

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4

Week 10B 12 December 2014 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Final Network for 2014

This will be the final Network for 2014 following what has been a most successful year for our school. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 10 and 11 are to continue attending school until Wednesday 17 December. Towards the end of period 6 on Wednesday, students will attend a very brief assembly from which they will be dismissed for the summer holidays.

HSC Results are Soon to be Released

their HSC this year. The reason for their anxious faces lies in the forthcoming release of HSC results, which are due next Wednesday, 17 December. As in previous years, the school will host a barbecue for all Year 12 2014 students on Thursday 18 December, commencing at 11am. This is an opportunity to share their ATARs, to debrief and if necessary gain some advice or guidance.

Champion Athletes

Last Friday afternoon I had the great pleasure of attending the Combined High Schools Sports Association annual Blues Awards. These awards are the most prestigious award that a sportsperson in a public school can win and are reserved for very elite athletes. Looking through the program of past winners is like looking through a 'who's who' of Australia's elite sportsmen and women. Names such as Steve Waugh, Johnny Warren, Jessica Fox, Dawn Fraser and Ian Thorpe are just some of the many outstanding sportspeople who have achieved this honour.

Pleasingly, this year Cherrybrook had two students who were awarded a Blue, Georgia Winkcup for cross country and Natalie Eldridge for netball. Both students were very deserving of the award having achieved National level competition in their respective sports. A remarkable achievement.

I am sure the entire Cherrybrook community joins with me in congratulating these fine students on their success.

Happy Holiday

Finally, 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.

Congratulations to...

- Grace Kwon, Year 10, who will be performing in the City Kids Theatre production of *The Little Mermaid Jr*
- Tanya Obeyesekera, Year 12 2014, whose major work has been selected for the DesignTECH Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum and the NSW regional tour.

Mr Johnson



Natalie Eldridge and Georgia Winkcup

Year 10 Crossroads Program

Year 10 students participated in various Crossroads activities on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Students visited the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) facility at St Ives where, rotating between six sessions, they covered hazard perception, distraction management, vehicle safety, stopping distances and driver fatigue. Students also heard from a car crash survivor, who outlined how their life has changed resulting from the accident in which they were involved.

At school, students undertook group activities led by facilitators from Life Lessons Educational Programs, dealing with issues such as body image, the negative effects of drugs and alcohol, sexting, resilience, cyber bullying and cyber safety. Students also met the new Police School Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Lynda Hart, who spoke to students about appropriate interactions with police, police discretion, the 'in-company' principle and the role of police in relation to parties. Mrs Bower also provided excellent information about the negative effects of recreational and 'smart' drugs and safe partying, drawing on her extensive academic experience in this field.

In preparation of students commencing their senior years, the Librarians, Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, expanded upon concepts raised in the compulsory 'All My Own Work' program, by advising students on best practice when undertaking research for assessment tasks.

Finally, this year CTHS was privileged to engage Armando Hurley, a Motivational Speaker, who engaged students with his stories about his personal life experiences covering racism, bullying and self-respect, amongst other topics. His passionate talk touched many students who I'm sure learned that it is possible to rise from adversity, not to give up even when things seem bleak and to take every opportunity presented to them.

I would like to thank all the staff who assisted me in coordinating and delivering the Crossroads Program this year, which helped to make it such a success.

Miss Adamou

Who Brought the Aerogard??

On Wednesday 10 December, the Year 11 geography class ventured to the Bicentennial Park at Homebush, on a field trip to look at the inter-tidal wetlands, as part of their major case study. Luckily for us the weather was fine and, most importantly, the rain held off enabling us to get into the wetlands without sinking knee-deep in mud. The one downside was the swarm of mosquitos that nearly carried us away! A mangrove with mozzies? Who would have guessed? The day was very productive with students undertaking a number of tests on aspects of the wetland environment. A transect was conducted to look at the zonation of different ecosystems within the wetlands. Students had the opportunity to look at a Geographical Information System (GIS) which uses a series of historical maps that can be overlaid to show historical land use patterns, human impacts and changes in the area. The information learned on the day and the first-hand experiences in the wetlands will be invaluable for students in compiling their notes for next year's HSC exam.

Mr Clements



Cherrybrook Technology High School Outstanding School of the Month

The Australian Education Times has nominated Cherrybrook Technology High School as the 'Outstanding School of the Month'. Following is a link to the article

http://issuu.com/taet2013/docs/the_australian_education_times_issu/c/sllp5al

French Camp

Last weekend, six HSC French students were lucky enough to be able to go to a French Immersion Camp at Milson Island, accompanied by Madame Dracakis. The aim was to increase our exposure to as much French as possible by meeting other students from schools around NSW as well as HSC markers for the French beginners, continuers and extension courses.

