

Term 4 Week 2A 21 October 2016

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



#### School Funding and the Media

On Monday of this week the Sydney Morning Herald ran an article describing Cherrybrook Technology High School as one of the wealthiest non-Government schools in the state, indicating the school was sitting on large cash reserves which parents and the community had donated.

Disappointingly, the journalist failed to point out these are the school's total reserves for the largest Government High School in NSW and include Government provided funds for operating costs, including casual and support staff salaries, utilities and educational items which have to tide the school over until the end of January 2017.

The journalist also failed to mention the reserves include trust funds the school has established to save money for the current library refurbishment and for a large COLA to be constructed at the time of our new building being erected. A check of our funds at this time next year will show a completely different story once these saved funds have been expended for the betterment of our students.

#### **HSC Continues**

An accessible well-constructed paper was the verdict of our students and English staff following the second of the HSC papers, which all students sat last Friday.

Students whilst nervous, are 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.

Hopefully, when the HSC results are released in December, my confidence in our students will be justified.

#### Year 11 and Stage 5 Drama Retrospective

The current Year 11 and Stage 5 drama classes will present a retrospective of this year's work on Wednesday night, 26 October.

This will be a great night's entertainment commencing at 7pm in the school's drama room, C1.1. All welcome.

#### Year 11 Parent/Teacher Information Evening

On Tuesday night, 25 October, there will be a meeting for all Year 11 students and parents. This 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.

#### **Building Program Update**

Planning for our new building continues. Demountables have been moved and all the tenders let. We now await final approval from Council before work can commence. Hopefully this will be the week after the completion of the HSC.

#### 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 making the three days such a successful learning and welfare experience for our students.

















#### **Library Refurbishment**

Finally, the much anticipated library refurbishment has commenced! Walls and shelves have come tumbling down, dated carpet removed and a large empty shell is waiting for our new Twenty-first Century designers to work their magic. I look forward to the transition.







#### **Band Entertains our Seniors**

Congratulations to Mrs Lee and the students in Concert Band 2 who did an absolutely magnificent job entertaining the residents of our local retirement villages on Wednesday. A more detailed report, as well as photos, will be included in next week's *Network*.

#### Congratulations to...

 Katie Devitt, Year 10, on her recent success at the NSW Athletics Championships achieving first place in the 100m and second in the 200m. Kate will now represent NSW in the National Championships in December.





#### Lateness to School

There are many reasons offered as to why students are late for school; heavy traffic, medical or dental appointments, sleeping in, catching a bus which arrives at school after 8.40am, feeling sick in the morning, to name a few. In areas such as Cherrybrook it is essential to plan adequate time to travel to school by public transport or car.

#### Does this occasional lateness or absence really have an effect on learning?

Our underpinning philosophy at CTHS is based on creating a school environment where children want to be at school and on time. This requires an approach catering to all students and their families, which addresses more than just the academic aspect of education.

Therefore, I would like to raise parents' awareness as to the critical importance of students being on time and at school every day.

Regular school attendance is an important factor in school success. Research by many academics, has shown a direct correlation between good attendance and student achievement, whereas poor attendance has been linked to poor academic achievement.

In all schools the lessons are sequential in nature and learning can be disrupted if students miss crucial learning objectives, which are particularly focussed on at the start of a lesson. This confusion in what is expected of the student, can lead to misunderstandings and misconceptions.

Students can feel self-conscious when they arrive late to class, especially if they think everyone is looking at them when they enter. Research shows that this can cause anxiety which releases adrenalin, which can cause the student to be distracted from their learning for a lengthy period of time.

These are just a few reasons why it is better to be on time and ready to learn rather than being stressed about being late. For these reasons, I ask all parents to encourage their children to be on time to school.

Lateness without a valid excuse is treated as a discipline issue. We ask parents to make the student accountable for being at school on time. Students are expected to attend a lunchtime detention on the day of the lateness. Repeated lateness without the student making any attempt to complete lunchtime detention is dealt with by the level system and detention is given after school.

Mrs Bevan









#### **Cherrybrook Technology High School Ball**

Inviting all parents, past students and friends of CTHS; We're holding a Ball / Dinner Dance on Saturday 19 November 2016.

It has been some time since there has been a CTHS Ball or Dinner Dance so get ready to dine and dance. It is an 18+ event and the dress code is 'Black tie'.

Come and enjoy a night of good food, music provided by the CTHS Big Band, and dance including professional dance instruction and display provided by the Castle Hill Arthur Murray Dance School.

