

Term 1 Week 5A 3 March 2017

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## **Building to Commence**

On Thursday of this week I met with TCQ Constructions, the company which has successfully tendered for the job of building our new classrooms. TCQ is eager to commence work on the project and, weather permitting, we should begin to see foundations being poured sometime next month.

During the building period there will be disruption to the life of the school with access to some areas being restricted and the expected attendant issues of parking, dust and noise. Pleasingly, TCQ Constructions is keen to work with the school community throughout construction to

minimise dislocation and disruption for students, staff and community. Whilst the next twelve months may see some inconvenience I have no doubt the end product will well and truly compensate for this. Bring on the new building!

## New Finance and Administration Package - LMBR

As many parents are already aware the school is in the process of transitioning to a new finance/administrative software package. This particular package has been the focus of considerable press coverage over the past few years.

In order to make the final 'cut-over' successful, all outstanding financial transactions need to be accounted for, including unpaid invoices. Consequently, I am urging parents to pay all school contributions once invoices are received and any outstanding invoices to be addressed as soon as possible. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

## **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 2017.

## **Zone Swimming**

Congratulations to the many students who swam so strongly for the school at this week's Zone Swimming Carnival. Mr Ibarra and Mr Vaux were fulsome in their praise of participants' efforts. The school achieved second place on the day falling just short of Killara High School, who were very worthy winners.

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

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 March, commencing at 8pm in the school common room. All parents are invited, indeed actively encouraged, to attend the P&C meeting. The evening will commence with the annual Executive Meeting, where office bearers for the next twelve months will be elected. The General Meeting will follow.

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.

## Year 6 into 7 Information Night

Pleasingly, the damp weather held off for a few hours and approximately 600 excited parents and students attended a terrific Information Night on Tuesday evening. Visitors were treated to an introduction to the school and then taken on a tour of the school's many marvellous facilities. Current students supported the evening by acting 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. In particular I would like to congratulate Mrs Howard and Mr Fisher, whose preparation and organisation was the key to the smooth operation of the evening.









## "A Teacher Changed My Life"

Next Tuesday 7 March at 8.30pm, our Head Teacher Mathematics, Mr Woo, and Year 12 Student Leader, Emily Shakespear, will be appearing on the SBS program 'Insight' discussing Mathematics education. A chance to tune in and gain 'insight' into Mathematics education.

Mr Johnson



## Appropriate Behaviour on Buses

We have recently received a number of complaints from the general public with regards to student behaviour on afternoon school buses. Of particular concern is the bus which travels to Castle Towers, route 621. This bus runs through the Anglican Retirement Village and there are often elderly passengers on this bus.

Please be aware, as Cherrybrook Technology High School students, dressed in your school uniform, you are the public face of the school and, as such, you are easily identified. Students need to realise catching the bus home is a privilege and if you are identified as a person acting inappropriately on the bus, your School Opal Card may be revoked.

Parents, if your child catches an afternoon school or private bus home, would you please remind them of the need to behave in an appropriate manner and be mindful of the general public who are also on the bus.

#### Mr Clements



Year 6 into 7 Information Night











#### YEAR 11 CAREER MENTORING PROGRAM 2017

The second year of our Career Mentoring Program will commence this month. Due to the success of last year's program, we are excited to announce the Career Mentor Program has now doubled! It includes 50 new mentees, over 30 different career fields and a new partnership with the company Mastercard. Mentors will help Year 11 students experience the world of work, discover the opportunities available in specific career areas and encourage them to research. The chance to shadow career mentors in their place of work is one of the highlights.

We are extremely appreciative of the support from our parent community, past alumni and industry partners, who have generously volunteered their time to be involved in this program.

Mrs Bower



#### COMPETITIONS

## **Grok 2017**

Grok (formally NCSS Python Programming), under the umbrella of the University of Sydney, provides enrichment learning via online tutorials and optional competitions in Webpage Design and Python Programming. These courses are setup to be done online at any time throughout the year. Following is the link to the Grok website: <a href="https://groklearning.com/">https://groklearning.com/</a>

Interested students need to pick up a permission note from the IT Staffroom. Make your payments at the student window then take your receipt to Mrs Hearne, who will explain the process.

Payment deadline: Monday 27 March Competition cost: \$30 for one-year access

# 2017 International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) - Digital Technologies (formally Computer Skills)

This exam consists of 30 to 40 multiple choice questions; results and Certificates will be issued. Interested students need to pick up a permission note from the IT Staffroom.

