

Term 3 Week 7A 28 August 2015

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C Meeting

Feeling disconnected from the school community? Want to know more than the grunts from your child about the happenings at school? Then the P&C meeting is for YOU! The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September at 8pm. These evenings provide the opportunity to discuss any issues with the school, as well as allowing parents to stay informed and connected with the school community. Attendees will also be treated to a presentation from the HT English, Mr Stephen Henry, who will be discussing curriculum matters and other insightful snippets form the world of the English Key Learning Area.

Year 11 AP2 Examination Period Begins

The Year 11 AP2 examination period began on Thursday 27 August, signalling their final assessment tasks prior to heading into the HSC year. Students should be preparing in earnest for these exams as it is a good barometer leading up to the HSC. If a student cannot attend for any reason they should ensure they follow the procedures as outlined in the student handbook. If you have any queries please contact Ms Adamou, HT Stage 6, or Mr Bamford, HT Administration. We also ask that **ALL** students be considerate of those completing examinations and keep the noise to an absolute minimum around the MPC.

Hints and Tips for all Senior Students

It is also important to note, during examination times, students can become anxious and stressed and as Year 11 begin their assessment period and the HSC gets ever closer, some advice and tips could be timely. Parents please try to not place excessive pressures on your child and keep an eye out for their welfare. There are numerous places which supply hints and tips about surviving examinations. I have included a quick summary below which may assist you and your child.

- Develop a reasonable study routine and stick to it.
- Not sleeping or pulling an all-nighter will not improve performance.
- · Keep good sleep patterns.
- Get regular exercise.
- Be positive. A positive outlook on things aids performance. Athletes do not visualise losing, think positive thoughts!
- Eat properly, healthy diets fuel the brain.
- Allow time for a social life and sports.
- Keep perspective, a lower than expected result will not signal the end of the world.

International Day

A magnificent celebration was enjoyed by all on Tuesday, with the inclement weather even taking a break. The day started with an assembly which celebrated our multicultural backgrounds. This assembly was chaired by the new Multicultural Leaders, Bertin Huynh and Sapna Mistry. There was also a variety of enjoyable and entertaining performances which included some fantastic vocal and musical items as well as traditional and modern dance numbers.

The assemblies were also addressed by Rachel Jacobs, who shared her experiences as an Indian child living in Australia and how this has shaped her as a person.

Following on from the formal assemblies, the staff and students enjoyed the food fair which boasted a plethora of culinary delights. Popular favourites are always the Japanese sushi and Indian stalls where you could feast on traditional fare from these countries.

It was fantastic to see so many students embrace or even adopt traditional costume and embrace the theme of the day. For the first time this year there was also an evening assembly which allowed parents and friends to come and enjoy the festivities. This was a very successful evening and many thanks to all those who attended. A huge thank you is to be extended to Mr Ibarra and Ms La who encouraged the organisation for what has become one of the annual highlights of the CTHS school calendar.

Medieval Day

On Monday Year 8 students were treated to James Adams' Medieval Show where they enjoyed learning about medieval weapons, armour, law and order, medieval dress, battle tactics and facts about general life. Students were able to participate in demonstrations, as well as wield weapons and try on medieval clothing and armour. Many thanks to Mr Hartman for organising this event which was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a practical experience from a time long ago.



















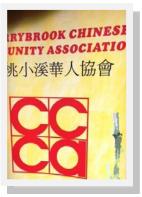












International Day

BeStreetSmart Youth Road Trauma Forum

On Wednesday Year 10 travelled to the Road Trauma excursion held annually at Homebush. This is a confronting and informative program designed to promote road safety. The major impact delivered by the program comes from the inspiring and moving stories of the individuals who are recovering from trauma due to a road injury. These inspiring individuals are living advertisements of how a single poor decision can totally change someone's life. The excursion deals with common issues such as speeding, drug and alcohol use, mobile phone usage and road awareness. The students conducted themselves with distinction and, as expected, were excellent representatives of our school. Thank you to all staff who volunteered their time to attend and also to Mr Hind for organising this event.

Executive Conference

Last weekend heralded the annual Executive Conference for CTHS. Staff spent Friday evening and Saturday investigating and engaging with the latest educational research and planning for the future. Sessions included Maurie Mulheron, who provided the NSWTF perspective on DoE initiatives and reform. Mr Johnson related the latest educational research from the recent ACER conference, including the upcoming digitalisation of the NAPLAN testing. Mr Clements and Mrs Navarro delivered a session about staff mentoring and new policies surrounding beginning teachers. Mr Hartman and Mr Hind ran a session focussing on student welfare and resilience, a target for the CTHS school plan.

