

Term 4 Week 5B 11 November 2016

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Stronger HSC standards

Many parents have expressed concern to staff about the recently announced changes to the HSC which will be first examined in 2020.

I would like to reassure parents that close analysis of our past HSC and NAPLAN results suggest if students apply themselves diligently to their studies they will have nothing to be concerned about.

Parents and students need to be aware of the following:

- From 2020, students need to demonstrate a minimum literacy and numeracy standard to be eligible for the HSC
- There will be multiple opportunities to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests before and after the HSC
- Early identification and support of students most at risk of not achieving the minimum standard will occur at the school
- Students with Band 8 or above in Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy will not need to sit the online tests; students have demonstrated they meet the minimum standard
- Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses, will not need to meet the minimum standard to be awarded the HSC.

Remembrance Day

All students at Cherrybrook marked the anniversary of the Armistice, which ended World War 1, with a minute's silence at 11.00am on Friday 11 November. Students were provided with details of Remembrance Day by their class teacher.

As always, our students were respectful and thoughtful as they reflected on those who had given their life in the service of our country.

Mufti-Day

The Student Representative Council are holding their final mufti day for the year next Wednesday, 16 November. Funds raised will be donated to the *Make a Wish Foundation*.

The SRC have a full range of activities planned for recess and lunch to involve students and staff.

Swimming Carnival

A reminder the 2016 Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 23 November, which will take place at Parramatta Pool. All students will be receiving a note detailing requirements for the Carnival, which is a very important day on the school calendar.

All students and parents are reminded this is a normal school day and the Carnival is part of the NSW school curriculum. **Attendance at the Carnival is compulsory.**

Final P&C Meeting 2016

A reminder to all parents our final P&C meeting for 2016 will take place on Tuesday 22 November, in the school common room, commencing at 8.00pm.

As this is the final meeting for the year, as well as the usual agenda items, there will be some social Christmas activities.

All parents are encouraged to attend and enjoy the evening.

Student Attendance and End of Year Arrangements

A reminder to parents, all students are to continue attending school until Friday 16 December. Parents are also reminded that school will conclude at the **end of period 4** on this day. Following period 4, students will attend a very brief assembly from which they will be dismissed for the summer holidays at approximately 12.30pm.

Any parent who needs their child supervised until 3.00pm on Friday 16 December should contact the school in writing, so this may be arranged. Your support in ensuring your child attends each day, in full school uniform, up to this point will be greatly appreciated.









Schools Spectacular

A reminder to parents and students the Schools Spectacular takes place on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November at the Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. This show is always an outstanding spectacle and involves over 1,000 students from public schools throughout NSW. Cherrybrook students will be involved as dancers and members of the orchestra.

HSC Student Success

Early this week the school was advised about a number of outstanding student achievements, commencing with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards, advising of three separate student Design Projects being considered for display in the very prestigious InTech Exhibition. The HSC works are by Justin David Fok, Brandon Jun Hon and Dominic Serov and all three are absolutely outstanding.

Congratulations also to Laura Stockwell and Rachael Soo, whose Major Artworks have been selected to appear in ARTEXPRESS 2017, as well as to Samantha Groves, Laura Stockwell and Hei Timothy Yeung, whose projects were nominated for inclusion in SHAPE 2016, the annual exhibition of outstanding HSC Design and Technology projects at the Powerhouse Museum, taking place from February 2017.

Congratulations to all these students and their teachers on their wonderful achievement.





Major Artworks by Laura Stockwell & Rachael Soo







Samantha Groves, Laura Stockwell & Hei Timothy Yeung's Projects

CTHS Moondance Ball

A reminder to all parents and community members the Cherrybrook Moondance Ball is fast approaching. The night will provide an opportunity to enjoy a three course dinner with friends, with the additional bonus of great music from the CTHS Big Band.

In addition to enjoying a great night out, any proceeds raised will be used to assist the Big Band with workshops and support the Music Ensembles Program offered at CTHS.