The highlight of the first night was the film *L'Élégance du hérisson* which explored issues regarding family, youth, life and death. It narrated the story of an intelligent eleven year old girl who spent her days planning her suicide making the film both interesting and meaningful.

The next day we broke off into groups according to our levels, where a few of us studied key components of the French Extension course in depth. We analysed the prescribed film *Neuilly sa Mere*, in detail and the key issues involved such as tolerance, social class and relationships, which really challenged our preconceived ideas. Also, we practised our monologue speaking skills on various topics, critiqued by teachers and peers.

But we didn't completely step outside our comfort zones until the time came for our drama productions. In groups, we were told to create a short scene of our choice and perform it after a few hours of practice. Surely enough the performances were extremely entertaining but most importantly, we noticed a drastic improvement in our speaking skills.

Although some of us woke up extremely early, not to stare at the sunrise but rather study for our biology exam, the weekend was definitely memorable and rewarding.

Thank you Ms Dracakis for such an unforgettable experience! C'était super!

Visakhan Vythilingam and Veda Santhanam Raman, Year 11









School A to Z Practical Help for Parents

A large number of valuable resources have been put together to assist you in the task of returning to school. This back-to-school checklist includes information on:

- Homework and study
- Wellbeing
- Technology
- School guide
- Conversations

This 'one-stop shop' for back-to-school information is available at the following website: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/

Homework Club Wraps up with Prizes Galore!

Wednesday 10 December was the final Homework Club for 2014. This was celebrated by all the students who had attended Homework Club throughout the term, with pizza (thanks to Mr Hind), drinks and a major prize draw. Every time students attended homework club this term, they received a ticket in the draw. There were seventeen prizes up-for-grabs, with eight iTunes vouchers, various chocolate boxes and giant candy canes. The following students were lucky enough to win a prize:

Farshad Absalan, Samuel Albers, Tanmay Bhakta, Mitchell Finlay, Emily Gong, Liam Harris, Lauren Hayes, Benjamin Huang, Zohar Hussain, Charlene Jee, Mia Ji, Kaustubh Patel, Ashton Sowden, Sher Li Tan, Danielle Zalud and Mike Zheng.

Homework Club will return early in Term 1 2015. It provides a positive and happy environment where students can get assistance, complete group projects or just work on their own. During Semester 1 2015, each time a student attends they will be automatically entered into our major prize draw. There will be plenty of great prizes available! Hope to see all our regulars back and looking forward to seeing some new faces next year.

Ms Deadman, Ms Hampe and Mrs Singh

Aboriginal Studies Canberra Excursion

The Aboriginal Studies class 2014-2015 left the driving rain of Sydney behind to travel to Canberra, 8-10 December. We are grateful to have been offered the opportunity to spend the day at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the world leader in the field, researching for our HSC major projects. The trip was both educational and inspirational. It showcased the depth and diversity of the culture of Australia's First Peoples and their continuing struggle for social justice. We visited the High Court, Parliament House, the Tent Embassy and Reconciliation Australia, the War Memorial, the National Museum and the National Gallery. It was great to be able to gain a practical perspective, which increased our understanding of our studies. Despite the minimally furnished youth hostel accommodation and a breakfast including bread which didn't taste like toast until the third toasting - we more than made up for this with our ever present humour and camaraderie.

We would thoroughly recommend this excursion to any student who is considering studying Aboriginal Studies in the future. A big thanks to Mr Fernandez and Mrs Cross for giving up their time to accompany us, drive us around and for organising the excursion.

Aboriginal Studies Class 2014/15







From the Library - Stop Press!

Congratulations to CTHS library for successfully applying to become a Lighthouse School, to lead the way in the changeover from the OASIS management system to a new, more flexible, web-based system called *Oliver*! Further information will follow as it comes to hand. However, it's expected the migration will occur later in Term 1 or early Term 2 next year. This, combined with the library redesign, for which steady progress has already been made, will make for a very busy year ahead!