The Executive staff then contributed in a session which reviewed the past twelve months in an effort to address shortcomings and celebrate successes, which then led into the correlation of this information with the School Excellence Framework. As a group, led by Mr Johnson, Mrs Bevan and Mr Clements, the Executive completed some training on dealing with difficult people, which is a DoE resource. Finally, the staff were led by Daniel Inness, former Deputy of Barrenjoey HS, through the process of implementing the IPI (Instructional Practice Inventory), a diagnostic tool to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching across the whole school. Mr Inness implemented this initiative with great success at the aforementioned school.

If this seems like a fairly full program, then you would be correct. A session focussing on the CTHS building project was rescheduled for the upcoming Executive meeting. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up a significant part of their weekend, the guest speakers and to Mr Clements who coordinated the whole event.

7T Interest Project

The 7T Special Interest Project is a group task designed to challenge and engage our students. The brief was to produce a thoroughly researched and creatively presented project. This year's theme was *Windows* and students could interpret this in any way which interested them. The final product was presented on Monday evening to interested parents, staff and other students. The projects included *Windows to Different Cultures, The Window to Nature, The Window to Opportunity, Window to a New World, Turn Back the Clock, Window to Hopes and Dreams, Dreaming out the Window and The Window to Past, Present and Future.*

Students utilised a variety of medium to present their work including video, artworks, drama and many different forms of technology which allowed for the message to be enhanced suitably. The winner of the evening developed a website based game. It was obvious from the quality of the information and the enthusiasm and passion with which the students presented their work that this type of Project Based Learning is a powerful way to engage students.

The Principal's awards went to William Stringer, Prakul Sahai and Vihanga Senanayake, who created a website which looked at our perceptions of life by answering the following questions: Does our outlook on life affect how we view and perceive, and does it change what our aspirations and ambitions are?





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HSC Major Works Exhibition

On Wednesday evening Year 12 students showcased their major artworks and projects in the MPC. Project based subjects allow students to express their creativity and develop important time management skills. The documentation is a valuable tool for experimentation, development and evaluation of their individual ideas with students gaining valuable examination marks for their HSC. There were many excellent artworks and projects on display with proud students and their families on hand to admire the craftsmanship and creativity of the candidates.

At the opening on Wednesday evening, awards were presented in visual arts, design and technology and industrial arts. Many viewers of this exhibition voted for the *People's Choice Award* and the Principal and Deputies formed a judging panel, awarding First Place and Highly Commended in each area.

Congratulations to the CAPA and TAS staff for supporting and guiding these students as well as displaying the artworks and projects.

Mrs Donoghue, HT CAPA

People's Choice Awards		Visual Arts	
Visual Arts	Nicole Marshall	First Place	Minuri Jayasinghe
Design and Technology	Chloe James	Highly Commended	Celine Cheung
Industrial Technology	Nathan Clinch		Stasia Hendrawan
			Vanessa Lesicnik

Design and Technology		Industrial Technology	
First Place	Cassie Humphries	First Place	Patrick Skeen
Highly Commended	Brian Pang	Highly Commended	Michael Rawlin









Nicole Marshall





Stasia Hendrawan



Vanessa Lesicnik

Minuri Jayasinghe























HSC Visual Art Major Works

HSC Music Night

On Wednesday evening a large crowd of parents and students supported the performance night of the HSC music candidates from 2015. The music 1 and 2 students all performed an entertaining showcase which had the crowd tapping and bopping along. Thank you to Mr Sirone and Mrs Lee for organising the evening and preparing these students for their HSC. Congratulations and best wishes to these candidates on Monday and Tuesday as they perform for the external HSC markers.

Mrs Donoghue, HT CAPA











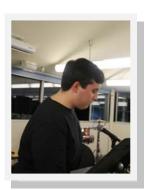
















The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

A friendly reminder regarding the Partners in Learning Survey. This survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors which are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

The survey is conducted entirely online, completely confidential and typically takes only fifteen minutes or less to complete. It can be completed anytime between now and Friday 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey you can click on the following link:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j acegi security check?j username=parent16917&j password=Che8592

The link is also available on our website under 'Information/Tell Them from Me Survey'. If all this fails, you can go directly to the following website https://www.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm and enter the login details as listed below:

Username: parent16917 Password: Che8592

Mr Clements

Year 8 Medieval Day 2015

The annual Medieval Day for Year 8 students went off without a hitch this year as nearly 300 students had the opportunity to watch James Adams' famous show. While Mr Hartman and Mr Sirone reminisced about watching James' show when they were in Year 8, the current students were enjoying the demonstrations, dress-ups and gross stories which accompany any hands-on history of the middle ages. With a range of armour, weapons and other props, James took Year 8 back to the time of the Vikings, the Normans and the Crusades. Students even had the opportunity to try on the helmets and maile, and to wield the polearms, swords and shields which James uses as part of his show. Elizabeth and Shaariq have been kind enough to write down their impressions of the day.

