

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL



Week 4B

7 August 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NAPLAN Headlines

Following on from the feeding frenzy which the media displayed this week when discussing NAPLAN results and the fact that they have remained reasonably similar over the past eight years, I would like to say something positive about this school's results. Unfortunately, I cannot comment, as the results aren't released to schools until next week!

What I can say is that this school has an enviable record of improvement in NAPLAN and that we use the data the tests provide to determine areas we can work on to improve student outcomes. Remember, the tests are designed to be a diagnostic tool not to provide a background for ranking schools.

Visit from Chinese Students

On Tuesday of this week we welcomed ten students and a teacher from Yu Yao Experimental School in Ning Po, a city approximately 45 minutes from Shanghai, China. Whilst here, the students will study English and be immersed in the culture of Australian families until Friday 14 August. Students have been matched with 'buddies' for the duration of their stay and despite some initial language barriers seem to have settled in remarkably well.

Centenary of Gallipoli

This week students were reminded of one of the great battles of the Gallipoli campaign when the following message was read to all classes on Thursday 6 August. Many thanks to Mr Hartman for his work in honouring our fallen forbears throughout this most important centenary year.

On this day 100 years ago, the Gallipoli Campaign had already been going for nearly four months and had cost thousands of lives from both sides. The strategy that the British decided upon was to conduct a landing north of Anzac Cove at Suvla Bay in an attempt to defeat the Turks once and for all on the Peninsula before driving forward to Istanbul. In order to distract the Turkish defence, an offensive (later known as the August Offensive) was launched by British and Anzac troops. New Zealanders and British attacked at Chunuk Bair and Australians attacked at Lone Pine and the Nek. While the attacks on Chunuk Bair and the Nek were terrible defeats, the Australians were successful at Lone Pine and managed to capture the enemy trenches. Seven Victoria Crosses were awarded at this Battle for Valour. The August Offensive resulted in tens of thousands of casualties on both sides and is considered one of the most significant events of the Gallipoli Campaign. If you're interested, the 1980 film Gallipoli shows fighting at the Nek and the 2014 film The Water Diviner shows flashbacks to the fighting at Lone Pine. Lest We Forget.

Uniform

It has been very pleasing to see the vast majority of students correctly attired in full school uniform over the past few weeks. Despite the cold weather it is vital students wear their full uniform. In particular, students should have the correct footwear and pullover. Parents and students are reminded hooded jackets are **NOT** part of the uniform and students who choose to wear these will be disciplined in accordance with the school's fair discipline code.

Engineering Challenge Success

Congratulations to our marvellous Engineering Challenge teams consisting of Eduard Geyl, Leo Xiang, Winston Foo and Doris Che in Team 1, which this week took out second place in the prestigious University of NSW competition; and Chris Swanepoel, Victoria Gupta, Mark Lam and Min Soo Kim in Team 2. Full details to follow in next week's *Network*.



More Shelters Under Construction

Over the years, as funds become available, the school has been quietly constructing small, stand-alone shelters in the playground for students. This week construction began on two more. One in the front playground and one east of the serpentine wall. These shelters should be ready for student use early next week and already students have been eyeing off the areas ready to lay recess and lunchtime claim.







Grade Sport Finals

This week saw the finals of the winter grade sport competitions and Cherrybrook Technology High School had a significant number of teams in the final. At the conclusion of Thursday's play, seven teams emerged victorious. These were boys' basketball 9/10; boys' soccer B; girls' hockey 7's; girls' netball A; girls' netball B; girls oztag A; and girls' soccer B. Whilst we also had boys' AFL A; boys' volleyball B; boys' soccer 15's A; and girls' basketball A, join the ranks of runners-up. My congratulations are extended to all students who participated in the finals matches.

Year 12 Major Works and Practical Marking

Last week saw many very nervous Year 12 students in a flurry of activity busily putting the final touches to their major works in English, Textiles, Design and Technology, Multimedia, Industrial Technology and Society and Culture.

The quality of the students' work was just outstanding being creative, innovative and in most cases, very professional.