Get your group organised quickly. You can buy individual tickets or a table of ten. Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased online via the CTHS website. Tickets are on sale now.

CTHS Ball Committee











#### **CREATIVELY SPEAKING**

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream Takes Shape

Over 75 students participated in the auditions for our drama production for 2017, William Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. It was really exciting to see so many talented actors creating great scenes from the choice of duologues offered as audition material.

Thank you to everyone who put time aside to prepare for this daunting task and who, on top of getting their short scenes ready to show, had the courage and determination to get up in front of their peers and perform!! That's cause for applause.

Our first rehearsals are underway now and the show promises to be a splendid night of magic, beauty, music and fairy mayhem.

Mr Maynard has been busy constructing various sculptural features for the show. An enthusiastic bunch of students will start assisting Mr Maynard each Friday afternoon from 3pm - 5pm, from Week 3 onwards.

Ms Cannon

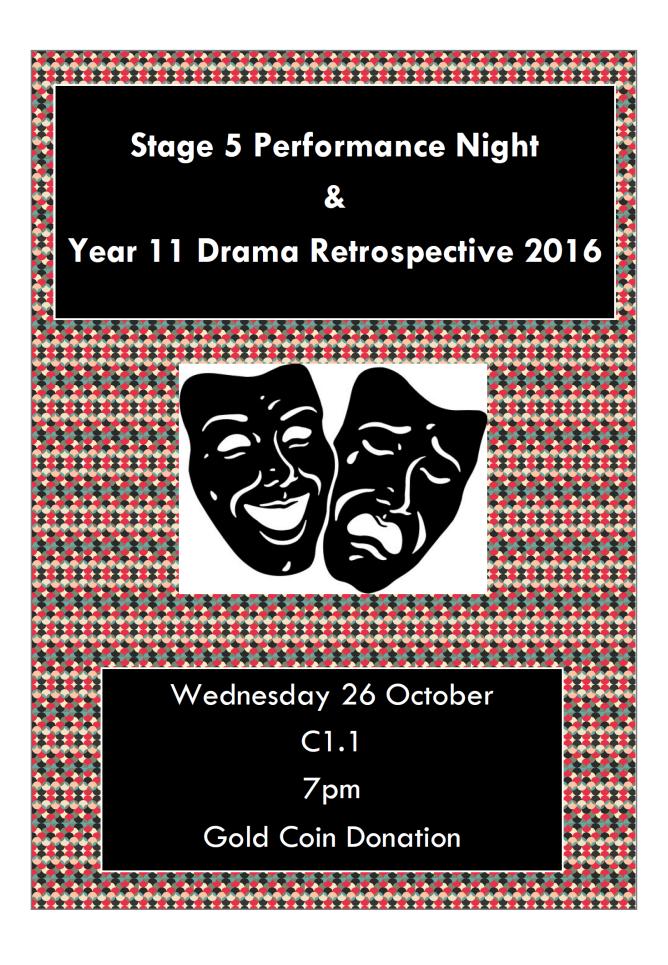




















#### FROM THE LIBRARY

In November the library will host a Literary Festival for Year 7 students. One of the eight authors, cartoonists, illustrators and performers presenting workshops and performances will be JC Burke, author of teenage and young adult fiction. Her books have won prizes and been set texts for the HSC. As John Green says, "Great books help you understand and they help you feel understood." That is perhaps why JC Burke's book, The Story of Tom Brennan, won the 2006 CBC Book of the Year, Older Readers and the 2006 Australian Family Therapists Award for Children's Literature. Reading is still a wonderful way to relax, improve vocabulary, engage with ideas and understand and empathise with other experiences. Engaging with authors will celebrate the power of fiction and spark the creative urge.

LITERATURE IS THE **IMMORTALITY OF** SPEECH.

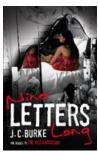
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Although the library is currently inaccessible, on Oliver, you can read Google Previews and First Chapters for some of the seven titles we hold and, as always, visit and borrow from your local libraries.

Permission and payment forms will be issued soon.

#### Ms Halder















#### **Correct Procedure When Approaching Pedestrian Crossings**

As you approach a pedestrian crossing or children's crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a 'STOP Children Crossing' sign, you must slow down and stop. You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed.



Stop signs may be placed at an intersection immediately after a pedestrian crossing. You must stop at the stop sign even if you have already stopped at the pedestrian crossing.

Please Note: If the road beyond a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing is blocked, you MUST **NOT** drive onto the crossing.