Payment deadline: Monday 27 March

Competition cost: \$8

Competition date: Tuesday 16 May

Mrs Hearne



## 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.









#### **SRC REPORT**

#### Valentine's Day

On Tuesday 14 February the SRC put together what was one of the smoothest Valentine's Days to date! The wrapping of close to 1,500 roses, was thrilling as the SRC worked together to finalise the roses. After a very successful Valentine's Day of rose delivery, love song dedications, complete with our school mascot, the Cherrybrook Bear, and a

mobile photo booth, we were proud of our achievements and would like to thank Mrs Fletcher, Mr Byrne and Miss Campbell for their assistance and guidance in both the lead up to Valentine's Day and on the day itself! The proceeds of this day will be donated towards the Mission Australia for Homelessness and to Ovarian Cancer Research.

#### The Week

The highly anticipated 'Week' has crossed our minds and planning is currently taking place as various ideas are circulated. As CTHS turns 25 this year we would like to incorporate the 'birthday' theme throughout the week. The week consists of activities run daily for a whole week by the SRC, Student and Sports Executive and includes the Talent Quest, a Mufti Day and a Sport Day. It is definitely something to look forward to, so it is important for everyone to keep an eye out for messages as it will be taking place next term.

Adam Tan and Brinda Kumar, SRC Public Relations Representatives



#### **CREATIVELY SPEAKING**

#### **ARTEXPRESS**

On Tuesday evening of this week the Visual Arts teachers and I had the great pleasure of attending the opening of ARTEXPRESS at the Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park. Laura Stockwell, from the Year 12 class of 2016, had her HSC major work 'Alchemy', chosen to be one of only 59 works from over 9,000 to be presented in the Exhibition, 'Wild Things', at the gallery. Acclaimed artist Kate Disher-Quill gave a wonderful congratulatory speech describing her delight at being selected for ARTEXPRESS in 2006 and how it had helped her focus on her careers aspirations. Other speakers included Mrs Danielle Gullotta, the Curator of the gallery, and the CEO of NSW Education Standards Authority (formerly the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards), Mr David de Carvalho and Mr Charles Moore, CEO of Sydney Olympic Park.

Laura's work looks absolutely spectacular hanging in the gallery and I would urge all members of the Cherrybrook community to visit the gallery, which will host the display until 23 April to not only see Laura's wonderful work, but also those of the other many talented HSC students on display.

Laura has commenced a Bachelor of Art Education at the University of NSW where she will be given a further opportunity to study and explore art and creativity as she prepares for her working life.

Rachael Soo, another of our wonderful Year 12 students from 2016, currently has her remarkable black and white photographs displayed in ARTEXPRESS at the Hazelhurst Regional Gallery.

The exceptional results of these students are certainly down to their own talent, skills and determination. Thank you to the Visual Arts teachers for guiding and supporting the students to realise their potential.

Ms Donoghue, HT CAPA

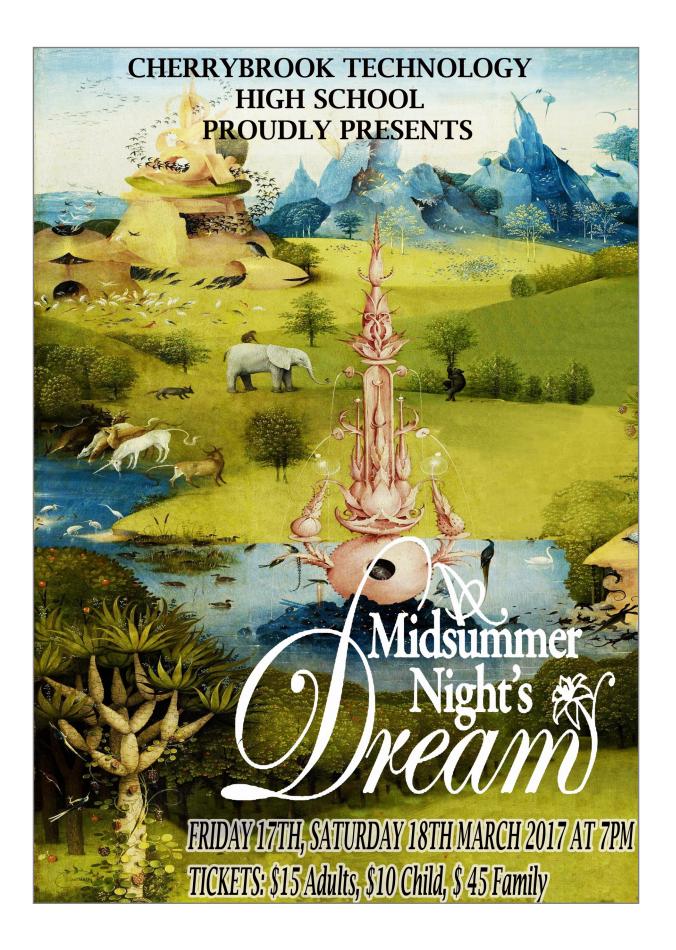




















#### **CAREERS UPDATE**

#### **Tertiary Open Day Events**

- Hospitality, Blue Mountains Hotel School: Saturday 11 March at 9.30am
- UOW College Shoalhaven Campus, Information Evening: Wednesday 8 March, at 5.30pm or 7.30pm.

