

Term 1 Week 7A 11 March 2016

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Solar Program

Last week I received word from the Department of Education saying we have been approved for a significant solar power upgrade. The new 80Kw system should dramatically reduce the amount of coal-based energy consumed by the school. It will include over 320 solar panels and produce a considerable amount of green energy. Coupled with the other environmental initiatives we already have in place including timers on lights, low voltage light fittings, harvesting rain water used in water closets and numerous recycling and waste management practices, I believe we are modelling a responsible approach to environmental education.

Year 11 Camp

Parents and students are reminded Year 11 Camp will be held in Week 9 of Term 1 (21 - 24 March). This was previously advertised on the printed calendar as being held in Week 10. The camp, which takes place in Jindabyne, is a fantastic week allowing students to bond as well as participate in activities which, for many, are unique experiences they will remember for many years.

Students and parents are asked to remember to set the alarm clock as they are expected at school by **5.15am sharp!** It is critical all 370 students are present at this time in order to get away promptly. Parents are also asked to not park in the bus bay when dropping-off or picking up as this will leave the buses nowhere to park.

International Women's Day

CTHS proudly celebrated the globally recognised annual event, International Women's Day, at our Assembly on Tuesday. Ms Tager, Mr Brennan, Mr Murphy and the Social Justice group organised an excellent array of guest speakers including Dr Nikki Stamp, a Cardiothoracic Surgeon from Sydney and Mrs Naomi Steer, the National Director of Australia for the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

Mrs Steer spoke to the students about the UNHCR's work in assisting refuges who are often kept living in camps, whilst waiting for placement in other countries. She said there are approximately 60 million people around the world today who have been displaced by issues such as war and violence, which have forced people to flee their homeland. Approximately 80% of these displaced people are women and children! The work of UNHCR Australia is helping to establish local economies in countries like Uganda, where women are banding together to make various products, which with the help of charity organisations, they sell on the open market. The money made from these activities helps them to develop a stronger voice in their local community as well as securing a better future for themselves and their families.

The second speaker was Dr Nikki Stamp, whose speech has been heralded as probably the most inspiring to ever grace the CTHS lectern. She related to events in her own schooling, about not being academically gifted, loving the creative arts and not really knowing what she wanted post school. She told the Assembly she had been encouraged by her parents to do whatever she liked and be the best she could be. Dr Stamp explained she never felt she was treated differently to her brother in any way, which resulted in her going to University to study an undergraduate Science degree. One year of high academic attainment enabled her to transfer to Medicine. Today she is one of ten female Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Australia! Whilst acknowledging her path has not always been smooth sailing in terms of harassment and sometimes discrimination, Dr Stamp spoke positively to all in the assembly about the importance of pursuing your dreams, hard work and seeing positive role models in the workplace.

I hope that many students will use this as inspiration to strive to greatness as they move forward on this journey of life.



Dominic Serov & Lisa Ostman with Mrs Steer and Dr Stamp



Mrs Steer Amongst the Students

Athletics Carnival

Next Wednesday, weather permitting, is the CTHS Athletics Carnival. This day is always memorable for everyone, especially our Year 12 students as it will not only be their last school carnival, but will also have the opportunity to dress up on the day and get some photos, which they will remember with fondness for years to come.

Students are reminded **the carnival is a compulsory school day** and on the back of the resounding success of the Cross Country Carnival last week, where student participation was greatly improved, it promises to be a great day.

The PDHPE staff will also run some additional events on the Thursday, which will not fit in on Wednesday due to the very full program schedule. Students should check the PE noticeboard and daily notices for further information if they are interested.

Year 7 Gala Day

Year 7 Gala Day, which was held on Friday, is a fantastic opportunity for our newest students to compete and interact with each other. There were a variety of sports played and the rotating program allowed students to try a range of events, which are popular at CTHS. As is the expectation of CTHS, sportsmanship and good behaviour were of paramount importance. Congratulations to the PDHPE staff for organising the day and thank you to the Stage 5 and 6 students who volunteered their time to coach and officiate.