For more information, visit the RMS website http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/roadrules/pedestrians.html#Children'scrossings

Mrs Navarro

### 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.











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Route	Time	Bus Route	
639	07:08	EX PITT TOWN & BOUNDARY'S via Pitt Town, R>Kenthurst (07:28), R>Old Northern,	
		Oakhill College 07:46. Transfer to Route 3140 due 07:55 (see below)	
3160	07:10	EX OLD PITT TOWN & TERRY RDS via Old Pitt Town, L>Nelson to Blind, return Blind,	
		Nelson, Mason, L>Terry, L>Alan, L>Windsor, L>Nelson, L>Hynds, R>Nelson & Edwards	
		Bus Bay 07:23, L>Nelson, Edwards, L>Annangrove, R>Kenthurst, R>Old Northern, (Round	
		Corner 07:45), Old Northern, Oakhill College 07:55.	
603	07:15	Transfer to Route 3140 (see below). <b>EX ROUSE HILL TOWN CENTRE</b> via Rouse Hill Dr, L>Caddies, R>Commercial,	
003	07.13	R>Withers, R>Hezlett, L>Samantha Riley, Glenhaven, R>Mills, L>Carinda, R>Glenhaven,	
		R>Evans, L>Grange, R>Greenbank, via Greenbank Dr Loop, R>Linksley, R>Ridgecrop,	
		L>Gilbert, R>Old Northern, Oakhill College 07:57.	
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637	07:19	EX GLENORIE SHOPS via Old Northern, Round Corner (7:38), Old Northern, (Oakhill	
		College 07:46).	
		Transfer to Route 3140 due 08:00 (see below)	
3106	07:17	<b>EX BETTINGTON &amp; PENNANT HILLS</b> via Bettington, Statham, R>North Rocks, L>Oakes,	
		L>Aiken, R>Taylor, L>Highs, Blacks to Blacks Rd Terminus (07:37), return via Blacks,	
		Highs, then L>Highs, L>Castle Hill, R>Old Northern, R>Oakhill College Bus Bay (07:47).	
		Transfer to Route 3140 due 08:00 (see above)	
640	07:22	EX CADWELLS RD via Porters, (Pitt Town & Porters 07:28).	
		Transfer to Route 639 (see above)	
638	07:22	EX BEROWRA WATERS via Bay, Arcadia, R>Galston, Galston HS 07:56.	
3140	07:30	Transfer to Route 637 (see below)	
3140	07:30	EX NEW LINE RD & VICTORIA RD New Line, R>Cedarwood, L>Boundary, R> Francis	
		Greenway, R>Macquarie, R>Shepherds, L>Purchase, R>New Line Rd, L>Hastings, L>Old Northern, Oakhill College (arr 07:55) L>Old Northern, L>Castle Hill Rd L>County,	
		L>Treetops, R>David, (Oakhill Shops 08:10) return David, L>Woodgrove, L>County,	
		L>New Line, R>Purchase turnaround 2nd Hancock and return Purchase to school	
637	07:33	<b>EX GLENORIE OVAL</b> via Old Northern, L>Middle Dural, L>Galston, (Galston HS 07:57),	
		(Dural PO 08:03), Old Northern, New Line to Purchase	
3143	07:47	EX CRANE RD & DARCEY RD via Crane, L>Castlewood, R>Darcey, L>Crane, L>Cecil,	
		R>Orange Grove, L>Crane, R>Terminus, L>Castle Hill Interchange.	
		Transfer to Route 621 due 07:58 (see below)	
3107	07:54	EX DAVID RD OPPOSITE MILFORD DR via David, R>Woodgrove, L>County Dr, L>New	
	<u> </u>	Line, R>Purchase, to 2nd Hancock roundabout, return Purchase to school	
3108	07:56	EX PENNANT HILLS STATION via Railway St, R>Pennant Hills Rd, R>Boundary, R>New	
201	07.50	Line to opposite Purchase Rd	
621	07:58	EX CASTLE TOWERS via Old Castle Hill, R>McMullen, L>Old Northern, then via Route	
626	08:20	621 to school	
020	08:20	EX JAMES HENTY & NEW LINE RDS via James Henty, R>Jenner, L>New Line, L>Purchase to school	
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		Then via R>Old Northern, Round Corner 15:46, Old Northern, L>Kenthurst, R>Hills Grammar, R>Kenthurst, L>Annangrove, R>Edwards, L>Nelson, R>Hynds, Bus Bay 16:20, L>Nelson, R>Nelson, R>Blind to Burrawang	
3500	15:05	TO GALSTON HS via Purchase, L>New Line, R>County, R>Woodgrove, R>David, (Oakhill Shops 15:15), David, L>New Line, R>Old Northern, R>Galston to Galston HS	