Show your support for the Big Band and buy your tickets for the Ball; it is guaranteed to be a great night! Why not get a table of friends together?

Tickets are available through the school website http://cths.nsw.edu.au/information/upcoming-events/

Congratulations to...

Our wonderful Percussion Ensemble, led by Rob Oetomo, who performed at City Recital Hall last Sunday afternoon. A special
thank you to Mrs Lee for her work in organising and supporting students at this event. Following is a link to their marvellous
performance http://cths.nsw.edu.au/our-school/videos/

Mr Johnson









CTHS Moon Dance Ball

Come and enjoy a 3 course dinner with friends and the great music of the CTHS Big Band.

The big band will be not after having just had an inspirational private workshop with three Australian Jazz greats (pictured below).

In addition to enjoying a great night out, any proceeds raised will be used to assist the band with further workshops and support the music and band program offered at CTHS.

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Tickets available through the school web site, but be quick





Sandy Evans: Tenor and Soprano saxophone, composer

Winner of the Inaugural Bell Award for Australian Jazz Musician of The Year 2003

Sandy Evans is an internationally renowned saxophonist and composer with a passion for improvisation and new music. In 2014 she received a Churchill Fellowship to continue her research in India.

She leads the Sandy Evans Trio and Sextet, and co-leads the internationally acclaimed Clarion Fracture Zone. She is a member of MARA!, The Catholics, the Australian Art Orchestra (AAO), Ten Part Invention, austraLYSIS, Kim Sanders and Friends and SNAP. In 2004, together with composer Tony Gorman she launched the critically acclaimed 8 piece ensemble GEST8. Sandy's suite When The Sky Cries Rainbows, recorded for ABC Jazztrack won the AIR Award for Best Independent Jazz CD in 2011.

James Greening:

Trombone, Tuba, Sousaphone and electric bass

Australia's leading jazz trombonist, James Greening has been widely praised for his work with seminal ensembles such as Ten Part Invention, Wanderlust, the Catholics, the Umbrellas and the Australian Art Orchestra.





John Morrison -

Drummer, Big Band Leader, Educator

As the driving force behind Sydney big band, **Swing City**, John, who was voted Australia's best big band drummer, loves the big band sound.

Further to his playing schedule, John is a musical director for Jazz Workshop Australia Jazz Camp and Generations in Jazz.......









SRC REPORT

This week we are introducing the first SRC Report, where we will summarise what occurs in our weekly meetings and keep everyone informed about the ideas that we wish to implement in the school.

Mufti Day

The SRC's next mufti day will be held on Wednesday 16 November. The theme will be *Halloween* and despite occurring after Halloween, it's sure to be a fantastic day! We would love to see everyone dressed up in Halloween costume and embrace themselves in the Halloween spirit. At lunchtime, the SRC will be holding a Haunted House in A-Block open area, sausage sizzles will be sold at lunchtime and we will be bringing back the unbeatable Krispy Kremes at recess. The proceeds from mufti day will go towards the *Make a Wish Foundation*.

Mental Health Forum

Recently our Vice-Captains, Laura and Dharshan, attended the Mental Health Forum with various Year 10 students and mentioned some new, exciting ideas, which they wish to implement in the school. The stigma of mental health is often overlooked and as part of the SRC, we realise this needs to change. Some ideas discussed include:

- Peer Counselling
- A quiet room where students can talk to others about their wellbeing
- Implementation of mufti days centered around mental health.

Adam Tan and Brinda Kumar, SRC Public Relations Representatives





Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Gold Awards. These Awards will be formally presented at the appropriate end-of-year Assemblies.

Tiara Manawaduge Yasheeka Patel Year 10 Year 11

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Silver Awards. These Awards will be formally presented at the appropriate end-of-year Assemblies.

Soofia Tariq Year 10 Laura Commens Year 9 Rueben Soo Year 8

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.