Remember to check out the ever-expanding CTHS library website for updates on this, and all sorts of other useful information, including latest books for holiday reading <u>cthslibrary.weebly.com</u>

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians

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.*

Rock and Water

On Monday, selected students from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 were chosen to go on a Rock and Water Excursion to Brookvale and then end the day with a pizza on Dee Why Beach. After about an hour or so, the bus stopped at Mr Hartman's dojang in Brookvale. We entered the dojang and took our shoes and socks off and sat down whilst the teachers ran us through what we were going to do. For about 2 hours we were playing against our friends doing lots off Rock and Water games such as Chinese boxing. After playing the games we got out the punching/kicking bags. After we did all the activities at Mr Hartman's dojang, it only felt like we were in there for about half an hour, I guess time flies when you're having fun. We all got on the bus for a short 10 minute bus trip to the sunny Dee Why Beach. We sat down for a while when Mr Hartman turned up with at least 10 boxes of pizza, and juice. For half an hour we were having lunch and mucking around with each other. Dee Why beach was a beautiful place to sit down and enjoy our lunch. Unfortunately the dreading sentence "time to go" was yelled. Then we all got on the bus ready to head back to Cherrybrook which was filled with thunderstorms. In the end it turned out to be a great day, with fun games, and of course the pizza!

Daniel Crompton, Year 7



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.

Australasian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiad

The Australasian Problem Solving Mathematics Olympiads (APSMO) is a national competition which holds a series of five papers, each with a set of five problems which challenge your mathematical skills. The papers have a certain amount of time to complete them, ranging from 25 to 28 minutes and each question has a recommended time to spend on it. Each problem has a different stage of complication and also requires you to use various techniques to solve the problems.

The Maths Olympiad was a fun and very challenging competition, helping us in thinking how to go about solving different types of problems and challenging our own knowledge to see if we can solve them. Not only that, it has helped us to understand newer techniques to solve a problems in a different way. It was also exciting that our team received the Outstanding Team Achievement Award, which meant we performed in the top 25% of all Olympiad entrants.

By competing in the Maths Olympiad it has opened our minds to newer and different problems, which allowed us to think hard and enjoy the competition.

Konrad Cuevas and Rebecca McKee, Year 8



V8 Super Students

Last Friday I had the pleasure of sharing the escort of a fabulous mixed group of students to the Students On Track day at Sydney Olympic Park. We arrived at the venue mid-morning (with the temperature hotter on the track than off). This was soon to change, there were options to seek shelter from the heat, but this took spectators away from the best viewing action. This may have prevented some sunburn and mild heatstroke.

The initial static display showed a range of cars from a wide variety of eras and manufacturers. Some were beautifully turned out, such as the Army Holden Sedan and the unusual stretch limousine covered in artificial grass, to the carts with miniature body kits and one Hot Rod. The next display was by Isuzu and included stunt drivers putting cars up on two wheels and no they weren't motorbikes! This was followed by a 4WD being put through its paces on a near vertical hydraulic tipping ramp with both incline and decline planes covered!

Students were introduced to the industry that is V8 Super Cars, including marketing, logistics, engineering, mechanics, race directors, caterers, security, safety officers, civic planning, political agendas and gender roles. This suited the learning needs of all groups which were represented and provided a real world understanding.

While catching a bite of lunch, we enjoyed a session of warm ups from the premier racers. They looked and sounded amazing! As a long-time fan unable to attend a race meet for many a long year, it was like music to my ears to hear the roar of a V8 in full flight again.

All in all, it was an experience I know I will enjoy annually. I am looking forward to seeing how the changes to the race classes impact racing and the way forward for Holden and Ford in 2015. Thank you to my fellow escorts, Mr Brown and Mr Hind, and the well behaved, mature and responsible students in attendance.

Mrs Robinson

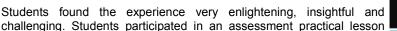




What does a Food Product Developer do?

This question was asked to the Year 11 Food Technology class nine weeks ago in the form of a design brief. The design brief required students to become food product developers for the company Lean Cuisine. They were asked specifically to make a line extension for the Asian Cuisine range of convenient home meal replacements.

This process involved many real world equivalent activities such as conducting research, comparing competitors' products, surveying people for their opinions; on cost, appearance, taste of food and developing prototypes of the selected food item and the appropriate packaging.





where they made their prototype. They then had to freeze one portion of the prototype ready for a taste testing the following day. There was a wide variety prototypes made including soups with dumplings, curries and a number of seafood inspired creations.

Did you know for every one student who graduates from a Food Technology degree there are six jobs available? Did you know the average starting out salary for a Food Technologist is \$80,000? Did you know Food Technologists are assisting in the efforts to reduce Australia's growing obesity problem? Did you know HSC Food Technology students are extremely well educated when it comes to making decisions about what to eat, when to eat and how much to eat to ensure they are able to have a balanced and nutritious diet?