Students also began practical examinations in Dance and LOTE and the realisation that this year's HSC was well and truly underway has certainly dawned on our students.

A taste of the students' work may be seen in the photograph below, which is of Nathan Clinch's Industrial Technology project, a hand-built speedboat. This project is as much a work of art as a practical machine, which would look at home on Italy's Lake Como.

Mr Johnson





The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

I am delighted that this term our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative, the *Tell Them From Me - Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parents) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors which are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take fifteen minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between Monday 17 August and Friday 16 October. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, your responses are very much appreciated. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the date.

More information about the survey is available at http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

Mr Clements

THE BIG PICTURE PROGRAM

The Big Picture Program was an amazing experience for me to help me get a feel for university life and help me create smarter, achievable goals to work towards in order to achieve the marks, university courses and jobs that I aspire for post high school. This program was held at Warrane College, which is an independent residential college for men affiliated with UNSW. Over the program, I met a variety of different boys from numerous backgrounds, ethnicities, ages and schools; I grew closer to these guys through the many activities that were included in the Big Picture Program, which included an icebreaker sports session on the first day which replaced the first awkward conversation with some friendly competition. As the days went on, through the many inspiring seminars given by amazing guest speakers and informative tours, I forged friendships that I will treasure for a lifetime, but more importantly, it has allowed me to evaluate opportunities that are available to me post high school, which was an extremely valuable insight, and has definitely allowed me to better plan and organise my life. This program has also given me the opportunity to meet face-to-face with many successful men in their chosen field, and allowed me to ask questions and learn more about what they did to reach the position that they are in right now. At the end of the program, although I was sad, I knew that I had spent five days making myself a better person, making connections to so many different people and learning things that I never knew were available to me. I highly recommend this program to anyone, because it was truly an amazing experience.

David Lui, Year 11

The Big Picture Program is a five day camp held at the Warrane College which is located inside the campus of UNSW. The aim of this camp is to help boys develop skills and abilities as well as experience a variety of workplaces in search for jobs they enjoy and are interested in. Mr Pedley-Smith organised two students from Cherrybrook Technology High School, Ayush Kapila and David Lui to represent the school in this program. Whilst it was in the holidays and it was five days long, it was definitely not boring. In fact, it was truly a marvellous and worthwhile opportunity.

There were many key features of this amazing camp:

- We had the opportunity to travel to top universities and listen to lectures presented by professionals who gave us insights to future careers, as well as a lot of motivation. The universities include UNSW, University of Sydney, UTS and University of Notre Dame.
- We travelled to all different workplaces and were given tours addressed by senior managers, who gave us interesting talks about their jobs and their pathway leading to this career. The workplaces we visited were supreme court, radiology specialisation hospitals, Ebay office, Engineering seminars, and Film and Drama College.
- We also had a formal night where we dressed up in suits for a professional dinner, which included a mentoring session, with many professional men from all different work places. There were neurologists, financing experts, lawyers, IT experts, CEO's and teachers.
- There were a lot of sports involved, which was really entertaining as everyone got along with each other and got to know each other much better. All the boys enjoyed the sports and loved being competitive whilst having a lot of fun.
- We had professional and respected athletes, businessmen and experienced university students give us motivational and inspirational talks which helped us explore the variety of options of career choices (former NRL and AFL players, former businessmen and former athletes).
- Each student was given their own mentor where they received at least two sessions. This was a really helpful technique and strategy to open up and hear from an expert how you should go along with life and what steps you should do to achieve your goals. As well as this, this camp really focused on how you should manage yourself and approach yourself, not only in your school career, but throughout your whole life.

This camp was a memorable experience as there was so much to learn and we both appreciated the amazing opportunity that was given to us. We recommend each and every student to apply and go on this program because it is definitely worthwhile as it has so much to offer. If you are a future leader, it is finally time to step into the Big Picture Program.

Ayush Kapila, Year 11





FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week Saturday 22 - Friday 28 August

Books light up our world! Enter our Book Face Competition! Take a photo using a book as part or all of your face and email it to <u>sally.thackray@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or print it and give it to the library staff.