Percussion Extravaganza

The City of Sydney burst into life on Sunday 6 November 2016 for *Sydney Opens*, a festival celebrating the culture and creative impulse of our rich heritage in art forms such as architecture, photography and music, in which the CTHS Percussion Ensemble featured prominently as part of the *Percussion Extravaganza*. Their Director, Robert Oetomo, was personally invited by the CEO of the state-of-the-art City Recital Hall at Angel Place, to assemble a concert showcasing a spectacle of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. Our students impressed the packed auditorium with their unique rendition of *Scherzo Without Instruments*, which explored the diversity and playfulness of body percussion. The interactive nature of the repertoire coupled with Robert's ingenious choreography, sparked a spontaneous audience response. The highlight of that afternoon was the performance of Robert's own composition *Hit It!* where the CTHS students performed alongside budding percussionists from secondary schools all over New South Wales in the dazzling Combined Percussion Ensemble.

Massive thanks to the parents for their ongoing support, without which this concert would not be possible. Special thanks to Ms Knox for organising the blazers; indeed the students looked absolutely stunning!

A video of the performances can be found here: http://cths.nsw.edu.au/our-school/videos/

Mrs Lee













Textiles Major Works 2016

Congratulations to our Senior Textiles students who displayed their Major Works last Wednesday afternoon. It was a great opportunity for students, staff, family and friends to view the amazing work these students produced over the past twelve months.

Despite the inevitable last minute rush, everyone managed to finish both their project and folio by the due date. The following photos show the range and depth of talent of this group. Well done everyone!

Mrs Collins, your very proud Textiles Teacher









Textiles Major Works









































CREATIVELY SPEAKING

Year 12 HSC Drama Excursion

Our Year 12 HSC Drama students as well as a handful of Stage 5 Drama students were lucky enough to see Eugene Ionesco's play, *The Bald Soprano* staged at Pact Theatre in Erskineville on Wednesday.

Twisted Tree's production provided the students with a very clear insight into the major concerns of the play. Ionesco's work is critical of a society which has become so money hungry and materialistic, we fail to place correct emphasis on the values which really matter; that being the fostering of a genuine love and concern for one another, regardless of race and social status.

It was a very worthwhile trip to the theatre.



A Midsummer Night's Dream takes shape

Hermia and Lysander are in love. But in Athens, that love is forbidden. Their romantic dreams are quickly becoming a nightmare. With the threat of exile or execution hanging over their heads, they escape to the one place that might be safe, the forest. They are followed, as fate would have it, by love-struck Demetrius and the pining Helena.

Into the dark wood of rough magic they go, but this is no ordinary tale of affairs-of-the-heart-gone-wrong, nor is it your average fairy tale, although there are plenty of fairies and yes, some of them do indeed have tails!!

This quizzical romp of riotous misunderstanding, otherwise known as Shakespeare's *A Misdummer Night's Dream*, will be brought to you by our very own talented students of Cherrybrook Technology High School in mid March, 2017.

The students are happily rehearsing and enjoying the many joys accompanying the exciting process of putting on a show. Director, Mrs Cunningham, is busy with the many considerations, which need to be sorted out in the course of getting the show ready for our audiences in March next year.

Every Friday afternoon, an industrious production team, headed by Mr Maynard, continue to work on building and painting various parts of the set design for the show. It is great to see the commitment from this team of students, who are really making headway towards ensuring the physical world of the play is truly something to behold.

Watch this space for more details.

