

Term 4 Week 2B 16 October 2015

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



HSC Commences

An accessible well-constructed paper was the verdict of our students and English staff following the first of the HSC papers, which all students sat on Monday of this week. Students were, as expected, slightly nervous but also very happy for the exams to be finally underway. After six years of secondary school and a final twelve months of intense HSC study, I sensed students were well prepared and ready for these most important exams.

Following the first exam students were filmed and interviewed by Channel 7 and the report aired during the evening news. As always, our students did the school proud demonstrating very positive and thoughtful responses to the interviewer's questions. Hopefully, when the HSC results are released in December, my confidence in our students will be justified.

Stage 5 Performance Night and Year 11 Retrospective

The current Year 11 and Stage 5 drama classes will present a retrospective of this year's work on Wednesday night 21 October. This will be a great night of entertainment commencing at 7pm in the school's drama space, C1.1. All welcome.

Year 11 Parent/Teacher Information Evening

On Tuesday night 20 October there will be a meeting for all Year 11 students and parents. The meeting will look at the demands of Year 12, what is expected of students and also allow the students' reports and assessment booklets to be handed out. The evening will commence at 7pm in the school MPC. Parents of all Year 11 students are encouraged to attend.

Cherrybrook Markets

A major initiative of the P&C Executive has been to launch the Cherrybrook Markets. The aim is to provide an outlet for community produce and products not readily available at local shopping centres.

There will be fresh vegetables, coffee and a range of other market stalls selling all manner of goodies. The markets will take place in the school's Piazza area (immediately outside the MPC) and the aim is to hold them on the fourth Saturday of each month commencing Saturday 24 October 2015.

I encourage the community to come along and have a look. It may well help with organising Christmas gifts. The markets commence trading at 9am and conclude at 2pm.

Building Program Update

Planning for our new building continues. Fortnightly meetings are taking place, with all stakeholders, when design and site matters are being considered. Hopefully, architectural plans will be completed by year's end. My thanks to Rod Cuevas for being the parent representative on this panel.

To facilitate construction timelines a traffic survey is being prepared by a team of consultants and will be sent to parents in the near future. If you receive an emailed survey please take the time to complete the online questionnaire.

German and French Excursions

A huge congratulations to all students who travelled to one of these European destinations over the last few weeks. Staff report all students contributed in a most positive fashion to the trip and markedly improved their language skills and cultural understanding. My thanks are extended to Mr Wade, Ms Corbett, Ms La and Mr Robinson for taking such good care of our students whilst leading these excursions. A full French trip report can be found in this edition of *Network* and a full German report will appear in a forthcoming edition. You can also find out more about the trips from their blogs, *Cthsfrenchtrip2015.blogspot.com* and *Cthsgermantrip2015.blogspot.com*.



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Student Radicals and the Press

In the wake of the tragic shooting at Parramatta on the Friday before school returned, the Sun Herald (11 October) ran a story about how the students, who were becoming 'radicalised', were all from state schools. Chris Bonnor, a former Principal and President of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council, penned a response to the article, which I have included below. I believe it helps to put the newspaper article into perspective.

If you think that jihadists coming mainly from state schools is worth a headline (Sun Herald October 11) then here is another scoop: There are more redheads, nurses and footballers coming from state schools. All unsurprising, because state schools enrol two out of every three kids.

But there is more. Your story blames state schools and pitches religious schools as the solution to teenage jihadism. But the My School website shows that the kids in Islamic schools come from above-average socio-educational families. It would be hardly surprising if their advantages in education, employment and family circumstances didn't create some differences.

State schools enrol more of the strugglers who start from further behind - it is a tribute to these schools that their students overwhelmingly emerge as productive and valued citizens.

Your story quotes an expert who believes that religion may not be creating the current wave of radicals. So perhaps we should join the dots between the dangerous antics of disaffected youth and the fact that we increasingly concentrate them in disadvantaged schools?

CTHS Stickers

A reminder CTHS bumper stickers are available from the student window for \$10. We are a great public school and the stickers are a great way of saying you are a proud member of our school community.

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Year 9 Camp

Congratulations to all of our Year 9 students who attended this week's camp at Tea Gardens. Staff report student behaviour was outstanding and that students actively participated in the camp's activities and excursions to various History and Geography sites. A big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make the three days such a successful learning and welfare experience for our students. A full report and more photos will be featured in next week's *Network*.





