

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

### Term 2

### Week 6B

29 May 2015

## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**



#### Principal Meeting at CTHS

Cherrybrook hosted 75 Principals on Tuesday who attended a presentation by Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and the DEC, on the new Teacher Accreditation Authority. Under the Teacher Accreditation Act 2004, the accreditation decisions at the Proficient Teacher level will, from Semester 2 2015, be made by Principals. Principals will have an additional role in schools as they will be known as the Teacher Accreditation Authority. It will now be their responsibility to sign-off authority on teachers seeking, or being maintained at, 'Proficient' level. By the beginning of 2018, all teachers will be accredited by BOSTES. Prior to this date, only teachers employed post 2003 participated in the accreditation process. As you can image, this puts enormous responsibility in the hands of Principals as they are now accountable, increasing their workload in an ever changing educational environment.

#### **TAFE Passwords**

Over the past week, many Year 9 and 10 students have been interviewed regarding the illegal use of TAFE accounts and passwords. Students who attend TAFE have legitimate access to a TAFE account and can use it for TAFE work. They are told they cannot share the details of this account with others. Some students have been sharing this information which has allowed students to access blocked sites at school. Not only is this practice unethical, it is also illegal!

All students have been made aware that we **do not** condone this behaviour as it breaks the Cherrybrook Technology High School BYOD User Charter. Students who are involved need to check their computers, to ensure the details of the TAFE account are not stored on their device. If they need help with this they need to take the device to the TSO's.

In future, this behaviour will be seen as a breach of the CTHS Discipline Code.

#### **Driving into Staff Carpark**

Despite many pleas in *Network*, some parents still persist in driving into the school carpark. The signage at the front of the school clearly states, access to the carpark is for **staff only** between the hours of **7am - 9am** and **2.30 - 4pm**.

Again, last week, an accident nearly occurred when a parent was reversing out of a car space as a staff member entered the car park. The place to drop off and pick up students is the front of the school.

Again, I ask for parental cooperation in complying with the request to avoid the staff carpark during the specified hours. This, of course, does not include students with an injury.

The school is investigating the installation of a boom gate at the entry point to the car park, which will present a permanent solution to this problem.

#### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

On Tuesday of this week, the MPC was crowded with parents and students from Years 8 and 11 as they met with teachers to discuss their child's progress. Year 11 reports were distributed on the night and those who did not receive theirs on Tuesday will receive them by mail. Thank you to the Stage 4 and 6 Head Teachers and the Year Advisers, for their organisation of this important event.

Mrs Bevan



Year 8 & 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### Social Justice Assembly

This week's whole school assembly was organised by the Social Justice Committee. A few members of the Committee, including: Marcus Lee, Kristie Ching and Nicholas Stubbins, all gave thought provoking speeches about social issues they are passionate about. These issues included, the stopping of offensive stereotypes, the end of using words like 'gay' and 'retarded' in the wrong context, and how refugees are exercising their basic human rights as they seek asylum in another country. The *Watch your Words* campaign was launched and students received a length of multi-coloured string to tie around their wrists to remind them to respect others and their differences, whilst also celebrating their own diversity. It was a wonderful assembly, with an important message which was delivered in a very effective manner. Well done to the Social Justice Representatives for an assembly of which many students spoke very highly.

Mr Clements

#### FROM THE LIBRARY

#### My name: Oliver (not the musical) premieres at CTHS Library!!

It's been a long time coming down this road...however...

On Wednesday, 27 May 2015, amid subdued excitement and with a minimum of fanfare, CTHS Principal, Mr Johnson, became the inaugural borrower when he launched *Oliver*, the new web-based library management system. Mr Johnson's choice of the first book to be borrowed under the new system was a modern Australian classic, Tim Winton's *Cloudstreet*.

*Oliver* offers much more than the previous unwieldy, OASIS system, which it replaces. Operating in a web-based environment, by links, *Oliver* is a very flexible system which simplifies operations and allows for a greater variety of features. It was thoroughly tested over time by a number of DEC schools before being offered to especially selected Lighthouse Schools, of which CTHS is one.

Our warm thanks to Mr Johnson for being our inaugural borrower and for his continued enthusiastic support of the library, to Mrs Bevan for capturing this milestone event on camera, to Mr Tong, Mr Laletin and Eliseus Feng, Year 12 for acting as our testers ('guinea pigs') as well as to our first student borrower, Daniel Martinez, Year 8.

Students can access Oliver via the My School Library link, in the Search Sites dashboard, located on the left hand side of their Student Portal.