Ms Cannon

PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

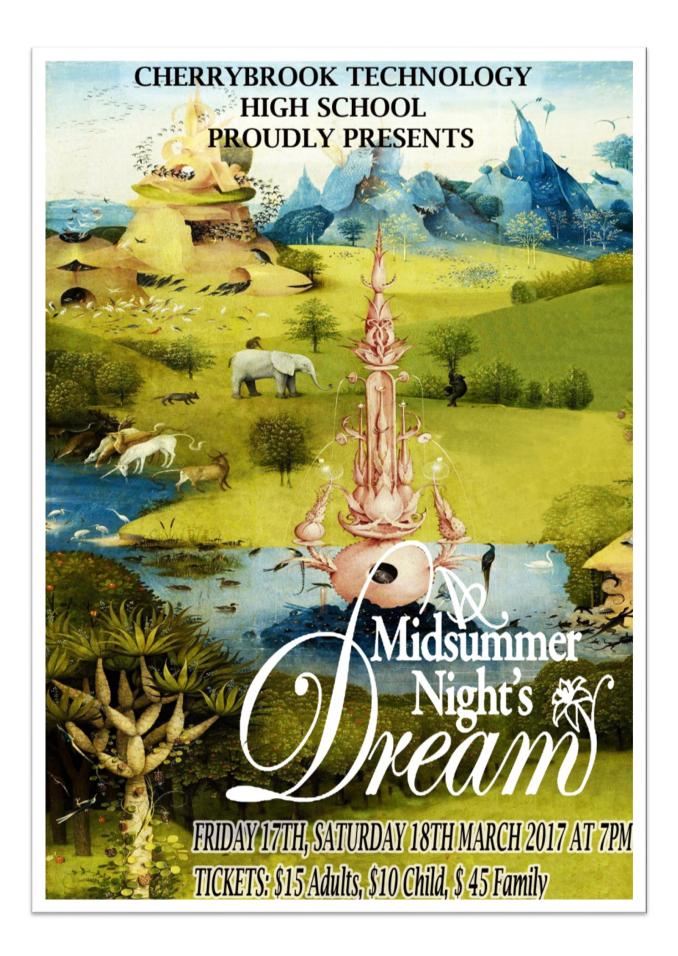
Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the **front office** and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short 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.**



















FROM THE LIBRARY

Library Refurbishment Update

The library's refurbishment is now approaching its final stages, with the construction and painting now complete. Over the coming week we will see the final rooms receive new bold patterned carpet and the new furniture, which has been funded by the P&C, is scheduled to arrive shortly.

Mr Fisher







Ebooks are available to borrow and quench your longing for reading whilst awaiting the transformation of the library. You will find and be able to access them in your normal *Oliver* search or through the Student Services tab on the CTHS website. There are of course many digital resources still available. Don't forget the benefits and services of your local libraries!

John Larkin, award winning author of *The Pause and The Shadow Girl*, is visiting CTHS for the upcoming Year 7 Literary Festival. His presentations at the last visit were "packed with ideas, laughter, stories of growing up and great strategies for writing." From age twelve he wanted to be a professional soccer player, but injury forced a change. "Writing chose me. I had an unquenchable desire to write and no other art form (other than soccer) came close to giving me that creative high that writing does." Storytelling is eternal, still important and relevant. The potential of the written word is undiminished and digital storytelling encompasses 21st Century technology to the same end.



Randa Abdel-Fattah has worked as a lawyer, human rights advocate and community volunteer with different human rights and migrant and refugee resource organisations. Her novels portray racism, multiculturalism, human rights and social justice issues. For Abdel-Fattah, the novel is an important way for young people to learn about racism, beyond the headlines, rhetoric and sweeping statements made by politicians and TV personalities.

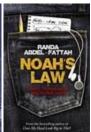
Please ensure you return your Literary Festival signed permission notes, with payments, by next week. You should come prepared on the day with your visual arts diary, drawing pencils, book to write in/notepad, pens.

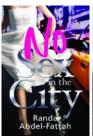
Ms Halder























WEEKLY SPORTS REPORT



Swimming Carnival

The annual School Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 23 November in Week 7 at Parramatta pool. Permission notes will be given out next week. Get excited!!

Sports Assembly

All award recipients who have received an invitation, please bring the attendance slip to the PE staff, ASAP. If you have misplaced it and need a new invitation, see Mr Ibarra in the PE staffroom.

Year 8 Girls' Touch Football

Good luck to the Year 8 girls' touch football team at the State Championships!