Congratulations to...

- Konrad Cuevas, Year 9, who took out the gold in the pole vault at the 2015 NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships
- Caitlyn Marais, Year 7, who has been selected as goalie for the North West Sydney Under 13 Indoor Soccer Team
- Mr Fernandez and our mock trial team on their outstanding achievements, including being the top public school in NSW. Further details can be found in the body of this newsletter.

Mr Johnson



Konrad Cuevas



Caitlyn Marais

Cambodia Project

Lucy Roeung from SHAC school in Siem Reap has just arrived in Sydney for a three-month stay. During this time she will attend Year 10 classes at CTHS and participate in a range of cultural activities. She is very excited! We are also very pleased to be able to sponsor her visit as part of the ongoing Cambodia Project, which has been underway for six years.





German Exchange 2015

The Year 10 and 11 German students have returned after a highly successful three-week trip to our partner school in Wanzleben, Germany. A full report will appear in a forthcoming edition of *Network*. Visit our blog for more information, *Cthsgermantrip2015.blogspot.com*.

Mr Wade



French Study Tour 2015

'CTHS French Study Tour 2015' that's what it says on our jerseys, at least. In real life? I don't think you can really call it that. As a new Year 12 student I know the meaning of study and two weeks of fun-filled adventure isn't normally part of it.

Thanks to the hard work of our teachers Ms La and Mr Robinson, seventeen of us French students from Years 10 and 11 got the wonderful opportunity to travel to another country and experience both the tourist sites and culture first-hand during the September holidays.

To put it simply, it was UNREAL! The first day we went straight from the airport to a bus tour with a lovely guide and let me tell you, I wasn't sure if I was dreaming. There was the Eiffel Tower! The Louvre! The Arc de Triomphe! That day we also went up to Montmartre and the Basilique of Sacre Coeur and then back to our hotel rooms which were rather Parisian in terms of size; not that we spent much time in them. The next day we managed to fit in the Louvre, Champs Elysees, Jardin du Tuilleries and the Arc de Triomphe all in one day by "`a pied, sans" lifts! I think we ended up walking something like 15kms...or was it 25kms? The river cruise at the end was very welcome, and very beautiful.

We also got in some substantial day trips, first to Mont St Michel (which essentially looked like a medieval hillside town had been transplanted onto the mudflats of Normandy) and then to le Chateau de Versailles, which was rather large and crowded too (although not by metro standards!) Both were insanely beautiful. But it wasn't all just Paris, of course. Next up was a five-day stay in Tours, a small city around three hours from Paris by bus. Only this wasn't in a hotel, it was with a family, a *French* family. For most of us English was no longer an option for the better part of the day, which made things interesting. During the day we attended L'Institut de Touraine, which is a language school. It was fantastic to learn phrases like "en ce qui me concerne". Our French improved exponentially.

I think one of the best parts of Tours was that at the start of each day at the language school, we all shared our stories, embarrassing mistakes and observations of how the French live their everyday life. It's amazing the bond you can form with people in such a short space of time and how much you can learn. It was definitely one of the most memorable experiences of my life and it was very sad to leave.

Just three more days before returning to Sydney, we travelled back to Paris, to climb the tower itself at night and sneak in a chocolate making course, a few 'interesting' dinners (escargots, quiche Lorraine, duck à l'orange etc), yet another impressive Chateau (Fontainebleau, this time!) and the Centre Pompidou, gallery of modern art before we left. And Euro Disneyland, bien sûr, despite the frequent 'technical difficulties' on more than one ride! So it was very sad then when we left, after sixteen days of the French experience in the wonderful land of baguettes and croissants. I think I speak for all of us when I say how *super* it was and how it went beyond our expectations. I look forward to saying *bonjour* again to France when I finish my HSC!

Find out more from our blog, Cthsfrenchtrip2015.blogspot.com.

Ellen Cameron, Year 12 French Continuers student













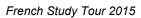














Sweet Sixteen: CTHS' Most Successful Mock Trial Team

On Friday 9 October, the CTHS Mock Trial team, this time consisting of Ellen Cameron and Nikita Kapahi (barristers), Pei Wen Tan (solicitor), Natalie Windsor (court officer), Hansika Muthukuda and Laura Heinrichson (witnesses), set off to Gosford Chambers for the seventh round of the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition. The winner would progress to the quarter finals of competition.