Grease

The performers are primed and the sets are all prepared, yes that's right the wait is over! *Grease*, the most eagerly awaited musical is now set to begin. A huge effort has been made in presenting this show and the students and staff involved should all be commended. They have donated a tremendous amount of their time rehearsing this showstopper. If you are yet to purchase your tickets, just head to the school's website and follow the links.

P&C General Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 8pm in the school library. All parents are encouraged to attend and will be welcomed with open arms. This month's P&C will include a presentation from the Mathematics Head Teachers, Mr Watson and Mr Woo.

Mr Townsend

Bully Busters

On Monday 7 March, Year 7 attended Class Act Theatre's *Bully Busters*. This series of stage productions addressed the bullying issues of harassment, peer pressure, rumours, racism, judging others, tolerance, family problems, resilience and electronic forms of bullying. In this session our students asked a number of thoughtful questions about identifying bullying, seeking help and supporting your peers by not being a bully bystander. This would be a great opportunity for parents to remind students that if they experience or know of bullying then they should see their Year Adviser, Stage Head Teacher, Head Teacher Welfare or a Deputy.



Congratulations to Max Miller

Student initiative and drive are essential skills we foster and encourage at CTHS. One Year 10 student recently demonstrated his ability to problem solve. A lead Ball Boy within the Australian Rugby Union system, including participating at the recent World Rugby 7's Tournament in Sydney, Max identified the inconsistencies of Ball Boy training within rugby. Max put a proposal to NSW Rugby regarding a weekend training camp to, not only develop consistent operating procedures, but to also raise the standard of the Ball Boys across the Shute Shield, Waratahs and Australian games.

Recently, on Sunday 21 February, ten Ball Boys from the Shute Shield Competition undertook the inaugural program, which was so successful the training camp is to be expanded across the state and then into Queensland, with the intent for Max to continue this fantastic training program!

Max's aim was to "develop the Ball Boys from the Shute Shield and make them the best in the world".

Mr Edinborough, Stage 5 Head Teacher

Stay Calm and Go Grease Lightning

The cast and crew of our school musical, *Grease* are now focusing all their attention and energy on their final preparations for the opening of this stunning show.

Here are some photos from the performance of 'Summer Nights' which was presented at assembly on Tuesday. It was great to see our students really inhabiting their roles so fully, with so much conviction. Even though there was no time for a sound check on the Tuesday morning, the cast were 'grace under', coping with the occasional and momentary technical hitches, these performers projected the scene across to the audience with great confidence.

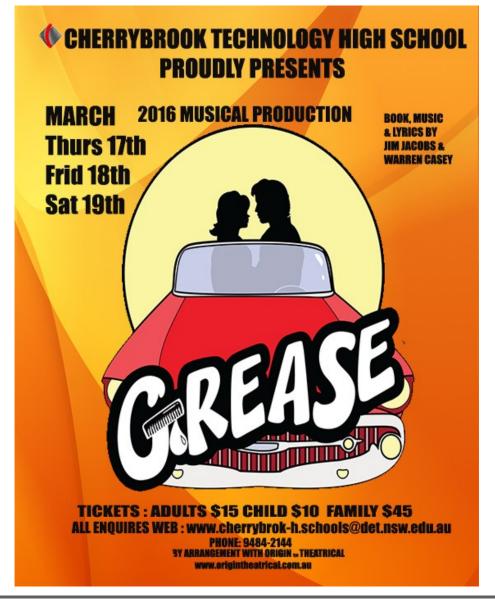
Opening night is next Thursday 17 March at 7pm in the MPC. Click on the banner on the school's website for ticket bookings.

Ms Cannon











Rod Dungan is a strong advocate for the positive value young people can add to our society. He has been an advocate for Resilient Youth Australia for four years and is the Director and trainer for Thriving Youth Australia for 16 years.