Mrs Robinson

Retirement Village Visit

Today, Year 11 and 10 students visited the Anglican Retirement Village to hand out Christmas cards and spend time with the residents of the Donald Coburn Center. Our students showed great enthusiasm and compassion in writing personalised cards and showed great care when spending time with each resident. Thank you to Mrs Scott for liaising with CTHS and a huge thanks to Sinead McNicholas, Elizabeth Abraham, Olivia Cotter, Joel Cousens, Georgia De Kauwe, Waleed Mirza, Brittany O'Toole, Jack Patten, Jordan Rene and Summer Willmot for their participation.

Mr Hind, Head Teacher Welfare





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 Servant of Two Masters

The cast of our 2015 school play *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldini, has been busy with rehearsals which kicked off in Week 6 of this term. Our teambuilding activities (captured in the accompanying images) have assisted in fostering the wonderful sense of cooperative cohesion which pervades the rehearsal room each Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

There is a cast of loveable characters which make up this fabulously entertaining comedy. Mistaken identity, wedding plans turned unexpectedly upside down, servants outwitting their masters and causing mayhem; all of this and more hilarity will ensure you are enthralled with Goldini's classic piece of commedia dell'arte.

Our school production takes place in Week 7 of Term 1 2015, with performances on Tuesday 10, Thursday 12 March and Friday 13 March starting at 7.30pm, so make sure you put these dates in your diary for 2015.

Look forward to seeing you at the show!

Ms Cannon













'Servant of Two Masters' Rehearsals

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 refer to your diaries for further details. *Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.*

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An Adaptation of Carlo Goldini's

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WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Girls' Athletics at Nationals

Last Monday, Cherrybrook Technology High School's senior girls' athletics team, travelled to Adelaide to compete in the National Final of the Interschool Athletics. The carnival consisted of over 75 school teams of 7-9 athletes from all states of Australia, who qualified through their state finals in August. CTHS was one of only four public schools represented in the 75 teams, the remainder primarily being the elite GPS and CIS schools across the country.

Despite competing in the senior division, our team comprised Kate Collett, who at 13 years of age was the youngest senior competitor at the carnival, as well as Eliza Woollett and Aurora Henke, both 14, Courtney Catell aged 15 and Emily Jones aged 16. The remaining

	Georgia Winkcup	First 1500m, fifth 400m
	Kate Collett	Third shot-put, ninth long jump
	Team	Third in relay
	Aurora Henke	Fourth 100m hurdles, fourteenth 100m
	Courtney Cattell	Ninth in javelin
e t	Emily Jones	Eighth high jump, nineteenth 1500m
	Erin Blundell	Seventeenth 400m
	Clarissa De Freitas	Twentieth 100m

three athletes, Clarissa de Freitas and Georgia Winkcup, aged 17 years, and Erin Blundell, aged 18, were our only senior-aged team members and yet we finished a fantastic seventh place overall. Our girls competed brilliantly, especially Courtney Cattell who gained celebrity status after being interviewed during her javelin throw, due to the fact she was on crutches and wearing a boot on her fractured foot!

A special mention also goes to Clarissa, having no background in athletics, but a top hockey player, who took on three State Champions in the 100m sprint and performed beautifully.

Congratulations to ...

• Georgia Winkcup and Natalie Eldridge for their CHS Blue Combined High School score

• All award winners at the Sports Awards Assembly. A major congratulations to the following students: Courtney Cattell, Georgia Winkcup, Mathew Rose and Jack Patten, who were awarded Sportswomen and Sportsmen of the Year.

Upcoming Events:

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27 January	Closing date for summer sport choices
29 January	Summer trials for grade sport takes place
6 February	Year 7 swimming carnival
10 February	Basketball trials
12 &13 February	Tennis trials
20 February	Boys and girls basketball trials
23 February	Zone swimming carnival
4 March	Cross country CHS
11 March	Boys softball trials
13 March	Year 7 gala day
16 March	Girls football trials
17 March	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
18 March	Girls hockey trials
19 March	Touch football boys and girls trials
18 &19 March	CTHS athletics carnival
23 March	AFL trials
24 March	Boys football trials
27, 28 & 29 March	CHS swimming table tennis knock-out
30 March	Table tennis knock-out
31 March	Rugby league trials
31 March	Boys hockey trials
1 April	Netball trials





Reminders:

All students in Years 8, 10 and 11 will receive an email in the holidays about sport choices for next year's trials.

