

Term 2 Week 1A 24 April 2015

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2

We are experiencing a very wet return to Term 2, but in true Cherrybrook Technology High School spirit, everyone is coping remarkably well. Many important events are planned for this term including the Parent/ Teacher Interviews in Weeks 3, 5 and 6. Please keep a close eye on the calendar and note key events in your diary. CTHS welcomed two new members of staff this term, Mr Matthew Fisher, who is the new HT Administration and Miss Mai Nguyen, who has joined the HSIE staff. We wish them both many years of successful teaching here.

Uniform

With the wet and windy weather upon us, many students are taking advantage of wearing their CTHS Canterbury jacket. This jacket comes highly recommended and can be purchased through the online purchasing system on the school website, under 'Information/Uniform'. If you are unsure of your child's size, samples are available for them to try on in the Deputy Principal's office. Orders take approximately seven days to be filled. The school uniform code specifies the types of jackets which are acceptable and does **NOT** include jackets with hoods.

ANZAC Day

In commemoration of the centenary of the ANZAC landing this year, a special interest group, led by Mr Hartman, took responsibility for organising this tribute to ANZAC Day which began with a Dawn Service. Approximately 150 staff, students and parents gathered at the flag poles for a service led by the Senior Student Executive. The event concluded with a BBQ breakfast. Many KLA's were involved in the activities for the day and made it a very special event. ANZAC Day was also commemorated at two special assemblies. These assemblies, presented by our students under the direction of Mr Hartman, were solemn, thoughtful and very moving occasions.

Alumni Dinner

The initial event of the CTHS Alumni was held at the Epping Club on Thursday 26 March. While the response to the event was a little disappointing, those who did attend had a wonderful evening. Much discussion was had about ideas to further the growth of this group and initiatives which could be put in place to support the school. On the night, a video created by Mr Mueller was also shown. Mr Mueller used a drone to video the school and this excellent presentation is now on the school website for all to enjoy. You can view the video by following this link http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=2187 or visiting the school website and going to 'Information/About Us'. The video really shows the school in a most favourable light and I highly recommend taking the time to view it!

A big thank you must be given to the P&C for sponsoring the event and to AJ Kumar for his organisation and enthusiasm for the night. We also had the opportunity to farewell Mrs Scott, who has been a tireless worker and supporter of the school and we value the time she has spent over the years as a member of both the P&C and the Executive.



Alumni Dinner









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Matt Fisher HT Administration



Mai Nguyen HSIE Teacher

P&C Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 5 May, commencing at 8:00pm in the school common room. All parents are 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.

Stage 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder to Stage 5 parents the Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 5 May. Parents should by now have received details regarding electronic booking of interviews (flyer included in this edition of *Network*). These evenings are a great opportunity for parents to meet teachers and discuss their child's progress.

Wet Weather Accommodation















Congratulations to...

- 12 years boys' relay team, Luke Durheim, Alex Durheim, Alex Ross and Andrew Koh, who were awarded State Champions at the NSW CHS Swimming Carnival.
- Paris Roditis, Year 11, who has been selected to participate in the NSW Girls' Basketball State Championships.
- Suriya Shanmuga Subramanian, 2014 CTHS graduate, who was awarded the UNSW Co-op Scholarship in Chemical Engineering for 2015.

Mrs Bevan



12 Years Boys' Relay Team



Cherrybrook Technology High School Year 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews



Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents

Year 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **Tuesday 5 May 2015** from **4pm - 8pm** in the **MPC**. Bookings can be made online at times which best suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Tuesday 21 April at 9am BOOKINGS CLOSE Monday 4 May at 9am No bookings will be taken after this time



Enter THIS school event code, then follow the three simple steps.









When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately, **check your junk mail folder**.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews, until bookings close.

Parents who do not have access to the internet at home, work, a friend's house or on their phone or tablet, please send a note to Mr Edinborough with the approximate times required or ask your child to log in on your behalf. Interviews are strictly five minutes duration and spaces are limited.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you have time, please click on the 'contact us' button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and leave some feedback, anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.































