

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NSW State Principals' Conference

Last week I was one of over 300 Principals who attended the annual State Secondary Principals' Conference. The conference theme was *STEAM*; very appropriate given the challenges which lie ahead, as we move into a period of great technological change, challenge and opportunity.

We had a full complement of distinguished and impressive speakers, including Professor Fred Watson from the Australian Astronomical Observatory, John Bell, founder of the Bell Shakespeare Company and the Honourable Rob Stokes, Minister for Education.

Some highlights for me included Dr Clio Cresswell, who delivered an engaging evaluation on the teaching of Maths and presented research into new areas of measuring aspects of humanity, which will be important in future thinking. Her love and excitement for Mathematics was as palpable as her belief that everyone can love maths because abstract thinking is at the heart of who we are and it underpins our whole civilized thinking.

Following Dr Cresswell, Leigh Sales enlightened us about the changing face of journalism with the rise of fast paced commentary and opinion-based news, at the expense of objective journalism. Despite presenting a bleak picture of the political implications for this change she also spoke of the core values of humanity, kindness, compassion, empathy and community that she sees and says is at the heart of so many stories she experiences.

As a Principal it was invaluable to be reminded of global perspectives and national and state agendas affecting education today.

New School Leaders Elected

Following an exhaustive process, which involved preparing a detailed Curriculum Vitae, presenting a prepared speech and answering a range of unseen questions in front of a large audience of parents, staff and students, our new School Leaders for 2017-2018 have been determined. These students and their elected roles are:

School Captains:	Courtney Cockerton & Dylan Vellani	Stage 5 & Social Justice Representatives:	Sophie Cunningham & Adrian Monardo
Vice Captains:	Candy Park & Matthew Barrett	Stage 4 Representatives:	Sonali Seneviratne, Jessica Go, Kaustubh Patel & Bradley Stockwell
Principal's Representatives:	Dua Kashany & Dhruv Lohia	Environmental Representatives:	Amy Swainston & Joshua Braine (absent from photo)
International Relations Representatives:	Nadee Manchanayaka & Harry Swanepoel	SRC Public Relations Representatives:	Selina Go & Cameron Bish

This team of Leaders will take up their roles early in Term 3 allowing our current Year 12 Leaders, who have done an absolutely outstanding job, to focus on their studies as they move towards the HSC examinations.



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Year 11 High Achievers' morning Tea

The top twenty students in Year 11, as determined by the recent AP1 examinations, enjoyed a terrific morning tea with the school Executive on Monday of this week. Students discussed the demands of senior school and what they will need to do to stay at the top of their very large and very talented year group.

Photographed below are: Angad Ahuja, Courtney Cockerton, Konrad Cuevas, Sophie Cunningham, Selina Go, Hannah Goh, Bryan Gunawan, Rachel Hempsall, Adelea Kee, Hemanshi Kumar, Ivan Leow, Sam Hong Lin, Dhruv Lohia, Rebecca McKee, Adrian Monardo, Kaustubh Patel, Caitlin Preston, Jeffrey Tszho Seto, Ria Shah and Dylan Vellani (Hannah Goh absent from photo).



Stage 5 Subject Selection Evening

Our Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening is being held on Tuesday Night, 27 June. This is a most important night for students and parents as it is an opportunity to learn more about our elective system, with details of how to select courses online being provided.

Showcase 2017

Our annual student Showcase of Performing Arts took place in the school's MPC last Wednesday night. The evening included performances of Dance, Drama and Music by students from Years 7 to 12. Some wonderful student talent was provided, which was enjoyed by a very enthusiastic audience.

M60 Bus

Disappointingly, I have received an email from a very disgruntled commuter who travels on this bus each afternoon. The commuter explained in detail how all too often Cherrybrook students failed to give up their seats for the elderly and spoke in a loud and inappropriate manner. This sort of behaviour is not what we expect of our students.

If your child travels on this bus of an afternoon, please speak with them and explain they are representing themselves, their family and their school whilst travelling and that exemplary, thoughtful behaviour is expected. This same message has been reinforced at recent school assemblies.

Year 12 AP4 Examinations

Year 12 AP4 Examinations will commence on Monday 7 August. Students in their final year should use the holiday period to continue preparations for these tests. However, it is important that a balanced approach is maintained to their studies during this period, with time for exercise and relaxation as well as an appropriate study regime.

