

Term 1 Week 1A 3 February 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



A big welcome to all parents and students to the 2017 academic year and the school's 25th year of operation, after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable holiday. I especially welcome our new parents who have children commencing at Cherrybrook for the first time this year. I sincerely hope your involvement with Cherrybrook Technology High will be happy and beneficial.



During the course of the year the school will be mindful that it is our 25th Anniversary and we will honour the past by looking to the future. As many of you will recall, the school celebrated our 21st year with a range of activities over a twelve month period. This year the celebrations will be far more subdued with the focus on our new building program and further consolidation of our work in ensuring students are given the best

possible opportunity to achieve their best academically, culturally and on the sports field.

Outstanding HSC Results

A review of the 2016 HSC revealed many, many outstanding results. Chief among the many excellent performers were the thirteen students who achieved results, which led to each of them being recognised in the All Rounders Awards. These students are Doris Che, Sidath Dissanayake, Jack Fu, Javvad Jaffry, Aman Khalid, Grace Kwon, Jayna Lee, Hannah Power, Manula Somaratna, Dominik Strbik, Catherine Thomas, Keshini Vijayan and Vanessa You, who each scored a band six (or the highest band available) in each of their courses of study.

We also had five students who achieved a top twenty place in five separate courses of study. These are Ryan Afshar, Anuradha Narayan, Lisa Ostman, Dominik Strbik, Edmund Tan and Keshini Vijayan.

And finally, a number of students whose works have been included in Major Exhibitions by the NSW Education Standards Authority include Rachael Soo, Laura Stockwell and Vanessa You.

An analysis of students ATARs, which the school has been able to gather, revealed at least eight students scored ATARS greater than 99 and 100 students scored ATARs greater than 90. In total, 176 students from the class of 2016 were recognised on the NSW Education Standards Authority's Honour Roll for a total of 423 credits.

Each of these students, and their parents, will attend a special Presentation Ceremony at the school on Friday 10 February, to celebrate their success. Pleasingly, beyond these students, we also had the vast majority of Year 12 students achieve their personal goals and gain entry into the course of their choosing or commence work in their field of interest.

School Uniform

It was really pleasing to sit in the MPC at our recent assemblies and see our students return for the beginning of the academic year so well attired. Students looked marvellous in crisp new uniforms and appropriate black leather shoes. It is now most important this wonderful standard be maintained throughout the year. Parental support of our school uniform policy is vital to this.

New Staff for 2017

We are fortunate a number of enthusiastic new staff members have joined the teaching team at Cherrybrook this year. They are:



James Palethorpe Mathematics



Emma Campbell English



Greg Baird Careers



Jodie Llamas PDHPE









Change of Education Minister

I am sure all our community is aware that following the resignation of the Premier, Mike Baird, and the induction of Gladys Berejiklian into the role, there has been a cabinet reshuffle. Sadly, the long standing Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, has been moved out of the Education portfolio.

Mr Piccoli has been a great supporter of Cherrybrook Technology High School, visiting the school on a number of occasions and launching a number of statewide initiatives from the school. He was also instrumental in pushing for our new building, which is due to begin construction in the very near future.

As Minister, Adrian Piccoli consulted widely, was always prepared to listen to a variety of stakeholders and showed a strong commitment to formulating policy based on facts and evidence. However, most significantly, Mr Piccoli also understood the complex operational environment of schools and the importance of actually talking to and seeking advice and data from teachers and principals.



Mr Piccoli's commitment to the Gonski model of school funding will also be an enduring legacy of his time as Education Minister. The new minister is Mr Rob Stokes and I'm sure the community joins with me in welcoming him to the role and look forward to a continuing productive relationship.

School Photographs

A reminder to all students and parents our annual school photographs will take place on Monday 13 and Wednesday 15 February. These photographs serve as a wonderful memento of school life and are great to look back upon in future years.

School Contributions

Please be aware school contributions will be due in the very near future. A full costing of elective contributions and general contributions, will be posted home.