If any students were absent from the sports assembly on Thursday, please come and collect your trophy or award from the PE staffroom as soon as possible.

Sport quote: "Quit making excuses, putting it off, complaining about it, dreaming about it, whining about it, crying about it, believing you can't, worrying if you can, waiting until you are older, skinnier, richer, braver, or all around better. Suck it up, hold on tight, say a prayer, make a plan and JUST DO IT." - Nike

Zoe Anstee and Chloe James, Sports Promotion Officers

CAREERS UPDATE



LeavingSchool.com.au

LeavingSchool.com.au is an online magazine which aims to provide secondary school leavers with advice, information and resources which will help them with the transition from secondary school. The first edition of the magazine includes information on finances, resumes and advice for parents about how to support their students through end-of-year exams. http://www.leavingschool.com.au/

ASIC: MoneySmart Financial Literacy for Young People

This page set up by the Australian Government, includes a bunch of tips for under 25s about credit and debt, getting a car, your first job, moving out of home, mobile phone plans, online transactions and more. Resources are also available for teachers. <u>https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/under-25s</u>

CareerChick: 'Top 10 Things I Wish I'd Known at Uni'

An article that provides prospective university students with 10 tips about what to expect at university, and helpful tips to ensure students are prepared and don't make simple mistakes.

http://www.careerchick.com.au/careerZone/ViewArticle.aspx?id=47&siteSection=2&articleSection=2

Department of Education: Job Guide

A good resource for students who want to learn more about their options for choosing a career that meets their interests. The Job Guide provides information about starting a business, choosing subjects for Year 11 and 12 and also has a list of occupations with a detailed job description for each. VET in Schools, Resume Building and Learning Pathway information is also offered on the website. http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au/

School Holiday Courses:

Filmmaking, Animation, Screen Acting and Screenwriting @ Aftrs Open

Learn new skills in Filmmaking, Screenwriting, Animation, Screen Acting and more at an AFTRS Open school holiday course at The Australian Film Television and Radio School in Sydney. Courses include Real Filmmaking, Digi Animation, Game AP Design, Screen Acting, TV Presenting and Writing a Short Film. December and January. Details at the following website: <u>http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/school-holidays</u>

BiG Day In @ UTS - Wednesday 4 March 2015

UTS BiG Day In IT Careers Conference for high school students from Years 9-12 - Wednesday 4 March 2015 in the Great Hall at UTS Sydney. Hear from Microsoft, Westpac, WiseTech Global, IBM, CBA and more, talking about their career paths and the future of technology. \$10ph for students. See IT teachers or Careers Advisers. <u>http://thebigdayin.com.au</u>

Surveying: alifewithoutlimits.com.au website launch of NSW resources A new Taskforce has recently been formed to promote Land Surveying as a career of choice in NSW. Students can now access up-to-date content on roles, pathways and study opportunities at http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au. Students can also register their interest in a work experience placement.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower





Chill-Out Club Christmas Party

Today was the Chill-Out Club Christmas Party and we had a huge turnout of students. They first had to answer a Christmas question with Tarsha, to receive a ticket to enter. Upon entry, they were treated to a wonderful multimedia Christmas presentation designed by Taylor Catts. Students could then play Christmas tree ring-toss for prizes and share in the huge amount of food which was offered. Emily Gong and Ashton Sowden made Christmas cakes (one was green!). We had a beautiful Christmas tree decorated exclusively with Manchester United ornaments by Ms Deadman. Thanks to all the teachers and students who helped and donated food for the party. Chill-Out Club will return in 2015, bigger and better than ever!

Ms Deadman and Ms Hampe



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Thursday 22 January | 4.30 to 5.30pm

Castle Hill . 281 Old Northern Rd

Term 1 starts Thursday 5 February | 4.30pm



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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'.

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DIARY – Term 4 Week 11A			
Monday 15 December	Yr 11 Economics Short-Answer Task		
	Yr 11 Geography Assess Task		
	Yr 7 & 8 T Classes plus Yr 9 & 10 Girls' Eng Excursion		
Tuesday 16 December	Music Ensembles end-of-year Outing		
	Yr 11 Business Studies Assess Task - MPC		
Wednesday 17 December	HSC Results Released		
	• Term 4 Ends		
Thursday 18 December	HSC Results BBQ - 11am-12:30pm		
	Staff Development Day		
Friday 19 December	Staff Development Day		