Mr Hartman

On Monday 24 August, Year 8 were fortunate enough to experience Medieval Day. James and Kyla provided us with an engaging show which ran for three periods. It was very interactive and was filled with many opportunities for us to see the Medieval weapons and armour. We learnt a lot about the Medieval times. However, James ensured that no one ever lost interest, using many jokes and funny stories. It was really interesting to hear about the differences between punishments and weapons used now compared to the 1500's. Overall, I really enjoyed the show and am sure to tell others about it.

Elizabeth Miezis



















Medieval Day

Boys' Class Hands on History

Last week the Year 8 boys' class made maile as part of their study of Medieval History. Some were involved in winding the links on Mr Hartman's homemade winder while the rest "knitted" the links into a 4-on-1 pattern. The activity proved successful and many of the boys expressed an interest in coming back for a few lunchtimes to create something bigger like a bishops collar or a coif. Next term we are planning on making a five part helm out of sheet steel.

Mr Hartman











CTHS Mock Trial Success

On Thursday 13 August the Mock Trial team from CTHS competed in the first knockout round of the NSW Law Society Schools Mock Trial Competition. Even making this stage of the competition is a very significant achievement. More than 200 schools began in the competition and the knockout rounds involve only the best 64 schools. We were against the undefeated team from St Augustines College at Brookvale. The Cherrybrook team for this round of the competition consisted of Nikita Kapahi and Ellen Cameron (barristers), Amelia Smillie and Lottie Wills (witnesses), Pei Wen Tan (solicitor) and Natalie Windsor (Magistrates Clerk). We successfully prosecuted a person for not providing proper identification details and assistance to the police. The magistrate commented that the trial was of a very high standard and congratulated all the participants on their efforts. The final score in the trial was CTHS 272 def. St Augustines 268. CTHS is now amongst the final 32 schools and the next knockout round will take place at the school on Wednesday 2 September against Henry Kendall High School. Thank you to Mr Fernandez for his efforts in helping to prepare the team for the trial.

Natalie Windsor, Year 10



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.

Cambodia Project Update

Thanks to the ongoing efforts by students and staff, we have been continuing to support SHAC School in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This project, which began in 2010, has supported the learning needs of impoverished students, through direct sponsorship, employment of teachers and provision of learning materials and equipment. Currently, CTHS is sponsoring five students and employing one Khmer teacher.

In order to further consolidate the relationship between the two schools, as well as enhance the specific objectives, one of the SHAC pupils, Lucy Roeung, will be enrolled at CTHS as a sponsored international student for Term 4. This will be a wonderful experience for Lucy, enabling her to improve her English, as well as for CTHS students who will gain a better understanding of our Cambodian partner school.

Some Year 12 students are also planning to spend time at SHAC School as volunteers after they finish their HSC. This is another exciting development in our project and we all look forward to hearing reports of a successful interaction with SHAC pupils.

I have attached some recent photos taken during the exam day last week at SHAC. Annual holidays commence soon.

Mr Wade, Project Coordinator















Engineering Challenge

Earlier this term a selected group of Year 11 physics students were lucky enough to take part in the annual Engineering Challenge at UNSW. Both teams performed well against Government and non-Government schools from all over the state. All schools were treated to a variety of guest speakers ranging from leading engineers from a variety of fields including academia.

The stand-out moment of the day was when one of the CTHS teams won the Car Design Challenge and finished in second place. The students were presented with a trophy from the organisers. Well done to both teams for Cherrybrook's best ever result in the UNSW Engineering Challenge!

Mr Fairclough



FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week Extravaganza! Books light up our world!

Books certainly lit up CTHS library with an astonishing display reflecting the 2015 Book Week theme. First there were the competitions, *Book Face*, which challenged students' ingenuity by requiring them to take a photo of themselves with a book cover forming a part of their face, and *Whose Face*? a challenging competition to name the teachers hidden behind the book faces. In each case, the winner's face should light up on receiving the fantastic prize of movie tickets for two! Check next week's edition of *Network* for the announcement of the winners!

Students also enjoyed 'hiding' in the big, black cave alight with fairy lights, while the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) award winners were illuminated with light bulbs like Hollywood stars on a huge, eye-catching poster. In addition, a tall lighthouse invited students and staff to nominate the book which had 'lit up their life'.