Our team was the Respondent in a family law matter about spousal maintenance. Mock Trial is judged in two ways: first in terms of the legal argument and second based on the mathematical addition of scores based on the observations of the magistrate.

We gave our best efforts but will not progress to the next round. Despite the fact that we won the legal argument by obtaining a verdict for less than the amount claimed, Green Point won the scoring 383-369.

We wish them the best of luck for the future both in this competition and internationally where they will represent Australia at an international Mock Trial Competition in New York.

This round of the Mock trial competition in particular, hosted in as grand and intimidating a venue as Gosford Council chambers, was a great learning experience for us. The Magistrate's feedback was as constructive and insightful as we have received throughout the competition.

Thank you to the school for providing us with a bus to get to Gosford, to Mr Gibbs for driving us, and to Mr Fernandez for guiding us through each trial and putting in the organisation that has not gone unnoticed.

It is great that we have improved in every trial we participated in. Mock Trial is a great experience and I encourage any interested year 10 and 11 students to become involved next year.

We are particularly proud to be the most successful Mock Trial team both in Cherrybrook and the North Western region as well as being the equal furthest progressing public school (including selective high schools) in the competition this year.

Laura Heinrichson, on behalf of the CTHS Mock Trial Team 2015



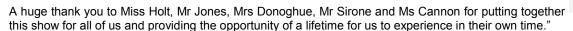


Grease is Definitely The Word!!!

Brigitte Dalziell had this to say about the exciting process she is engaged in as our hit musical for 2016, *Grease*, continues to take shape:

"I was so excited to achieve the lead role, Sandy, of CTHS's *Grease 2016*. Her character of an Australian, teenager with a lovely and sweet personality inspired me to audition for this role in the amazing musical. Not knowing whether I would get this role, I hoped, worked and tried my best for the audition and that lead me to what I have received and achieved today! The fun, great character of Sandy I take great pleasure in playing amongst the many amazing and talented actors/singers/dancers within the musical production.

I love the character, Sandy, portrayed within the movie and musical. Her innocent, gorgeous and caring being, brings a loving and friendly vibe which she radiates just from a smile. I've had such a great time already with everyone; learning lines, choreography and music, I cannot wait to perform with Danny, Rizzo, T-Birds, The Pink Ladies and the rest of the cast, in this upcoming musical which will be a spectacular one and all will enjoy this production.



Ms Cannon





Operation Art 2015

Congratulations to Hannah Goh and Nadee Manchanayaka of Year 9 for having their art work hung in the Operation Art Exhibition at Homebush Armory. The girls attended an official opening with their families to acknowledge their amazing still life paintings. Hannah writes about her experience.

"Going to Armory Gallery for Operation Art was a unique experience and a great privilege. It was amazing to see hundreds of amazing artworks displayed in one space. As soon as you walked into the room your eyes caught the array of artworks flowing across the walls. It really put into perspective the amount of talented young artists who have a unique and creative eye. The place itself was beautiful, let alone the artworks. The band played and there was an official opening. It was nice to see that so many people supported such a great cause. There were children from 5-16 years of age who had their artworks selected and all were individual and unique. Each had something special. The room was full of vibrant colours and the warm chatters of everyone who were intrigued by the raw talent of the young artists. Overall Operation Art was an experience I will never forget. It was a privilege to be part of such a good cause along with many other young talented artists."







National Art School

Two of our talented Year 11 visual arts students, Marsha Okuneva and Rachael Soo, were successfully accepted into the National Art School for the HSC Intensive Studio Practice course. The girls have now completed their study and below are accounts of their experiences.

Marsha

"I did printmaking at the National Art School. For me it was one of the best things I've done, as it gave me the opportunity to really focus on art and meet new people from all over NSW. Being in a class of sixteen skilled artists my age was both challenging and inspiring and we supported each other through the art making process. One of the highlights for me was seeing all my friends' work at the end of the course, after seeing them create it over the two weeks. The course helped me to generate ideas and consider new mediums for my Year 12 major work. I would recommend this course to anyone with an interest in art who is planning to do it after school."

Rachael

"I thought the NAS course was a fantastic opportunity to improve and learn new skills in photography. I will then apply these skills to my visual arts HSC major work. During module 1, we travelled to Cockatoo Island to learn how to use our digital cameras and with our final photographs, created magazines. In module 2, we were free to capture abstract photos so I took the opportunity to take close-up photographs of buildings, capturing patterns which are often overlooked."