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. Parents will note the P&C contribution, which is also included on these schedules. The P&C do not engage in significant fund raising activities. Twenty five years ago the parent body determined the best way to support resources for students was via a levy rather than have a few individuals constantly leading fundraising activities with varying degrees of success. This policy has served the P&C very well and I would ask you continue to support this practice.

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 2017.

Year 7 Swimming Carnival

The Year 7 swimming carnival will take place on Friday 17 February at Hornsby pool. All students have been issued with a permission note and parents are reminded that carnival day is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.

P&C Meeting

The first major P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 14 February - Valentines day, commencing at 8:00pm in the school common room.

All parents are invited, indeed actively encouraged, to attend the P&C meeting.

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

Student Numbers

As I write this we currently have 1970 students enrolled in the school. This number is almost the same as in 2016. Once again we are the largest government high school in the state and in my view the best!

BYOD

Many thanks to all our parents who have provided a computer for their child to use at school on a daily basis. The response to the school's request has been absolutely overwhelming and it is fantastic to see virtually all our students equipped with appropriate learning devices.

Peer Support

Since starting at Cherrybrook, Year 7 students have been plunged into school life. This big step has been aided by our wonderful Year 11 Peer Support Leaders who have done a marvellous job of organising activities and supporting students to feel comfortable in our very large school.

My congratulations are extended to Mr Hind and our Year 7 Advisers for their fabulous organisation of the program.









Valentines Day and the SRC

Valentines Day is once again on the horizon and as in past years, the Student Representative Council will be selling roses as a fund raising exercise. The SRC has yet to determine to which organisation the funds raised will go this year.

Wall Calendar

Our school wall calendar is in the process of being distributed to all students. Please keep this poster in a handy place and note the important dates which will affect your family.

Congratulations to...

- Emily Shakespear, who has joined the school Student Leadership team as one of our two Environmental Representatives
- Haarani Gobishankar, Year 11, who was selected to attend the UNSW Women in Engineering Camp.

Mr Johnson



Emily being presented with her badge of office by our School Captains

"A Deep Sense of Humanity, a Deep Sense of Empathy" - CTHS Students meet the UNHCR's Volker Türk at UNSW

On occasion, CTHS students gain insights into potential career choices by attending external events. Late last year three CTHS students with a keen interest in human rights and refugees attended the *UNSW Grand Challenge on Refugees and Migrants Inaugural Address*, hosted by the Director of the *UNSW's Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law*, Professor Jane McAdam. The lecture was delivered by Dr Volker Türk, the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR.

The United Nations' 1951 Refugee Convention provides protection for those displaced by persecution and conflict. This mandate was later extended by the 1967 Refugee Protocol. In 2016, there were 65.3 million people displaced by persecution, conflict and natural disasters.

In his lecture, Volker Türk spoke of Australia's long history of migration and our continued support for the work of the UNHCR. Regarding Australia's asylum-seeker policies in recent years, he explained that border protection and the protection of refugees required an integrated approach. In the world today, there are two contrasting responses to the global refugee crisis: the first is one of isolationism and indifference; the second is an outpouring of sympathy and generosity. Xenophobia and a "dehumanisation of the other" is on the rise around the world. Our response to refugees seeking protection needs to be guided by "a deep sense of humanity, a deep sense of empathy."

The three CTHS students enjoyed front-row seats for the talk. During his speech, Dr Türk graciously took a moment to speak directly to them, encouraged by their attendance. At the end, Professor Jane McAdam captured the mood of the audience in her words of thanks: "What I particularly admire and appreciate is your ability to offer optimism and leadership at a time when there is so much negativity and anxiety." Afterwards, the students had the privilege of meeting Andrew and Renata Kaldor. They also enjoyed talking at length with Professor Jane McAdam and Dr Türk. The address can be viewed on You Tube at https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=e0tZclBZ3ns&t=324s

The Kaldor Centre's website is www.kaldorcentre.unsw.edu.au

Mr Murphy



Dr Volker Türk, Zaki Razi (Year 9), Mariam Razi (Year 11), Ava Akbarian (Year 11) and Professor Jane McAdam









NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT



Vaccination Clinic Visits 2017 - Year 7

NSW School Vaccination Program

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents, as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a three-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months
- DTPA vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose.

