill High School and the Cherrybrook girls played brilliantly to post a 2-0 win.

The final was against a high quality team from Riverside Girls High School. Both teams had chances, but only managed to nullify each other with the score ending 0-0 at full time. A very nervous penalty shootout decided the cup winner and our girls remained calm to score an exciting 3-1 win.

The team members for the final consisted of Ellen Berios, Emma Conlon, Sarah Dinatale, Emma-Rose Greenwood, Brittney Hartley, Anamaria Martinez, Tiana Perry, Colaina Raccani, Emma Searle, Brooke Steinwede, Amy Swainston.

The trophy will be officially presented to the school by one of the Wanderers players at a future assembly.

Mr Perry



CTHS Swimming Carnival 2014 - Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

The school Swimming Carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 26 November, 2014. Permission notes have been distributed during roll call and all students are encouraged to return note and money ASAP. It is a great opportunity for all students, whether they be talented athletes or casual swimmers, to experience and swim at the venue which hosted the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games swimming events. The carnival will determine the 2015 Zone Swimming Team, which has had great success in past years. Full participation by all students should enable the school to continue its excellent results at Ku-ring-gai zone level and beyond. Students are also reminded that if they wish to participate in 200m freestyle they need to register at the PE staffroom beforehand. The 200m freestyle competitors and the sports executive **must** be at the bus bay by **8:15am**.

Mr Monahan



CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Saturday 6 December | 5pm-9.30pm | Rofe Park

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/christmas

FREE SHUTTLE BUSES will leave Hornsby Station and Rofe Park every 15min between 4.30pm and 10pm

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.

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.

THE ACTING EXPERIENCE

- > PERFORMANCE
- > CONFIDENCE
- > IMAGINATION

NEW CLASSES AVAILABLE IN 2015

- > PRIMARY - AGES 9 TO 12
- > TEENAGERS - AGED 13 TO 17

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DIARY – Term 4 Week 8B

Monday 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Ext 1 Maths Assess Task • Presentation Night Rehearsal • HSC Ancient History Assess Task - pds 1, 5 & 6 • Social Justice Excursion
Tuesday 25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Physics Assess Task • Social Justice Excursion • Boys' English Classes Excursion • P&C Executive Meeting - 7pm, 'A' Block Conference Room • P&C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room
Wednesday 26 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTHS Swimming Carnival • Social Justice Excursion
Thursday 27 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 10 into 11 Hospitality Information Evening - C2.1 • Band Workshop & Concert - CB2, CB1 & BB • HSC Software Design Task Due • Schools Spectacular Dance Rehearsal • Social Justice Excursion
Friday 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 12 Ext 2 Maths Assess Task • Stage 5 Commerce Market Day • Schools Spectacular • HSC Industrial Technology Design & Management Portfolio • Microsoft Excursion - Junior Boys • HSC English Task - pd 2
Saturday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Spectacular