Entries close on **Friday 21 August**. Come into the library during Book Week and vote for your favourite! The winner will win **two movie vouchers** to Event Cinemas, Castle Towers. Be sure to check out the library's fabulous displays during Book Week!

Premier's Reading Challenge - Deadline Friday 21 August!

With the deadline fast approaching, there are a number of students who are close to completing their Student Reading Records online. The records of any students who have already completed the challenge have been validated.

Gale e-book Subscription Trial

Gale has offered a renewed trial of their e-books, which will run until the end of August. You can check it out at <u>http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/61book02?db=GVRL</u>, Password: snow

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians

CTHS Mock Trial Success

The CTHS Mock Trial juggernaut rolls on. On Wednesday 15 July, the Cherrybrook Mock Trial Team participated in the fourth round of the NSW Law Society Schools Mock Trial Competition. The team consisted of Amelia Smillie, Ellen Cameron (barristers), Nikita Kapahi, Lottie Wills (witnesses), Anuradha Narayan (solicitor) and Natalie Windsor (clerk). Our team, the prosecution, was able to prove that the defendant, Darcy Brown, was negligent. The CTHS team defeated Tangara School for Girls for the second time this year. Thanks to Mr Fernandez for his support of our team and for organising the trial.

As a result of our success, the team has now qualified for the knockout phase of the competition in which only 64 schools are invited to participate. The next trial will be against St Augustines School Brookvale on Thursday 13 August at CTHS at 5pm. Interested students and members of the school community are encouraged to attend.

Natalie Windsor, Year 10

Year 10 2016 - Aboriginal Studies Accelerated Class

An information session will be held next Wednesday evening with regard to undertaking the accelerated Aboriginal Studies class. This opportunity is for students in Year 10 in 2016. The program has been running very successfully for a few years and currently a Year 10 and 11 group are completing this HSC course.

As part of the Gifted and Talented Programs at CTHS, students identified by teachers will be individually invited to participate and attend the information night next week.

Other students interested in the course are welcome to attend the information session and apply for the course. Current students will be present to answer questions. All parents and students welcome.

Date:Wednesday 12 AugustTime:6.00 - 6:45pmVenue:A2.11

For further information, please contact Mr Searle, Head Teacher HSIE.

Mr Searle



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.

Warm and Cosy Wednesday

The cold, harsh weather over the past month has seen us all reaching for more layers, or switching on heaters. We watch from the warmth of our houses as the rain pours outside, as the trees sway wildly in the wind, but what if these weren't so readily available? What if all you had to protect you from the cold were the clothes on your back and a thin blanket?

For the 100,000 homeless Australians, this is the unfortunate reality. After the recent death of a homeless woman in Hornsby, the SRC have realised the importance of raising awareness and funds to help those without the luxury of safety and warmth. To do this, CTHS is having 'Warm and Cosy Wednesday', a mufti day to be held on Wednesday 19 August (Week 6B). Students can dress in anything warm; onesies, track pants, even ski gear. However, mufti day dress code still applies which means thongs, midriffs and singlets are **NOT** allowed (they don't fit the theme anyway!).

This term's mufti day will be raising funds for a community organisation called *Youth off the Streets*, which aims to help those aged 12-25 to overcome homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, school issues and abuse. Members of the SRC will be standing at the school gates to collect the donations.

Everyone at CTHS is extremely fortunate as we all have a roof over our heads and lots of warm clothes. With just under 50% of Australia's homeless population being under the age of 25, it is time for us to step up and change this statistic! Every dollar we are able to raise will surely go a long way to such a deserving cause. On this day, doughnuts and pizza will also be sold at recess and lunch so please bring your money to support this great cause.