Year 8 Boys' and Girls' Basketball

We wish the Year 8 teams good luck with their basketball tournament at St Leo's College next Friday.

Grade Sport

Congratulations to the teams who will be participating in the grade sport finals. Good luck!!

Georgia Clements and Jack Dickinson, Sports Promotion Officers 2016-2017







Down on the Farm...

In preparation for the end of the year, we are reducing our chicken population. Therefore, our layer chickens are for sale - young 26 week pullets (\$15/bird) and old birds (\$10/bird) mid-way through their first lay.

Please contact Mr Annetts, on 9484 2144, to secure your summer of fresh eggs straight from the garden!









CAREERS UPDATE

Burn Bright

Burn Bright is hosting the thirteenth Australian National Leadership Camp (NLC) again in 2017. We have the opportunity to secure a discounted nomination fee by registering our school's interest this year. Please see a Careers Adviser if you are keen.

When: 6 - 9 July 2017 Where: Vision Valley, Arcadia, Sydney Who: Young Australians in Years 10-12 How: Online nominations open 13 February 2017 Info: burnbright.org.au/nlc

Department of Defence - YouthHQ

YouthHQ is an online resource which provides a centralised place for information about Defence Youth Programs. It includes information about the Australian Defence Force Cadets, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards, as well as the variety of cadetships and scholarships, offered by the Department of Defence http://defenceyouth.gov.au/



Discover ADFA

This interactive video will help potential applicants understand what ADFA is really like. http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/campaigns/discover-adfa/

Defence Jobs: The Mentor - Experience Life as an Engineer in the ADF

Follow an engineer and experience what it's like to work in the Australian Defence Force. This online adventure takes you inside the Navy, Army and Air Force, where your duty will be to support missions from your mobile and computer. https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/thementor/#about-the-mentor

UNSW: Scientia Challenge Years 7-10

17 - 19 January, UNSW Kensington. The Scientia Challenge Program is designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10. This program features a range of workshops taught over three days. The courses are developed and presented by academics from the University of New South Wales.

https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/

UNSW Art and Design: Being a Student at UNSW Art and Design

UNSW Art and Design has created this one-minute video which encompasses everything that goes into the creative intensity of student life at UNSW Art and Design. https://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/whats-on/news/being-student-unsw-art-design

NIDA School Holiday Workshops

NIDA will be holding a number of courses for school students of all ages this summer holidays. These include Acting Bootcamp, Musical Theatre Bootcamp, Screen Writing 101, Action Hero, Drama School NIDA Acting 101, NIDA's Amazing Race, NIDA Murder Mystery, Close Up: Screen Acting, Wounds, Bruises and Special Effects, NIDA's Actors Project, Stand-up Comedy Masterclass for Young People, Acting for Stage and Screen, Screen Acting Bootcamp, NIDA Bites, Make-up Design 101, Writer's Bootcamp and more. https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/How+/School+Holidays

Rail Career Pathways

This website has information about the range of careers available in the rail industry and information on what you should study to get there.

http://www.railcareerpathways.net.au/

ReachOut.com

ReachOut provides practical tools and support to help young people get through everything from everyday issues to tough times. Check the site out by visiting: http://au.reachout.com/get-involved/about-reachout

My Health Career

Become an Anaesthetist:

www.myhealthcareer.com.au/become-an-anaesthetist

Become a Psychiatrist:

www.myhealthcareer.com.au/become-a-psychiatrist/

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

























CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 6A	
Monday 14 November	HSC Assessment Task - Biology
Wednesday 16 November	 Mufti Day Transition Day, pds 1-3 - Stage 4 Leaders MADD Concert - 7pm, MPC
Thursday 17 November	Zone Grade Finals Year 11/12 Excursion - German
Friday 18 November	 Motivational Media Presentations - Years 8 -10 Year 7 Zoo Excursion Year 6-7 Small Group Transition Day Environmental Initiative Group Meeting