3554	15:05	TO GALSTON HS AND GLENORIE via Purchase, R>New Line, R>Old Northern, R>Galston, (Galston HS 15:25). Transfer to; Route 3564 due 15:30 (see below) Route 3524 due 15:30 (see below) Then via L>Galston, R>Old Northern, R>Cairnes, L>Tecoma, (Glenorie PS 15:45), Tecoma, L>Timaru, R>Old Northern, R>Canoelands, 16:02, return Canoelands, R>Old Northern, Maroota PS 16:10. Old Northern & Laughtondale Gulley Rd	
3567	15:05	TO WEST PENNANT HILLS & BEECROFT via Purchase, L>New Line, R>Castle Hill, L>Highs, R>Highs, Blacks, (Blacks Rd Terminus 15:24), return Blacks, Highs, R>Taylor, L>Aiken, R>Pennant Hills, L>Copeland, L>Cardinal, L>Hannah, R>Wongala to Beecroft	
626	15:05	TO PENNANT HILLS STATION via Purchase, turnaround 1 <sup>st</sup> Hancock and return Purchase, R>Shepherds, L>Kenburn, L>Macquarie, R>Francis Greenway, R>Boundary, L>New Line, L>Victoria, L>Boundary, R>Bellamy, L>Laurence to Pennant Hills HS, return Laurence, L>Bellamy, R>Ramsay, R>Greycliffe, L>Weemalla, R>Ramsay, R>Yarrara, L>Pennant Hills, L>Railway (Pennant Hills Station 15:46) The Crescent, Britannia, L>Kurrajong, Blackbutt, L>Kurrajong, R>Brittania, R>The Crescent, Railway to Pennant Hills Station	
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3589	15:25	EX OAKHILL COLLEGE via Old Northern, Round Corner 15:37, Old Northern, L>Kenthurst, R>Hills Grammar, R>Kenthurst, Kenthurst PS 15:45.  Transfer to Route 3585 (see below)  Then via Kenthurst, Porters, L>Ascot, L>Porters to Cadwells, Turnaround and return Porters, L>Park to Roughley, turnaround and return Park, L>Porters, R>Pitt Town, Pitt Town & Porters 16:17, Pitt Town to McClymonts	
3564	15:30	<b>EX GALSTON HS</b> via Galston, R>Calderwood to Pine Valley, return Calderwood, L>Galston, R>Crosslands to Mathew, return Crosslands, R>Bevans, R>Knights, L>Chadd to Radnor, (15:53), return Chadd, R>Knights, R>Bayfield, L>Carrs, L>Arcadia, R>Galston to Galston Shops	
3524	15:30	<b>EX GALSTON HS</b> via Galston, L>Arcadia, Galston PS 15:33, Arcadia, Arcadia PS 15:42, Arcadia, Bay, L>Venner, L>Chillcott Rd 15:53, L>Bay to Berowra Waters (15:59), return Bay, Arcadia, R>Galston, R>Mid Dural to Old Northern Rd.	
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3506	15:40	EX OAKHILL COLLEGE via R>Old Northern, L>Gilbert, R>Ridgecrop, R>Linksley, L>Greenbank, L>Grange, R>Evans, L>Glenhaven, L>Carinda, R>Mills, L>Glenhaven to opposite Bannerman Rd	
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# School Student Transport Scheme – School OPAL Card UPDATE

October, 2016

Reminder to ALL students to *keep* their current School Opal Cards for use in 2017.

These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and reactivated for school travel in Term One.

A new application is required when progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or when a student changes address, or changes school.

School Opal Card applications (completed forms) are to be *submitted to the* school office to be endorsed and forwarded to Transport for NSW.

CTHS can only endorse School Opal Card applications once your child is in attendance at CTHS.

#### 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 be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.* 

	CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 3B
Monday	• PEEL Week
24 October	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction
	Mentoring Celebration Awards Breakfast
	• PEEL Week
Tuesday	Year 9/10 Instructors' Life Saving Training Day
25 October	Year 11 into 12 Information Night - Reports Distributed - MPC, 7pm
	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction
	Big Band at Oakhill Drive Public School
	PEEL Week
Wednesday 26 October	Stage 5 & Year 11 Drama Retrospective Evening - C1.1, 7pm
	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction
Thursday	• PEEL Week
27 October	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction
	• PEEL Week
Friday 28 October	Year 8 Life Saving
	Year 12 Work Placement - Construction







