

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL



Week 6B

4 March 2016

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



#### Year 6 into 7 Information Night

Great weather and approximately 600 excited parents and students proved to be a wonderful starting point for what became a terrific Open Night.

Visitors to the school were treated to an introduction to the school followed by a tour of the school's many marvellous facilities. Current students supported the evening as knowledgeable guides, curriculum experts and demonstrators of a diverse range of activities including cooking, woodworking and cardio room equipment.

My thanks are extended to all staff and students who made the evening such a success. Particularly I would like to congratulate Mrs Howard and Mr Fisher, whose preparation and organisation was the key to the smooth operation of the evening.

#### **School Contributions**

A reminder to all parents school contributions are now due. Funds raised are necessary for student electives to continue in their current format, while the general contribution supports a variety of student programs and needs, including the purchase of the most appropriate texts and resources to support student learning.

It is most fortunate our parents and community do so strongly support the school and value the education their sons and daughters receive. We need this support to continue in 2016.

#### **P&C Meeting**

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March, commencing at 8pm in the school common room. All parents are invited, indeed actively encouraged, to attend. This evening will commence with a presentation from our Mathematics Head Teachers, Mr Woo and Mr Watson, discussing the way mathematics is taught and current syllabus developments.

These evenings are a great opportunity to have some input into the direction of the school, meet with other parents and hear of new developments within the school. I'm certain our present members will make all newcomers feel most welcome.

#### **Cross Country**

On Wednesday our students competed in the annual Cross Country Carnival at Fagan Park. Participation was very good despite the warm weather with students enthusiastically competing for a place on the school team which will represent CTHS at the Zone Carnival early next term.

My congratulations are extended to all students who participated and in particular those students who gained a place in the Zone team.

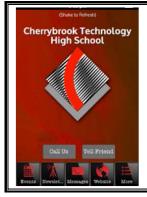
A full report detailing place getters will follow in a future edition of Network.

Mr Johnson



# CTHS Cross Country Carnival



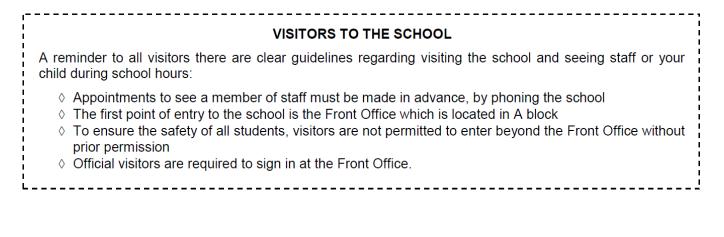


# **Cherrybrook Technology High School App**

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.

# Year 6 into 7 Information Night





## Chef's in the Making!

Students in the Year 11 hospitality class are making great progress as they gain culinary skills in the school's commercial kitchen.

The students entered their first few practical lessons a little apprehensively as they began using commercial equipment, which they may have not previously encountered. With the aim of gaining skills in preparation for work placement, which will take place in Week 6 of Term 2, they completed their cutting techniques lesson with outstanding results. Learning to cut ingredients with precision and uniformity is not an easy task and the skills students have already displayed are those I would expect to see in qualified Chefs.

Over the coming weeks students will be using their skills to produce industry standard dishes and I would encourage you to allow them to reproduce these at home.

Mr Fisher, Hospitality Teacher



FROM THE LIBRARY

#### Study Skills Year 12

Last Friday, Year 12 students attended three Study Skills sessions provided by *Elevate Education*. These sessions addressed time management, goal setting and memory techniques.

Elevate Education have provided follow-up support in the form of access to their website and documentation. These include:

- A copy of *Elevate Education's* guide, 'Science of Student Success'
- A range of practice papers for each subject
- Video tutorials
- Tips from presenters all around Australia who have recently aced and faced their final years of high school
- Question forum which allows students to have support even after their Elevate Education session.

Instructions on how to access these resources will be emailed to students early next week.

Mrs Sorensen



# 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.

#### National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2016

# LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10 - 12 May 2016

Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data;
Writing		Measurement and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2016, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2016 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 13 May 2016.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- They are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English or
- They have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent Carer support/index.html

# **CREATIVELY SPEAKING**

# Grease Tix Selling Quick

The cast and crew of this year's musical are now in 'countdown' mode as we head towards 'production week' which kicks off next Friday. The whole cast and crew will then have two full days to work on running the show in before *Grease* is in front of our local primary schools for the annual primary schools matinee. Then, it's the Stage 4 matinee on Thursday. This affords the cast the ability to really get a feel for the rhythm of the show and to begin to experience the responses of a particular type of live audience. Our opening night on Thursday 17 March will be a different audience altogether and this is the exciting unknown factor which makes live performance so exciting.