Parent Information Kits, which include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement, will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- Read all the information provided
- Complete the consent form, including signing your name next to the vaccine/s you
 would like your child to receive
- · Return the completed consent form to the school
- · Ensure your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note, students who commence HPV vaccinations in school clinics in Year 7, but do not complete the course during the school year, may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who receive HPV doses at their GP, will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians, who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason, may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic, either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form (within one business day). Parents/guardians should ensure this record is kept for future reference and should not assume their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination

If you have any questions regarding the vaccination program, please contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055

Mrs Navarro, HT Student Programs











Northern Sydney Public Health Unit School Vaccination Program 2017 1300 066 055

Cherrybrook Technology High School Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

7 February 2017

Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) (dose 1) Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

3 May 2017

Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (dose 2) Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

29 June 2017 NEW DATE - No longer 10 March as indicated on the school calendar

Year 7 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTPA)

11 August 2017

Year 7 Chicken Pox (Varicella)

1 September 2017

Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (dose 3) Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine catch-up DTPA & Varicella









Cherrybrook Technology High School Parent Portal

Link

http://web1.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login

Initial Setup

An invitation to join the Parent Portal will be sent via email. The process for creating an account and linking it to a student/s will be contained in this email. If you do not receive an invitation please contact the school via email cths@cths.nsw.edu.au



The Parent Portal contains the following information:

- Student timetables
- Student attendance information
- Student Wellbeing information
- Student homework
- Current and archived Academic Reports
- Network newsletter
- All Parent/Teacher Interview bookings are done via the CTHS Parent Portal

Please Note:

The student key, which links the Parent Portal account to a student/s, will only need to be entered once for the whole time the student/s is enrolled at CTHS. Your Username will be your family email address and there is a facility to reset your Password on the Login screen.



Are you interested in joining a Music Ensemble - Bands, Choir, String, Percussion or Guitar?

Collect a membership form from Ms Knox in the front office.



Any queries please see Mrs Lee, Music Ensembles Supervisor, in the main staffroom.











School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- · applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- · enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- · is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- · changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport
 for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been
 processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated
 transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year.
 Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new
 pass will be will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

Transport for NSW Tel: 8202 2200 Fax: 8202 2209 18 Lee Street, Chippendale NSW 2008 | PO Box K659, Haymarket NSW 1240

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Debating News 2016

Debating is an important component of our speaking program and all students in Years 7-10 participate in learning activities and inclass debates, with a team selected to represent each class in an interclass competition.

The 'season of debating', which traditionally takes place during Term 4, culminated in Week 10 2016, in a wonderful display of debating prowess in the Finals of the Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Interclass Debating Competitions. Each team had progressed through a series of knockout rounds before earning a place in the final round.

The Year 7 teams from 7ENGT (Joel Macbeth, Lara Flaksbard, Joshua Ng and Alex Hunt) and 7ENGE (Phoenix Abran, Tamazin Cleland, Aaliya Gnanasekaram and Proshat Mir Sotoudeh) grappled with the issue of the value of popular versus high culture, debating *That the Kardashians are more relevant than Shakespeare*. In a very close final the affirmative team 7T just edged out the opposition, in a debate marked by impressive performances by all speakers.

Year 8 finalists argued the very relevant issue, *That we give children too many trophies*. 8ENGN (Thomas Dickinson, Thomas Fletcher, Maddison Boyd and Arjun Sedha) did battle with 8ENGT (Sophia Koller, Madison Pryor, Zaki Razi and Kunal Gupta). In a debate characterised by very thoughtful philosophical arguments and powerful rebuttal, 8N emerged victorious.