CREATING RESILIENT YOUNG PEOPLE

Friday 15 April 2016 | 9.30am - 3pm

Cost \$45

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to explore the value of a strength based practice based on the 40 developmental assets (Search Institute) and the Australian Research undertaken by Resilient Youth Australia.

This will be a practical workshop that will ask participants to use the framework as their palate for applying the practices that allow their organisation, school and even individuals to focus on young people's strengths and develop local strategies.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Saturday 16 April 2016 | 9.30am - 3pm

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Cost \$25

This workshop offer parents, mentors, organisations and young people ways to see how working with others will enrich the strength they and their community has. Starting with strengths, participants will be encouraged to think about issues, concerns and possibilities that would be enhanced by working with others and finding a common purpose. This will be a highly interactive workshop where participants will be asked to take risks and build potential projects.

VENUE

Wesley Uniting Church Castle Hill 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill

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Developing Resilience in Young People

Wesley Uniting Church Castle Hill, Uniting Mission and Education is proud to host a two day workshop for those involved with young people. The Resilient Youth Australia research has conducted significant work with adolescents, although the research spans from 9 – 25 years and it's findings and recommendations are transferable across ages.



Do we want our young people to be passengers or participants? The results of our 2013, 2014 and 2015 surveys provide a compelling picture of the strengths of young Australians, but also point to areas where we need to lift our game. We have a group of bright, capable and ingenious young Australians who are well connected in their schools and families. What we fail to do is to call upon their strengths in a meaningful way to give them the sense that they can be co-creators in Australia's future."

Andrew Fuller, Director, Resilient Youth Australia.



http://resilientyouth.org.au/

FROM THE LIBRARY



The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge has opened and will run till August 19. Students in Years 7-9 can log on at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

- Click on the 'Logon' in the menu
- Enter the DoE Portal username and password
- Go to Student Reading Records

To participate students need to read twenty books (at least fifteen from the PRC list, five can be personal choice). To find books from the PRC list in the library, look at the PRC Reading List on the front page of *Oliver*. You can also browse the shelves and identify the books by the silver dot on the top of the book spine.

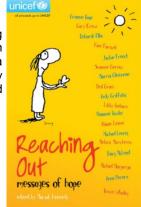
There are many books for all interests so read as much as you can for the next few weeks and get a certificate for indulging in this pleasure. Read PRC books for your Wide Reading in English!

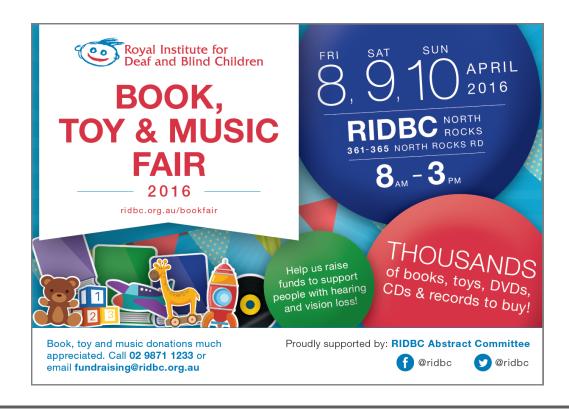
Book of the Week - This is a PRC Book

Exploring the theme of social justice in this anthology. Mariah Kennedy was a UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador when she approached respected children's authors and illustrators and figures influential in child rights for a UNICEF fundraising project. The authors donated stories, poems and illustrations for a range of inspiring writing. This book focuses on some major issues within our world today, particularly poverty and war. From child soldiers to friendship, these stories are of hope and optimism, inspiring and moving.

Literature is a powerful tool; as Mariah says: "Words can and do change the world".