Tashi Gregg from Year 8 had this to say about her experience being in this amazing show:

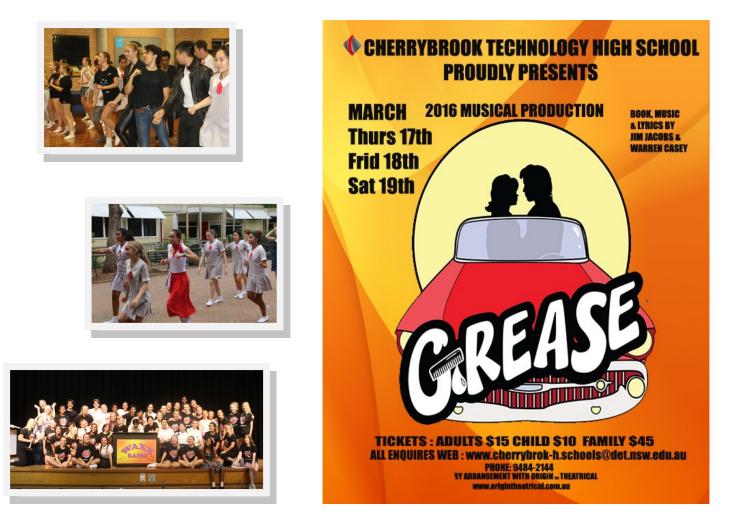
"I'm part of the chorus in the new upcoming CTHS musical, *Grease*. So far it has been an amazing experience. Everyone in the cast gets along so well, helping one another and working really well together to bring the musical to life.

Being in *Grease* doesn't just improve a person's dance, coordination skills and singing skills, it also improves a person's ability to work cooperatively.

I feel so privileged to get to be a part of this fantastic musical and I can't wait for the show to open. I'm absolutely sure everyone will love it."

Snap up your tickets ASAP. Just visit the CTHS website and click on the banner http://cths.nsw.edu.au

Ms Cannon



Grease Cast in Action at Rehearsals

# WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



# **CTHS Cross Country Carnival**

Our 2016 Cross Country Carnival took place in glorious sunshine on Wednesday, with all students walking, jogging or running their way around the Fagan Park course. It was a great success and we look forward to seeing how our Zone team will perform. Results will be compiled shortly, Age Champions and Zone Representatives finalised and announced. Well done to everyone and we hope you enjoyed yourselves!

# Zone Swimming Carnival

The 2016 Ku-Ring-Gai Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 29 February at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre and was an eventful day. Our CTHS team represented us wonderfully, placing well and enjoying the day, so much so that we placed second overall in the carnival! Congratulations to everyone involved in making the day as successful as it was! Further results will be published in next week's report.

## **Knockout Games**

This week we had six of our knockout teams competing in various sports. On Tuesday the open boys' volleyball and open girls' soccer played. Then on Friday the open girls' volleyball, open girls' basketball, open girls' touch and open boys' tennis played.

Congratulations to the open boys' volleyball who convincingly defeated Manly High School. Unfortunately, the open girls' soccer team was narrowly beaten during extra time against Freshwater High School in what was an incredibly close game.

# Sydney North Trials

This term features a multitude of trials for athletes seeking selection into the various Sydney North Teams. If you have any questions regarding these teams or trials, or wish to sign up to attend the trials, please see Mr Vaux in the PDHPE staffroom.

#### Upcoming Events

The Year 7 Gala Day will be held next Friday 11 March. Any Stage 5 students interested in assisting should register their interest at the PDHPE staffroom ASAP. All students involved need to return their notes and payment ASAP.

Emily Jones and Kurt Perry, Sports Promotion Officers

Date	Event
Monday 7 March	Sydney North AFL Trials
Friday 11 March	Year 7 Gala Day
Monday 14 March	Sydney North Girls' Football Trials
Tuesday 15 March	Sydney North Rugby League Trials
Wednesday 16 March	Sydney North Boys' Hockey Trials
Wednesday 16 March	CTHS Athletics Carnival
Thursday 17 March	CTHS Athletics Carnival (am)
Thursday 17 March	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
Monday 21 March	Sydney North Netball Trials
Tuesday 22 March	Sydney North Boys' Football Trials
Wednesday 23 March	Sydney North Girls' Hockey Trials
Monday 4 April & Tuesday 5 April	CHS Swimming Carnival

Event	Result
Open Girls' Basketball	Won
Open Boys' Tennis	Won
Open Girls' Volleyball	Won
Open Girls' Soccer	Lost
Open Boys' Volleyball	Won
Open Girls' Touch	

# **CAREERS UPDATE**

# CTHS Mentoring Program

The Inaugural Mentor/Mentee Training Program occurred on Tuesday 1 March. This program is designed to build strategic partnerships between the different stakeholders listed below:

- Cherrybrook Technology High School
- The students and their families
- Businesses
- Community groups and individuals



It was a pleasure to host twenty employers who were willing to donate their time and wealth of expertise to the development of our Year 11 students.