CBCA Book of the Year Winners

This year the CBCA celebrates its seventieth year of operation. On Friday 21 August, it announced this year's awards. The winners in the main categories of interest for CTHS were:

Older Readers: The Protected by Claire Zorn

Younger Readers: The Cleo Stories - The Necklace and The Present by Libby Gleeson, illustrated by Freya Blackwood

Picture Book of the Year: My Two Blankets by Freya Blackwood, text by Irena Kobald

Eve Pownall Award for Information Books: A-Z of Convicts in Van Diemen's Land by Simon Barnard

For information on other categories and the Honour Books, see the CBCA website http://www.cbca.org.au/winners-2015.htm

New Book and Café Club

CTHS library is about to launch a Book Club. Interested students can come to a meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday 2 September, in the library seminar room to have a say and toss around ideas and suggestions. Discussions will cover the format of the club, when/where/how to meet, as well as club name suggestions and ideas for activities and reads, amongst other things. The aim is to provide a relaxed, café-like environment in which students can enjoy exchanging ideas, reading, talking and eating! Refreshments will be served, so students might also like to bring a friend! The Book Club offers an opportunity for any interested seniors to guide/lead the group.

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians















WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



Congratulations to...

- Congratulations to the boys' under 17's volleyball team who finished third in the state at the NSW Volleyball
 Cup. This is a great achievement however unsurprising considering how much hard work they put in before
 and after school training
- Well done to the Year 7/8 netball team who participated at the Sydney North Gala day, performing very well
- Knockout girls' under 15's basketball team who were narrowly defeated by Asquith Girls.

Grade Sport

- Next week we are playing Galston in grade sport, Girls are playing at home
- Check the notice board in advance to see if you have any early buses.

Year 8 Gala Day

- The Year 8 Gala Day is on Friday 18 September
- If you are in Year 8 you **MUST** get a permission note from your PDHPE teacher.

Kurt Perry and Emily Jones, Sports Promotion Officers





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.

CAREERS UPDATE

My Health Career: How Long Does It Take to Become a Fully Qualified Doctor?

https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/medicine/how-long-does-it-take-to-become-a-doctor

Employment Outlook to November 2019

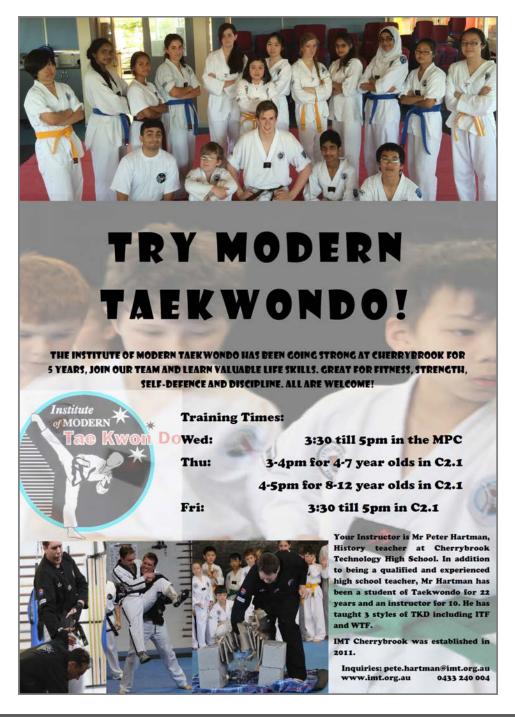
The Department of Employment's annual employment projections forecast the job outlook by industry, occupation, skill level and region to November 2019.

https://cica.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Employment-Outlook-to-November-2019.pdf

UTS Engineering Bonus Points Questionnaire

Questionnaire closes Friday 11 December. Students applying to a UTS Engineering Degree could be eligible for up to five bonus points by completing the UTS Engineering Year 12 Bonus Points Questionnaire. Early round offers will also be made on the basis of this questionnaire. http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower





CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 8B		
Monday 31 August	Year 11 AP2 Exams	
Tuesday 1 September	Year 11 AP2 Exams	
	Year 12 Ancient History Excursion	
	 P&C Executive Meeting - 7pm Conference Room 	
	 P&C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room 	
Wednesday 2 September	Year 11 AP2 Exams	
Thursday 3 September	Year 11 AP2 Exams	
	CHS Athletics Carnival	
Friday 4 September	Year 11 AP2 Exams	
	CHS Athletics Carnival	
Saturday 5 September	CHS Athletics Carnival	

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