Mrs Donoghue









SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving outstanding results in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

High Distinctions

Year 7: Kaanchana Sekaran

Year 10: Katha Patel

Distinctions

Year 8: Charlene Jee

Year 10: Christina Lee and Ashwin Chettiar

Year 11: Elizabeth Li, Jeevitheswara Mallaiyaraj, Brendan Navaneethan, Callum Sinclair, Chris Swanepoel and Jesse Yip

Credit

Year 9: Kaustubh Patel

Year 10: Abhay Mahajan, Ziyun Qiu

Year 11: Sukriti Vasan, Samantha Tham and Jin Su Kim

FROM THE LIBRARY

Launch of Bookie Cookies!

The first meeting for Term 4 of the new Book Club, *Bookie Cookies*, was launched with much enthusiasm by a group of Year 7, 8 and 10 students. Horror was the theme of the meeting. Books discussed included *The Shrunken Head*, *The Graveyard*, *The Child's Hand* and *The Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender. Bookie Cookie* members have agreed on *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* as the discussion point for the next meeting.

Bookie Cookies' meetings will be held on Mondays at lunchtime in the library seminar room and reminders of these meetings will appear in the Daily News. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 26 October. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Sorensen or Mrs Casey.

Magazines for the library - Have your say!

The library would like suggestions from students of magazine subscriptions. Some possibilities include *Double Helix, MAD, Prime Times, Game Informer, Mania, Spress, Historicool, NEO, Wacky but True, National Geographic Kids, PC Gamer and Inside Sport.*

Come to the library to make your suggestions at the Help Desk.

Mrs Sorensen and Mrs Casey, Teacher Librarians



WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Year 8 Lifesaving

- Training day for Stage 5 lifesaving instructors will Take place on Tuesday 20 October
- Swim school starts for the Year 8's on Friday 23 October and continues on the following Monday 26, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 October
- Permission notes are due by Monday 19 October
- If you have lost or not received a permission note please come to the PE staffroom to collect one
- Any questions or queries please see Mr Vaux, Ms Parry or Ms Flowers.

Due to safety requirements students are **not** allowed to wear thongs travelling to and from the pools. They must wear secure footwear which covers their toes and heels.

Congratulations to...

• Joe Caletti, an ex-student of CTHS, has been selected to represent and captain Australia in the upcoming U17 FIFA World Cup in Chile. This is a phenomenal achievement for Joe who will be taking on some of the best teams in the world. All his matches will be shown LIVE on SBS.

Date	Match	Time
Monday 19/10/15	Australia vs Germany	6:00am
Thursday 22/10/15	Australia vs Mexico	7:00am
Sunday 25/10/15	Australia vs Argentina	9:00am



Best of luck to Joe in his tournament and future endeavours; let's hope our U17's can teach our senior team a few lessons!

Grade Sport

- Next week CTHS is playing Killara on Thursday 22 October in the last round of the regular sport season
- · Girls are playing away, at Killara
- Semi-finals for grade sport are in Week 5 and the finals in Week 6.

Boys' Sport	Grade	Result	Girls' Sport	Grade	Result
Baseball	А	Win	Netball	9 & 10	Win
Baseball	9 & 10	Win	Frisbee	А	Win
Cricket	Α	-	Frisbee	В	Loss
Frisbee	Α	Win	Handball	A	Win
Frisbee	В	Loss	Handball	В	Win
Handball	Α	Win	Touch football	А	Win
Handball	В	Win	Touch football	В	Draw
League 7's	17's	Draw	Speedaway	A	Loss
League 7's	15's	Win	Soccer 7's	А	-
Speedaway	Α	Loss	Soccer 7's	В	-
Open futsal	А	Win			
Open futsal	В	Win			

Knockout Sport

• Under 15 girls' netball knockout is coming up towards the end of October.

Good Luck

• To the boys' and girls' Wanderers Cup teams who are playing their upcoming grand-final at Blacktown Sports Club.

Kurt Perry and Emily Jones, Sports Promotion Officers

CAREERS UPDATE

Western Sydney University

This is a friendly reminder that registrations are still open for Western U Day Campbelltown 28 October and Bankstown 29 October 2015 and we invite your school to participate. Western U Day is a great opportunity for your high school students to find out about courses, scholarships and career pathways. Participate in interactive workshops and speak one-on-one with Western Sydney University students.