The following professions were represented, mainly by CTHS Alumni and parents: business, architecture, medicine, health, IT, fashion, education, police, science, finance, journalism, psychology and nursing.

Mentors will provide students with first-hand experience of their career area and assist them with discovering the opportunities available to them.

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction."

# UNSW Law Admission Test Information Evening - Thursday 17 March

Admission to Undergraduate Law at UNSW is changing. For entry in 2017 and beyond, we are broadening our assessment of applicants for entry to our Undergraduate Law Dual Degree programs. We are introducing a new test, the Law Admission Test (LAT), to give students the opportunity to demonstrate their suitability for the Law program and allow us to better assess applicants. A student's LAT result, together with their ATAR (or equivalent), will provide us with a more rounded view of their aptitudes and skills for our Law program. If you are interested in studying Law at UNSW, please attend the first Law Admission Test Information Evening on Thursday 17 March.



#### Apprentice Hairdresser

Apprentice hairdresser required in a salon at Beecroft. Full-time or school-based. See Mrs Ferguson for details.

#### Morrisby Career Profiling

Reminder, Morrisby Career Profiling for students in Years 10-12 is available next Wednesday. Payments must be made at the student window before lunchtime, Monday 7 March. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Morrisby Permission notes can be downloaded from the school website http://cths.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/careers/

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

## THE KU-RING-GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL Communicating and Caring

# PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS

FREE in-depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS together with YOUNG DRIVERS

# MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016 6.00pm for 6.30pm – 8.30pm

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\*\* NOTE VENUE \*\* KU-RING-GAI GORDON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM 2 \*\* 799 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON (OPPOSITE KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS) LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



# STAY ALERT, HAVE AN ESCAPE !!!!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall, Trent Driving School Immediate Past President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

#### will discuss the vital aspects of WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TEACHING A YOUNG DRIVER:

• A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task

- o The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers; Preparation for the Driving Test
  - Keeping the Log Book Honest; Teaching Practical Skills Safely
    - The Components of Driving; Strategies for Safe Driving
    - o Effective Partnerships; Making it a Positive Experience
      - Vital information about the current driving test!

Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart - School Liaison Officer, NSW Police, K'gai LAC Will Share her 'Passion for Keeping People Safe'

> BOOK EARLY, SEATS ARE LIMITED: Phone Carroll on mobile 0405 558 660 or email <u>carroll.howe@gmail.com</u>

TRAVEL		
OVERSEAS		
in your summer holidays with the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program		
Applications close 30 June 2016 or when places are filled. APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT		
<ul> <li>Lions Clubs International is one of the largest service organisations worldwide.</li> <li>The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years an opportunity to travel overseas independently and safely, to become a member of one or more host families and experience their lifestyle, culture, interests and values.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>No school attendance is required overseas.</li> <li>Overseas destinations include Europe, North and South America, USA, Malaysia, New Zealand, Scandinavia and Japan. Chaperoned stopovers are available in Los Angeles and London.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Youth to Japan depart late November and return late December. Youth to other destinations depart early December and return mid-January.</li> <li>Each Australian youth will pay approximately \$3,000-\$7,500 depending on their overseas destination. Accommodation is provided at no cost by host families associated with Lions Clubs International. Travel is not sponsored by Lions Australia.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Email Lion Lorraine Hemsworth (I.hemsworth@bigpond.com) of the National Lions Youth Exchange Committee to discuss the application process.</li> </ul>		
• For more information, download the <i>Guidelines for</i> <i>Australian Youth Travelling Overseas</i> brochure from the Lions Australia website:		
www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye Flyer prepared by Lions Australia MD201 Youth Exchange Committee		

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CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 7A		
Monday 7 March	Year 11 Mathematics Assessment Task	
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	• Year 7 Bullybusters	
Tuesday 8 March	• Girls' Knockout Cricket	
Wednesday 9 March	Year 12 Work Studies Assessment Task	
	Year 11 Business Studies Assessment Task	
	<ul> <li>HSC English Standard Assessment Task</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Morrisby Careers Testing - MPC</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Year 11 Legal Studies Assessment task</li> </ul>	
Thursday 10 March	HSC Modern History Excursion	
	<ul> <li>Selective High School Placement Test - MPC</li> </ul>	
Friday 11 March	• Year 7 Gala Day	
	Year 12 CAFS Assessment Task	
	<ul> <li>HSC English Advanced Assessment Task</li> </ul>	