#### Who will buy? Book Donations

Prior to the *Oliver* launch, the library underwent a major cull of resources from all sections of the collection, which left hundreds of books looking for a new home. Fortunately, through Rotary Wahroonga, we were put in touch with Turramurra Uniting Church members, who were very happy to take our donations to sell at their annual flea market last weekend. Unsold books are destined to be sent to several of their overseas education projects.

Be back soon! Keep posted for more Oliver updates!

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians



New library borrowing program, Oliver, in action

#### My Restaurant Rules

The design project, *My Restaurant Rules* allows Year 8 Food Technology students to gain many skills in researching cuisines from all around the world, team working the restaurant's name, logo, menu and production and realisation of between one to two menu items and a beverage. On Monday 18 May, students took three judges on a taste-bud tour of Korea, Italy, Mexico, Japan as well as modern contemporary Australian cuisine. Students proudly served their meals at well-presented tables, with beautifully folded serviettes and specially printed menu cards. Judges voted Casa Di Italia as the best restaurant and the class voted Formal Fusions as the best on the day. Thank you to Ms Deadman and Miss Ferguson for being great guest judges on the day.

Mrs Robinson, HT TAS



#### World Food Revolution Day

Friday 15 May marked a significant day in global history, as Jamie Oliver held his second annual World Food Revolution Day. What's this day all about? Jamie's goal is to make food education a mandatory part of school curriculum. Why? To help reduce the incidence of children who grow up and don't know how to prepare healthy, nutritious, tasty, adequately proportioned meals from scratch. Ms Parsons and myself supported this initiative by having students in our Year 7 and 8 classes complete the practical experience of making The Squash It Sandwich. Below are some pictures of the enthusiasm with which the activity was embraced by the students involved.

Mrs Robinson, HT TAS



#### **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.* 



# CHERRYBROOK STEM TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL STEM PROJECT PRESENTATION EVENING

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND Cherrybrook Technology High School's STEM Project Presentation Evening

> Tuesday 9 June 2015 Room C2.1 6:00pm Start

Contact: alesha.bleakley1@det.nsw.edu.au

# RSVP

Please register via the school's website - http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page\_id=9466 RSVP by June 1 2015 Catering will be provided based on RSVP

#### A Smart Start for Commerce Students

On Friday 8 and Monday 11 May, Commerce students attended a series of SmartStart sessions provided by the Commonwealth Bank Foundation.

DollarSmart students listened to the SmartSpending session. It explored the influences on consumers' spending, as well as ways students can evaluate the true value of potential purchases. *Running a Business* students enjoyed the SmartEnterprise session. Students focussed on low cost steps they could take to start a business as well as workshop their own potential business options. *Towards Independence* students participated in the SmartEarning session. This workshop explored the rights and responsibilities of, and potential pitfalls for, employees as they enter the workplace.

Student feedback on these sessions was overwhelmingly positive with repeated mention of how impressed they were with the session facilitator, Mrs Jannalee Bollinger. We look forward to conducting more sessions, next semester.

#### Mr Brown





#### Drama News

On Tuesday, our Stage 5 and Year 7 drama ensembles auditioned for the Arts Alive Drama Festival. Both of these ensembles have been working flat out to get their performances ready. If successful, these talented drama students will be on stage at the NIDA Parade Theatre in Kensington late July. Parents are invited to come along to support their children at this event. Further information regarding purchase of tickets and dates of performances will be supplied to all those involved, pending the decision from the audition panel.

#### Ms Cannon





#### 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.

# Teenagers, alcohol and other drugs: How much influence do parents really have?

Lane Cove Council and the Family Referral Service present:

A Workshop for Parents by Paul Dillon

Tuesday 2 June 6:30pm – 8:00pm

## Lane Cove Library



Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. He has had extensive experience working with young people and delivering seminars to parents about how to empower parents with a positive message and assist them in having open and honest family discussions on this complex area.

Learn about:

- The prevalence of alcohol and other drug use by young people, with particular emphasis on the latest evidence on the risks associated with teen drinking
- The positive influence that parents can have on their child's drinking behaviour
- The barriers that you and your child may face during adolescence.

Bookings are essential and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. To book: email each attendees name, postcode and email address to <u>hrose@lanecove.nsw.gov.au</u> or call 9911 3586



#### WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



#### **Congratulations:**

- The under 15 girls' soccer team were victorious this week in a home game against Cheltenham Girls High School. Well done girls!
- The open baseball team played a match against Pennant Hills High School and they also won their match in a convincing way.
- A big thank you to Mr Monahan who coached both of these knock-out teams.
- The NSW CHS Boys Hockey Tournament was played this week in Bathurst and Cherrybrook had three players representing Sydney North. These students were Aaron Thomson, Liam Doughty and Sanjit Vijayakumar. Congratulations to these boys and we look forward to hearing about your successes.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Sydney North Cross Country will be held on Thursday 11 June. Please return forms to the PE staffroom asap.
- Zone Athletics will be held on Wednesday 24 June, Week 10.