ANZAC Day Dawn Service



2015 information for parents

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested and how?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the national *Statements of Learning* for English and mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a prompt.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 15 May 2015.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website: www.myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au
- · contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

NAPLAN 2015 tests timetable

	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy calculator 40 minutes non- calculator 40 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy calculator 40 minutes non- calculator 40 minutes

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

www.nap.edu.au

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Sydney Royal Easter Show 2015

The Music Ensembles took their musical extravaganza outdoors to the Sydney Royal Easter Show on Thursday 26 March. An interesting variety of acts were presented, from the raging rock guitar group to the swinging bands and the harmonious strings and choir. It is pleasing to note a group of budding solo vocalists made their debut at this entertaining event. Congratulations to all students who worked so well together in putting on a great show. Special thanks to the Ensemble Directors who continually strive to raise the performance standard.

Mrs Lee, Music Ensembles Supervisor



Leadership Day

Last term, in celebration of International Women's Day, myself and Nidhi Marchareddi were lucky enough to get the opportunity to visit NSW Parliament House for a Leadership Seminar. During this Seminar we got to hear from inspirational women who were highly involved in Parliament. They explained the issues women still face in today's society and ways we are able to get involved in order to make a change, as women are still highly underpaid compared to men for the same job. Throughout the day we also got a tour around NSW Parliament House showing us and students from the 55 other schools who attended, the different houses and levels of Government. The talks given were motivating and intriguing as we were able to hear women's stories on how they got to their current position in parliament, some of the struggles they faced by simply being a woman and ways to overcome these struggles in the workplace if we were ever faced with them. The whole day was very encouraging and a great experience.

Renee Trumper, Year 11



How to Get Away With Murder

On a wet March evening students from Cherrybrook Technology High School arrived at Tangara Girls School to participate in the first round of the Law Society of New South Wales Schools Mock Trial Competition. The team consisted of barristers Nikita Kapahi and Ellen Cameron, solicitor Pei Wen Tan (Year 11), together with witness Hansika Muthukuda and clerk Aman Haidary (Year 10). Those great legal minds were charged with representing me, the defendant, in a murder trial. I was accused of murdering a bureaucrat because of the result of a mock trial competition. Both teams performed their roles strongly and the magistrate commented that the trial was of a high standard. We learnt a lot about teamwork, court procedures and advocacy skills. By the end we were able to cast reasonable doubt on the prosecution's case and the magistrate found me not guilty. That was how I got away with murder.

The team would like to offer our thanks to the magistrate who volunteered his time to watch over the trial. We would also like to thank Mr Cameron (father of Ellen) for giving up his time to coach the team and Mr Fernandez who accompanied us to the trial. We look forward to the upcoming round against Redfield College.

Amelia Smillie, Year 10

MathsPASS

Last term in *Network*, the mathematics KLA announced MathsPASS (Peer-Assisted Study Sessions). The program is scheduled to commence in Week 5 this term and although we are no longer accepting applications from tutors, we still have some places available for Year 7 students to receive tutoring.

This is an extraordinary and cost-free opportunity for interested students to apply for and benefit from. If you would like your child to be included in the program, please complete the following form and submit it to Mr Watson or Mr Woo by Friday 1 May 2015. Any questions can be directed to Mr Watson at david.watson23@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Watson

Vaccination Reminder Years 7, 8 and 12

Friday 8 May 2015

- Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (dose 2) and catch-up
- Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
- Year 12 MMR catch-up

If you have not returned the vaccination consent form, please place it in the box at the student window by Friday 1 May 2015.

If you require another consent form they are available at the student window.

Mrs Navarro, HT Student Programs

Application Form

Dear Year 7 Students and Parents/Caregivers,

The Mathematics Faculty at Cherrybrook Technology High School is pleased to announce a tremendous opportunity to support your child's mathematical development, MathsPASS.

MathsPASS at CTHS will involve students from Year 11 being trained in coaching skills by our teachers and spending time tutoring students from Year 7 who have expressed both a desire to develop their skills and difficulty in certain areas, under the direct supervision and guidance of Mathematics teachers.

As this program will have limited spaces, we ask that interested Year 7 students submit this request form,

explaining why they are interested in such an opportunity, in what specific areas they have experienced difficulty as well as any additional information you feel is relevant.