Amy Stinson and Ayush Kapila, Principal's Representatives



School Carparks

Boom gates have been installed to both school carparks. Parking is available to staff only, between the hours of 7am and 4pm school days. Ample street parking is available for visitors to the school. Morrisby Career Assessment Program permission note link: http://www.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/?page_id=2872

Avondale College President's Scholarship Worth up to \$8,000

Avondale will be selecting one student from our school to receive this scholarship, provided the eligibility criteria is met. The scholarship is based on a range of criteria, so please review this within the form, and encourage your son/daughter who meets the criteria to apply.

http://www.avondale.edu.au/future students::Scholarships2016/

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 7 August 2015. Avondale offers a wide range of scholarships to suit all students, and many have increased in value. For example, Avondale's Service and Leadership Scholarship is now valued at \$5,000.



UNSW - Women in Engineering Camp

Monday 11 January - Sunday 16 January 2016, UNSW Kensington. A four-day camp for young women in Year 10 or 11 where they'll be able to learn about the exciting careers available to professional engineers. Participants will attend interesting lectures and workshops, visit sites around Sydney that showcase engineering, and meet a number of engineering students and graduates. http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/initiatives/women-in-engineering/outreach/women-in-engineering-camp

Macquarie University: New Bachelor of Clinical Science Beginning in 2016

The new Bachelor of Clinical Science is a two year fast-track course designed to help students gain the professional skills needed for a future career in the medical, allied health or medical research professions. Students will learn the fundamentals of biomedical science before applying the knowledge to a human body system approach, where pathology is taught alongside normal physiology and anatomy.

http://courses.mg.edu.au/undergraduate/degree/bachelor-of-clinical-science

The Conversation: Graduating into a weak Job Market

This article dissects the current graduate market, outlines reasons for low graduate employment, and highlights some of the factors that influence the likelihood of a university student finding a job upon graduation. https://theconversation.com/graduating-into-a-weak-job-market-why-so-many-grads-cant-find-work-45222

Hornsby Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

Wednesday 12 August from 4.00pm - 7.00pm at Hornsby War Memorial, 2 High St, Hornsby. Meet training organisations and employers, pick up job application and interview tips, and find a career that suits your interest. Contact: Rachelle Elphick on 0439 041 020.

https://www.facebook.com/Hornsbyexpo/timeline?ref=page_internal

Vantage Automotive Apprenticeships

Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. If you are interested in doing an apprenticeship in the motor industry visit http://www.vantageautomotive.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13&Itemid=9

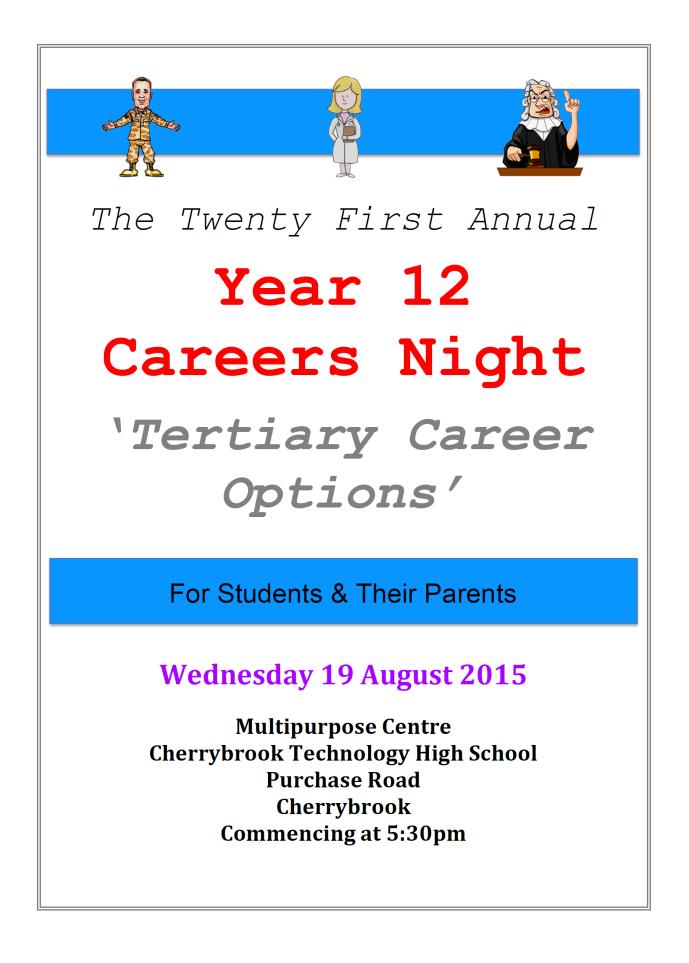
Academy of Information Technology - Free Digital Workshops