The Year 9 final was another close contest with 9ENGA students (Jayan Pascoe, Raghav Lall, Daniel Monteiro and Nicholas Wong) arguing for and 9ENGA students (Charlene Jee, Chloe Chan, Alina Chieh and Lucy Loh) arguing against the proposition, *That our heads should be ruled by our hearts*. In a mark of the quality of all speakers, it was only after careful deliberation that Mr Henry awarded the debate to the affirmative team.

In the Year 10 final, 10 ENGA students (Max Ward, Ryan Ghodsi, Matthew Barrett and Dylan Vellani) argued for the affirmative and 10ENA students (Courtney Cockerton, Caitlin Preston, Senuwani Perera and Michelle Sena) the negative in response to the proposition, *That police officers should not carry guns*. This very topical and spirited debate concluded with a clear victory for the negative team.

Congratulations to all of these students whose confident manner, ability to formulate arguments and engage in rebuttal is truly impressive.

Mrs Granziera Speaking/Debating Coordinator





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.







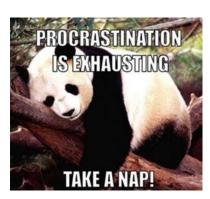


From the Library

2017 is an exciting year for the renovated library. We wish you an engaging year using the space, resources and assistance available wisely. We are open from 8am - 3.30pm Tuesday - Friday; 8am - 3pm Mondays; closed Fridays recess. It is a learning space not a playground so appropriate behaviour is expected.

Next Monday, 6 February, Elevate Education will run a Year 8 Junior Time Management seminar. The beginning of the year is perfect to consolidate the essential skill of time management. Well organised routines will ensure there is time for everything and students and their families benefit. A workbook and access to additional resources online are included. The cost is \$12. Students have been given permission/payment notes. If this form has not been completed, please ensure the completed form with payment is returned to the student window in A block as soon as possible.

Ms Halder



Procrastination, the thief of time

THORNLEIGH NETBALL - COME HAVE A GO!

Thornleigh Netball Club is looking for new players for 2017! We are looking for players of all ages, junior and senior.

> This year our fees will be: Juniors \$198 (6-15) Seniors \$259 (15+)



For further details on Registration contact Ingrid Nitchell. Email: thornleighnetball@gmail.com

For further information regarding the 2017 Netball season contact our President, Clare Ashpole.

Email: clare.ashpole19@qmail.com

Register online at www.thornleighsports.org.au/netball

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.









Christmas Party 2016

Students enjoyed the Chill-Out Club Christmas Party, where they enjoyed a gingerbread house village, ice sculpture snowmen, a giant candy cane and a giant Christmas tree. Students worked very hard to decorate D1.3 making it look like a real Christmas wonderland. They also made a Christmas video with teachers and students explaining what they wanted for Christmas. Thanks to all those who helped make the party a success. Chill-Out Club will be back bigger and better than ever in 2017.

Homework Club Party Term 4 2016

Homework Club finished with a feast of hot food, ice cream, chips and chocolates and soft drink. There were loads of prizes and many winners. Come along to Homework Club every Wednesday in D1.3. Each time you come you get a ticket in the end of term prize draw. You only need attend once to be invited to the end of term party! Hope to see you all there.

Ms Deadman and the SLSO team.















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.











CLOTHING POOL

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, the First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience, through kind donations from the CTHS community.

For more information please contact Sara at uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com



Opening Times: First Tues of each month (school terms)

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Drop-offs: Tues, Weds or Thurs 7.15pm - 8pm (school terms)

First Cherrybrook Scout Hall, Appletree Drive, Cherrybrook















FIRST AID

Please note Cherrybrook Technology High School does not have any medical practitioners on the premises. We provide first aid assistance to students who are unwell or injured. *Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.*

CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 2B	
6 February	Year 8 Junior Time Management
	HSC Assessment Task - Drama
Tuesday 7 February	Year 7 HPV 1 Year 8 Catch-up Vaccinations
Wednesday 8 February	Year 7/11 Pre-Camp Activity
Thursday 9 February	Year 7/11 Pre-Camp Activity
Friday 10 February	HSC High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony - 9.30am, MPC









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