Please submit this form to Mr Woo or Mr Watson no later than Friday 1 May 2015.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Woo Head Teacher Mathematics Cherrybrook Technology High School Mr Watson Head Teacher Mathematics Cherrybrook Technology High School

Clubs

The last two weeks of Term 1 were very busy for all of our clubs. We had the Easter party on Friday in Week 9 at Chill-Out Club where students played a number of games including tossing eggs into a basket and pinning the tail on the bunny. There was a huge feast of hot cross buns, Easter eggs, cake, and drinks. Johnny created a beautiful display using chocolate animals. During the second half of lunch we had an Easter egg hunt where students took clues and had to locate eggs. Eggs were hidden in various parts of the school including the agriculture plot, front office, library and TSO office. They were also located with a number of teachers. A big thank you goes to Mr Fernandez, Mr Felton, Mr Murphy and Mrs Bevan for helping out. Following the Easter egg hunt there was a huge prize-draw with loads of Easter prizes distributed. A huge thank you to all the student helpers who assisted with the party, brought in food and decorations. We are now looking forward to our carnival party at the end of Term 2.

In Homework Club we finished the term on Wednesday of Week 10 with all students who had attended the club throughout the term invited to a special party. Drinks, ice blocks and food were provided and there was a prize-draw. The more times a student had attended the more tickets they had in the prize-draw. Prizes included an Events Cinema gift card won by Jack Hill and an iTunes gift voucher, won by Taylor Catts. Other prizes included giant lollipops, a cupcake Easter egg and many more. Congratulations to all the winners! Homework Club runs every Wednesday at lunch in D1.3 where students can eat their lunch and come and go at any time. Help with homework and assessments is available and computers and printing are available too. We look forward to seeing our regulars and some new faces in Term 2.

Card and Game Club now run on Mondays. We have a huge range of games thanks to the generous donations from Mr Felton and his Friday Games Club members. These include strategy games, card games and board games. We will hold a number of tournaments throughout the term so make sure to listen for the notices about these. Hope to see our regulars and some new faces in Term 2.

Stage 4 Club runs during the first part of lunch every Thursday and is open to all Year 7 and 8 students. This term the focus will be creating costumes for the carnival party. Materials are provided so come along and create something spectacular with feathers and flare!

Ms Deadman

















FROM THE LIBRARY

World War I (WWI) Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday 21 - Wednesday 29 April 2015

To **enter** the competition:

- 1. Go to the CTHS http://cthslibrary.weebly.com/, library website at 'Students/WWI Scavenger Hunt'
- Download the questions
 Complete the answers online
- 4. Click on Submit Entry!

Remember to check-out the stunning WWI and Anzac Day displays in the library!

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians











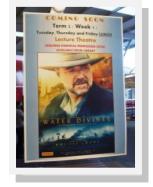














Wood Show Challenge

This year CTHS will once again be participating in the Annual State Wood Show Challenge. The Wood Show Challenge is a competition run by various schools throughout the State where Year 9 and 10 students are given the challenging task of interpreting a working drawing of a skills-based woodwork task and completing it within a tight three-hour time frame.

This year the school heat was held on Wednesday 22 April under the supervision of Miss Wilson and Miss Bleakley. The sixteen Year 9 and sixteen Year 10 students had only three hours to make a small carry tray with a variety of joints.

Huge congratulations to all students who were chosen to compete by their woodwork teachers. It was a fantastic morning and all students deserve positive recognition for their efforts.

The following students will be progressing to the regional challenge:

Year 9 Team: Brooke Dougheney, Nishanth Rajanbabu, Monique Mifsud and Kagan Karacete

Reserve: Mike Zheng

Year 10 Team: Mitch Blow, Arek Shamavonian, Nicholas Remaili, Joshua Bull

Reserve: Bailey Hamilton



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.**

Ace Effort

On Wednesday 31 March, Amelia Choo (Year 10), Tiana Perry, Vasilisa Zvyagina and Chantelle de Kock (Year 9) represented CTHS in knock-out tennis against Mosman High School.

The girls played two doubles and one singles match. After the first doubles we were one set a piece. This was followed by a strong battle where we won one of the matches in the second doubles. The Mosman girls proved stronger in the singles, winning three out of four matches. Despite concerns about rain we were still able to complete all matches.