Trivia Night Success

Congratulations to Ms Tager, Ms Minogue and the Social Justice students on the outstanding success of Friday night's Trivia evening. Approximately 200 students, staff and community members raised over \$2,000 to support our sister school in Cambodia.

A great fun filled initiative with all proceeds going to a very deserving cause.

School Holidays

As this is the last *Network* for the term, it is timely to remind parents that the mid-year school holidays commence at 3pm on Friday 30 June and continue until **Tuesday 18 July** when all students are to return to school. Staff will be involved in a School Development Day on Monday 17 July. This is a student free day and parents should ensure any supervision arrangements necessary for their children are in place for this day.

It is expected all students will attend in full school uniform, up to the final bell on the last school day of term.



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Congratulations to...

- Mina Woo (Year 7), who won a Bronze Medal in the 2017 Australian National Judo Championships (Judo Federation of Australia). Her mother would like to thank all her friends and teachers at Cherrybrook Technology High School for their support. Well done Mina! Mrs Howard, HT Stage 4
- Abi Stringer (Year 9), who competed in the National Youth Sports Climbing Competition in Melbourne. Abi's performance in the speed climbing category earned her a place in the Australian Youth Climbing Team. She will now be heading off to New Caledonia to represent Australia in the Oceania Continental Competition in October this year. Well done and good luck Abi!



- Alexander and Michael Ross (Year 9), who competed in the 2017 Australian National Judo Championship, which is the highest level Judo Competition in Australia. Alexander and Michael competed among top athletes from Australia winning Silver and Gold medals in the following divisions:

Alexander, Silver in the Senior Boys under 55kg
Michael, Australian National Champion, Gold in the Senior Boys under 60kg.

- Darren Shen (Year 11), who has been accepted into the 2017 Cardiothoracic Surgical Skills Summer Internship at Stanford University School of Medicine.



Mr Johnson



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



"Everyone knows someone affected by cancer. Today, there are more than 1.1 million Australians who are either living with cancer or who have survived a diagnosis." *Cancer Council*

In view of this frightening statistic, the String Ensemble showed their community spirit, by participating in the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea initiative, to raise funds for crucial cancer research, prevention, detection, treatment and support. Organised by the Australian Community Inspired Association Inc. (ACIA Inc.), the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was held on Thursday 15 June 2017, at the Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre. The String Ensemble provided entertainment for this occasion with a variety of repertoire, ranging from reflective classical numbers to accompany the moving real life cancer stories, to upbeat contemporary popular music. Students also willingly volunteered in raffle ticket sales and participated enthusiastically in the exuberant Zumba activities. Best of all, the event culminated in a scrumptious international morning tea!

Mrs Lee, Music Ensembles Supervisor



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World Refugee Day Assembly

I was privileged to sit in the whole school assembly on Tuesday, which was dedicated to the theme of World Refugee Day. My Murphy and his team from the Social Justice Group organised a wonderful presentation including guest speaker, Joshua Massaquoi, from the Australian UNHCR. Joshua spoke of his own experiences as a refugee escaping from his homeland Sierra Leone and the hardship and loss he has experienced. He also commented on his thankfulness of being accepted by the Australian people to bring up his children in a country where there is hope. The audience were spellbound by his story. A more detailed report follows in this Network.



Mr Clements

Tuesday 20 June was World Refugee Day. There are currently 65.3 million forcibly displaced people in the world. Refugees flee their homes due to persecution, violence, war or natural disaster. Students from the CTHS Social Justice Group worked together to organise the main school assembly and provide items for the two year group assemblies. Their goal was three fold: Inform the audience about the global refugee crisis, help the audience develop empathy for refugees and provide them with practical advice on what they could do to help, such as the *World Vision 40 Hour Backpack Challenge*. In the main assembly, the audience watched a film by the UNHCR, *What They Took With Them*, exploring what refugees take with them when they flee and what they leave behind. The guest speaker, Mr Joshua Massaquoi (pictured), from the humanitarian aid agency, *Australia for UNHCR*, shared his experience as a refugee from Sierra Leone.