Saturday 17 October, Saturday 14 November, Saturday 5 December, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo. AIT offers free one-day workshops designed to boost participant skills and help prospective students make decisions about future study. Students can attend either an Intro to 3D Animation, Intro to Film Editing, Intro to Concept Design, or Intro to Game Design workshop at the listed time and dates. <u>http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/free-day-courses/</u>

Academy of Information and Technology Scholarship

Applications close Friday 29 January 2016. Incoming undergraduate students may apply for a scholarship using the media of their choice to "describe their life as a…" Recipients of the scholarship will be awarded a \$7,600 discount off the tuition fees for their first year of study in either the Bachelor of Interactive Media or Bachelor of Information Technology (Mobile Applications Development). http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/scholarship/

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower



WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Year 7 and 8 Competitions

Last week two groups of Year 7 and 8 students attended the Wanderers Cup Football and Touch Football Gala Day, performing well at both. At the Wanderers Cup, our girls' A team emerged victorious and the boys' A team were runners-up. Good luck to both A teams, who have qualified for the next round. At the touch football Gala Day, both boys' teams qualified for the quarter-finals, whilst the two girls' teams played in the final; the A team beating the B team. Congratulations to all the young athletes involved in the successes of these teams

Congratulations to the following teams:

- Boys' knockout volleyball, who placed sixth at the State Championships
- Girls' 14's futsal, who won and became the new State Champions
- Open girls' futsal, who just missed out on the quarter-finals
- Boys' 16's futsal, who narrowly missed out on the semi-finals in penalties
- Boys' knockout open baseball, who qualified for Round 4, but lost to Killara.

Grade Sport Semi-Finals and Finals

Congratulations to all teams who qualified for and played in the grade semi-finals last Thursday and especially the twelve teams who won their semi-final and competed in Thursday's grade final.

Event	Result	Event	Result
Boys' basketball 9/10	Won	Girls' basketball A	Lost
Boys' AFL A	Lost	Girls' hockey A	Won
Boys' volleyball B	Lost	Girls' netball A	Won
Boys' soccer 15's A	Lost	Girls' netball B	Won
Boys' soccer 15's B	Won	Girls' soccer B	Won
Mixed badminton	Lost	Girls' oztag A	Won

Year 9 and 10 students, please remember to select your sport for the spring season as soon as possible. Weather permitting, trials will be held on Thursday 13 August. Intra Sport begins on Thursday 20 August

Upcoming Events

Good luck to all students competing in upcoming events! Remember to let us know your results!

Date	Event
Monday 10 August	Trampoline Trials
Friday 14 August	Boys U15 Knockout Basketball against Umina
Thursday 20 August	Knockout Athletics Sydney Round
Friday 21 August	Sydney North Netball Gala Day - Stage 5
Thursday 3 - Saturday 5 September	CHS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 9 September	Sydney North Netball Gala Day - Stage 4
Friday 18 September	Year 8 Gala Day

Emily Jones and Kurt Perry, Sports Promotion Officers















CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 5A		
Monday 10 August	• Year 12 AP4 Exams	
	 HSC Textiles & Design hand-in day 	
	• Year 11 Biology Olympiad Exam - at school	
	• Year 12 AP4 Exams	
TT August	 Year 11 Chemistry Olympiad Exam - at school 	
	Aurecom Bridge Building Competition	
Wednesday 12 August	• Year 12 AP4 Exams	
	Year 7 vaccinations	
	Year 11 Physics Olympiad Exam - at School	
	 Earth and Environmental Science Olympiad - at school 	
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	• Year 7 Study Skills	
Friday 14 August	• Year 12 AP4 exams	