The overall results are as follows:

Cherrybrook: 6-2, 6-0, 6-0

6-2, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0 Mosman High:

Mosman High School won overall 5 sets to 3.

I was extremely proud of the girls' sportsmanship and it was an honour to accompany them. As a keen tennis player myself, my eyes were glued to every point. Making it to Round 3 was a great achievement!

Miss Kerr, Tennis Coach

















CAREERS UPDATE

Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand

Considering a career in business? Meet The Business Leader is the perfect opportunity for current Year 12 students to secure a cadetship while you undertake your university studies! The event, hosted by Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand, is on Wednesday 20 May, 5pm - 8pm at Luna Park. There is no cost to attend, however, you will need to



click here to pre-register. For more information, please refer to the website or speak to your Careers Advisor.

UWS Parent Information Evenings are an opportunity for parents and high school students to discover how the ATAR works, how much a course will cost and the full range of options for entry into university. The Parent Information Evenings will be held on UWS campuses during July and August. For more details and to register, visit http://www.uws.edu.au/parentinfoevenings or email the PSA Team on forschools@uws.edu.au.



National Youth Science Forum 2016

Applications open NOW for NYSF2016. Online applications for National Youth Science Forum 2016 are currently being taken at http://www.nysf.edu from students currently in Year 11 and considering tertiary study and careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). NYSF offers a twelve day program in January 2016 for students to learn more about tertiary study, life at uni and building personal and professional networks along the way.

HSC Science Revision Workshops

Kickstart workshops give HSC students a chance to do experiments and demonstrations of key ideas in the syllabus which are difficult to do in the classroom. Kickstart Biology, Chemistry and Physics are running in the July school holidays at the University of Sydney, Camperdown. http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/kickstart/index.shtml.

Marketing/Advertising/PR Career Taster Days at Macleay College in July

Do you have students who are undecided about what career to pursue? Are they outgoing, enthusiastic, chatty or creative and work well with others? Tell them about our Career Taster Days for Marketing, Advertising or Public Relations in the July school holidays. They can find out more here http://goo.gl/HFh1rd.

Cadetships in Business, Engineering and Technology

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program are now open and will close on Wednesday 13 May www.businesscadetships.com.au. Applications for the Engineering and Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program will open on Tuesday 28 April. The 2015 program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for an Engineering Cadetship at Rolls-Royce or a Technology Cadetship at westpac www.etcad.com.au.

The University of Notre Dame's Young Achievers Early Offer Program 2016

Have your students receive a firm offer to study at university before they sit their Year 12 exams! Applicants may apply through four categories: commitment to community and/or Church, commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits, commitment and excellence in sporting achievements or academic excellence.

Your journey to a meaningful career starts here



Apply direct

Log into http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/young-achievers-early-offer-program.

Lions Australia Youth Exchange Closes 30 June

Are you over 17? You can experience life overseas for five or six weeks from December to mid-January. http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/ye/overseas-destinations/.

Billy Blue College of Design Open Day

Saturday 3 May, 10.00am - 2.00pm, 46-52 Mountain Street, Ultimo.

Contact: 1300 851 245 or info@billyblue.edu.au.

http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/sydney/sydney-od-may.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower





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Johns Hopkins University and The University of Chicago Joint Program

Thursday, May 14, 2015 · 5:30-7:00 pm

Hosted at Redlands

272 Military Road

Cremorne NSW 2090

Join admission representatives from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Chicago at an information session for prospective students and their families. This session will include a brief overview of each institution and information about the admission process to highly selective universities in the United States.

Registration is requested.







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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.

CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 2			
Monday 27 April	• AP1 Exams		
	Year 8 Science Skills Assessment		
Tuesday 28 April	• AP1 Exams		
	Industry Bite Excursion		
	Year 8 Science Ecology Excursion		
Wednesday 29 April	• AP1 exams		
	HSC Assessment Task Visual Arts Viva and Body of Work Task		
Thursday 30 April	• AP1 Exams		
J	• Zone Grade Finals		
Friday	HSC Assessment Task Visual Arts Viva and Body of Work Task		
1 May	• AP1 Exams		