#### **Work Experience Opportunity**

- Fire Brigade: <a href="https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=764">www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=764</a>
- Whitehouse: Photography, Illustration and Design, enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au
- Meet-a-Keeper Day at Taronga Zoo: There are only ten places left for this opportunity. If you are interested in a career with animals, please collect a permission note from the Careers Office today.



## Other Events and Opportunities

- Automotive Pre-Apprenticeship courses: Commence Monday 13 March at Parramatta. These runs for two weeks with an additional week of work experience. Students must be older than 15.
- AAFP Margaret Fulton Future Foodservice Professional Scholarship: mina@htn.com.au or www.htn.com.au
- Interior Decoration Masterclass two-day workshop at Whitehouse: 19 and 20 April.

## **Encounter Careers Talks**

- UNSW (University of Wollongong) visited our school this term to discuss Industry Leaders in Engineering and Business
- Week 6, Infants/Primary Education, lunchtime talk by Bedford College (Norwest), Wednesday 8 March
- Week 7, Macquarie University will be visiting to discuss students' experiences and courses.



Mr Baird and Mrs Bower

#### FROM THE LIBRARY

#### **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**

Years 7 - 9

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is here again. The 2017 Challenge begins Monday 6 March and closes Friday 25 August. Most Year 7 students will have participated in this at their primary schools. Year 8 and 9 students will be acquainted from last year. A challenge cannot go unanswered, but more importantly the thrill, satisfaction and benefits of reading are inherently rewarding. Join again and select books from the list. The list is comprehensive and all tastes are catered for. Use your school/Departmental login: <a href="https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html">https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html</a>

Remember you can also borrow an eBook version of some books. *Oliver* will take you straight to the resource and you can also use your departmental login.

## Year 12

To consolidate and reinforce the study skills you were presented with in the Elevate Education seminars, you can login to <u>elevateeducation.com</u> and create a user profile using your Departmental login. You can then browse the available support resources. From next week you should also be able to access premium content using the password 'rondo'. On the CTHS Moodle page in library, you will find some booklets to assist you. It's a good idea, having been initiated into the mysteries of studying and sleep, to make it part of your regular routine.

Ms Halder













#### SPORTS REPORT



## **Cross Country**

The CTHS Cross Country has been postponed until Wednesday 8 March. The Carnival will run as indicated last week. Please see the PE staff for more details.

#### **Zone Swimming Carnival**

Last week, the Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival was held. CTHS finished with a fantastic placing of second overall in the carnival. Huge congratulations to the swimming team.

Special mention to these outstanding athletes who finished with Zone Records or Age Championships:

#### **Grade Sport**

Grade Sport next will be played against Chatswood, with the girl teams playing at home. Good luck to all!

Jack Dickinson and Georgia Clements Sports Promotion Officers





12 Years Girl Champion	Laura Lott
Record Broken	Laura Lott 50m Butterfly
12 Years Boy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Daniel De Sacadura
13 Years Girl 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Naomi Wong
13 Years Boy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Marius Boll
14 Years Girl Champion	Joanne Ling
14 Years Boy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Andrew Koh
15 Years Girl Champion	Laura Boll
Record Broken	Laura Boll 100m Backstroke
15 Years Boy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Charles Marais
Record Broken	Charles Marais 100m Backstroke
16 Years Girl 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Millie Lott
16 Years Boy 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joshua Jo
17+ Years Girl 4 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Blundy

## 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.













CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 6B	
Monday 6 March	Year 7 Bullybusters pds 1, 2, 3 & 4
	HSC Assessment Task - Japanese Beginners
	Prelim Assessment Task - Business Studies
Tuesday 7 March	Morrisby Careers Testing
	HSC Assessment Task - Japanese Extension
Wednesday 8 March	HSC Assessment Task - PDHPE
	Cross Country Carnival
Friday 10 March	Year 7 Vaccinations (dTpa)
	Year 11 Interim Reports Available via Parent Portal
	• Year 7 Gala Day
	HSC Assessment Task - French Extension
	HSC Assessment Task - Advanced & Standard English