Mrs Sorensen





WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to the following students who achieved outstanding results at the recent Cross Country Carnival:

Age	Boys	Girls
12	1st - Ronith Revaiah 2nd - Michael Blundy 3rd - Bradley Downing	1st - Milena Visser 2nd - Olivia Donoghue 3rd - Naomi Wong
13	1st - Alexander Ross 2nd - William Mills 3rd - Matthew Lee	1st - Gaelle Creusot 2nd - Maddison Stalley 3rd - Alexis Masterton
14	1st - Rishabh Sachdeva 2nd - Anubhav Jetley 3rd - Charles Marais	1st - Abbey Lemon 2nd - Sophie Poole 3rd - Chelsea Claassen
15	1st - Anjana Kodithuwakku 2nd - Ryan Jones 3rd - Rikki Krishnan	1st - Brooke Steinwede 2nd - Emma Seamons 3rd - Jasmine Vink
16	1st - Mitchell Baker 2nd - Max Ward 3rd - Ryan Cotcher	1st - Eliza Woollett 2nd - Monica Macinante 3rd - Laura Heinrichson
17	1st - Cameron Hall 2nd - Jack Dickinson 3rd - Sanjeev Desai	1st - Natalie Wong 2nd - Raquel Cuevas 3rd - Brittany Ross
18	1st - Jack Dwyer 2nd - Ryan Ashtari 3rd - Jacob Fountaine	1st - Emily Jones 2nd - Chantrice Graaff 3rd - Victoria Gupta

It's been a huge week in knockout sport with many of our teams progressing onto the next round of the NSW State Competition.

Congratulations to the following teams:

- Boys' knockout tennis (Stan Jones Cup) had a win against Homebush Boys, six sets to nil; their next match will be against Epping Boys High School
- Girls' knockout basketball defeated Killara, 39-22; their next game is against Pennant Hills High School
- Boys' knockout cricket defeated Narrabeen Sports High School, 458/2 to 38 all out
- Girls' knockout touch lost to Asquith Girls High School
- Girls' knockout soccer lost to Freshwater High School
- Girls' knockout cricket defeated Asquith Girls, 90/2 to 89 all out

The following teams have upcoming matches in the state knockout competition:

- Boys' knockout softball play Kincumber High School on Monday 14 March
- Boys' knockout baseball play Pennant Hills High School on Friday 18 March

Congratulations to Charles Marais and Anjana Kodithuwakku who finished as Age Champions in the 14 years boys and 15 years boys respectively, at the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Sydney North Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 17 March; please check the sports notice board for details.

Any students who finished first or second at the Zone Swimming Carnival please come to the PE staffroom and collect your permission note.

Stage 6 students who would like to trial for the Ku-ring-gai Zone boys' football team, please come to the PE staffroom to collect a permission note. Trials will be on Friday 18 March at Pennant Hills Park at 1pm.

Next week for grade sport we will be versing Carlingford High School with girls playing at home.

Kurt Perry and Emily Jones, Sports Promotion Officers

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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



✓ Safe

Our Autumn Kids' Camps are now open for enrolments via our website. Here, you will find what's on offer for the autumn school holidays.

Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands Our Kids' Camps are suitable for children aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 5

Residential camps include:

- 24 hour supervision - Activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport





sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps | 13 13 02 fb.com/nswsportandrecreation



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 into 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.

Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Inc.

Annual Giant Book Sale

Friday 18th March, 9am-8pm Saturday 19th March, 8am—3pm

> **Uniting Church** 134 New Line Road Cherrybrook

1000's of QUALITY used books, all categorised





All proceeds go to local Rotary Charities

PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the front office and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. Please refer to the E-diary for further details. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.



HOLLYWOOD BABYLON

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EXUAL SUBAERSIONS GROSZ







CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 8B		
Monday 14 March	Mentoring Session Year 11 AHI hand-in Task	
Wednesday 16 March	CTHS Athletics Carnival - Greenway Oval	
Thursday 17 March	 Sydney North Swimming Carnival CTHS Athletics Carnival (half day) Musical Performance - MPC, 7pm 	
Friday 18 March	 Year 7 Interim Report available via Parent Portal Red Zone Day Mental Health Youth Forum - Event Cinemas Castle Hill Year 11 Industrial Technology hand-in Task Musical Performance - MPC, 7pm 	
Saturday 20 March • Musical Performance - MPC, 7pm		