#### Grade Sport:

• Grade sport will be played against Galston High this week; girls will be at home while boys will play away.

Zoe Anstee and Chloe James, Sports Promotion Officers



Zoe Anstee



Chloe James

#### CAREERS UPDATE

#### Western Sydney Careers Expo

All students in Years 10 and 12 have a fantastic opportunity to explore their career pathways for the future. Students can access career information from universities, TAFE colleges, private providers and employer groups. This is a compulsory excursion and the cost remains at \$15. Please return your completed permission note, with payment, to the student window.

Permission notes can be downloaded from the school website by clicking on the following link: <u>http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page\_id=2872</u>

#### UNSW: How to choose your HSC Subjects.

http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/118761892162/how-to-choose-your-hsc-subjects

#### My Big Tomorrow

My Big Tomorrow aims to demonstrate how important developing sound literacy and numeracy skills are for future careers. The website features over 90 different career choices, with students able to search careers based on their hobbies and interests or search for random careers. http://www.mybigtomorrow.com.au/



#### UNSW: Co-op Program Create Your Career Sessions

Wednesday 3 June, 6.00pm - 8.00pm, UNSW Kensington Campus. Create Your Own Career Sessions offer students the opportunity to hear from industry leaders and gain an insight into the career opportunities which exist through the degrees available in the Co-op Program. UNSW will be holding six sessions on the possible career paths available in the Co-op Program. These sessions are titled:

Accounting and Business Management Careers; Actuarial Careers; Finance and Banking; Marketing Careers; Information Systems and Technology Careers; Engineering Careers.

https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.schedules\_search?p\_event\_id=70

#### **UNSW: Interior Architecture Workshop**

Thursday 23 July, 9.00am - 12.00pm, Built Environment Gallery, UNSW Kensington. Learn about the Bachelor of Interior Architecture and studying at UNSW by participating in fun activities in a student run workshop. https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au/egateway/students.events\_search

#### **UWS: Parent Information Evenings**

Bankstown Campus: Wednesday 22 July; Penrith Campus: Tuesday 28 July; Parramatta Campus: Wednesday 5 August; Campbelltown Campus: Tuesday 11 August. Students and their families may attend to learn about how the ATAR works and the range of university entry options available. Attendees will also learn about fees, HECS-HELP loans, and all that UWS has to offer. http://future.uws.edu.au/future\_students\_home/events\_at\_uws/parent\_information\_evening

#### Raffles College of Design and Commerce: School Holiday Workshops

Monday 29 June - Thursday 2 July Monday 31 August - Thursday 3 September

1 Fitzwilliam Street, Parramatta

Workshops are available in Photography, Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Graphic Design and Interior Design. \$120 for four days, all materials provided. Open to students aged from 15 - 20. Contact: (02) 9633 3800 or jaimiwalker@raffles.edu.au http://www.raffles.edu.au/workshops

#### Australian College of Applied Psychology New Course: Diploma of Youth Work

The course covers different types of youth work including case work, community development and program development. Students will learn about issues confronting many young people such as family breakdown, homelessness, and mental health. http://www.acap.edu.au/news-container-/new-course-diploma-of-youth-work-chc50413/





Experience campus life at Le Cordon Bleu in a guided tour and information session, where you can learn about cuisine, cookery and hospitality. Group or individual tours with Le Cordon Bleu can be arranged by registering your interest on their website. http://www.lecordonbleu.com.au/sydney/booktour/en



Online Video: Studying Online at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment http://vimeo.com/66780987

#### Aspire Institute Open Day

Sunday 16 August, 10.00am, 151 Darley Rd, Manly. Tour the Manly campus, learn about programs from academics and staff, meet current students, and hear about the Aspire experience. <u>http://aspire.edu.au/experience/open-day/</u>

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower



CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 7A	
Monday 1 June	<ul> <li>Year 11 Biology Excursion</li> <li>HSC Assessment Task - Economics Research Essay</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2 June	<ul> <li>Excursion - Industry Bite</li> <li>Excursion - HSC Economics UBS Bank Student Conference</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3 June	Science Competition
Friday 5 June	Year 8 Geography Incursion - MPC