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To register for Western U Day Campbelltown, 28 October and Bankstown, 29 October 2015, please visit www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernuday

Registrations close Wednesday 21 October 2015 (this includes both registering your school attendance and for high school students to have selected their program for the day).

University and Private College Events:

You and Your Future at Southern Cross University

New students making a career decision that's right for them. http://yourfuturescu.com.au/

Southern Cross University School of Arts and Social Sciences Graduate Stories

Shows careers of former students, pathways to their careers, and SCU courses studied. http://scu.edu.au/arts-social-sciences/index.php/113

UTS Big Day in Videos IT Conference

For students interested in technology careers. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjNsKbeNN5CPeCMiIO8x9Jw/videos

Think Education Early Entry Program

Year 12s can pre-enrol in desired course before exams. The program is available for students wishing to study at the Billy Blue College of Design, William Blue College of Hospitality and Tourism, APM College of Business and Communication, Australasian College of Natural Therapies, Jansen Newman Institute, Australian National College of Beauty, Southern School of Natural Therapies, and CATC Design School. http://www.think.edu.au/studying-at-think/early-entry-program#

SAE Institute Scholarship Program Closes 18 December

Demonstrate creative talent, academic excellence and leadership. http://sae.edu.au/admissions/scholarships/

My Health Career ATARS for Exercise Science and Dentistry Courses

ATARs for undergraduate health course in Australia. ATARs for Exercise Science courses in Australia.

https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/exercise+science/exercise+science-atar

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https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/dentistry/ATAR-for-dentistry

Jobs and Training:

Rail Careers

Careers in engineering, customer service, corporate jobs. http://railcareers.net.au/

Master Builders Association of NSW Pty Ltd

5 Burbank Place, Norwest Business Park, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153. MBA NSW are running a Pre-Apprenticeship Information Evening on Wednesday 21 October at MBA Education Centre, from 6pm - 8pm. You are welcome to bring along your parents/guardians or friends who may be interested in participating in the program. This information night requires bookings, so you'll need to book your place. Call 8586 3533 to book.

MIGAS Automotive Careers

www.migas.com.au for jobs and pre-apprenticeship courses.

Sydney TAFE Apprenticeship and Traineeship Open Day

Thursday 12 November at Ultimo College, 1pm - 7pm. Register at sydneytafe.edu.au/apprenticeshipopenday

Mrs Bower, Mrs Kesby and Mrs Mitchell



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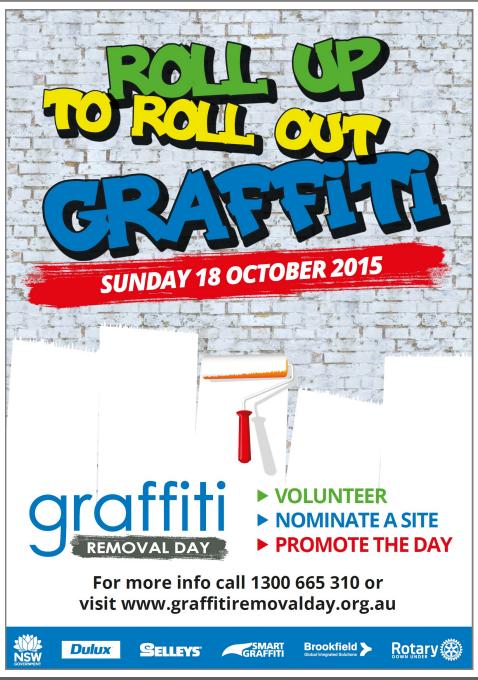
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CANTEEN UPDATE



The following items are now available at the canteen:

Hommus and carrot sticks	\$1.50
Caesar salad	\$2.10
Couscous salad	\$2.10
Avocado and salad wrap	\$4.00
Yoghurt tropical Paddle Pop	\$1.80
Popcorn	\$1.20



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English Conversation Classes

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CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 3A			
Monday 19 October	Junior Assessment Task - Year 8 Maths Exam (Yearly)		
Tuesday 20 October	 Year 9/10 Instructors Life Saving Training Day Year 11 into 12 Information Night - 7pm, MPC 		
Wednesday 21 October	 Junior Assessment Task - Year 9 Maths Exam (Yearly) Stage 5 & Year 11 Drama Retrospective Evening 		
Friday 23 October	Year 8 Lifesaving State Drama Festival Excursion		