Sophie Cunningham (Year 11) and Hemanshi Kumar (Year 11), led the assembly and gave talks on the refugee crisis. Nina Qiu (Year 12) promoted an end-of-term fund-raiser film night for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). Tickets are available through the school's website. Annabelle Cote (Year 7), Tania Tabrizi (Year 7), Jessica Cox (Year 9), Shannon Kelly (Year 9), Nadee Manchanayaka (Year 11) and Mina Gillani (Year 11), spoke at the year group assemblies for Years 7 and 8.

A huge thank you to the students involved in the assemblies for all their hard work. Thank you also to Amelia Craig (Year 11), Taylor Catts (Year 10), Frenky Anam (Year 10) and other students who helped with planning the concept and content for the assemblies. They are to be commended for their passion for human rights and their compassion for refugees.

Members of the CTHS Social Justice Group, visitors from Australia for UNHCR, Mr Clements and Mr Murphy enjoyed morning tea after the World Refugee Day Assembly.

Mr Murphy




Year 11 Anxiety Seminar

Valerie Ling, a CTHS Alumni, spoke earlier this year at our 2017 High Achievers' Assembly. Her speech and career background as a Clinical Psychologist, resonated well with us and our efforts to increase awareness and provide a proactive means of addressing student resilience and wellbeing. We asked Valerie and her colleague, Tehani, to come back and deliver a seminar to our Year 11 students looking at a range of strategies to use when faced with increased anxiety. The seminar was well received by students with a number nominating to receive additional help in the future. The strategies discussed included:

1. Pause - stop, breathe, observe things around you that will take your mind off what is causing the anxiety before proceeding with purpose.
2. Ponder - defuse the power of our thoughts that lead to the anxiety. Focus on coping statements and past successes.
3. Pursue goal directed action - anxiety has its own agenda and tries to draw you away from your big picture purpose leading to avoidance of the task at hand. Look at what you can do and have done in the past to direct future actions.

Mr Clements



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The Art of Coffee Making

An enthusiastic group of students, eager to become Barista's, spent the day learning the art of coffee making at Sydney Coffee Academy, Ryde College. The Barista course identified the different coffee species, such as Coffea Arabica and Coffea Robusta along with the history of coffee.

Students were involved in practical experience making an impressive range of coffees starting with the base of all coffee drinks, the Espresso. The Ristretto was next followed by Doppio (double espresso), Long Black Macchiato, the most popular Cappuccino, Caffe Latte and many more.

Over the next few hours the Espresso machine became the students' best friend as they mastered the art of grinding the beans, extracting the coffee, texturing the milk, pouring the milk for the specific coffee and serving and presenting the espresso coffee perfectly.

It was a most successful day, with students developing useful work based skills for industry, as well as the Barista Program at CTHS.

Mrs Goykovic



From the Library

Year 11 will be attending Study Skills sessions on Friday 4 August. Students have been given permission/payment forms. Payment should be finalised by Friday 30 June. You will be aware that the new LMBR system requires some procedural changes in financial matters. This necessitates the earlier, prompter finalising of events. Your cooperation in meeting this deadline would be appreciated.

CTHS website

To access our new library webpage, go to the 'Student Services' drop down menu, click on 'CTHS library'. This opens the door to the resources of your library.

The library is currently working with Ms Smith to further develop this webpage. The 'infant' version provides access to a range of resources and subject guides. We will continue to develop this page over time, so be sure to revisit on regular occasions.

Current Affairs: Many subjects require or benefit from, an ongoing engagement with current affairs. The SMH, AFR and the Age are great resources for this. They are accessible only while at school but students can download/save the articles/paper to peruse at home.

Ms Halder



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Stage 5 Elective History excursion to the Nicholson Museum

On Friday 16 June the CSI in the Ancient World archaeology class attended the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney. Our students were a credit to CTHS, asking thoughtful questions when examining the past and historical artefacts including a mummified head that was said to have sat on the desk of the Museum's founder Sir Charles Nicholson. Both Miss Adamou and I were very impressed by the students and their engagement with the museum guides and the exhibits. In the words of the students:

"We started at the Jericho section of the museum. Here we learnt about one of the oldest civilisations and got the chance to look at the mummified head with shells on his eyes. We were taught about the different ages throughout history such as the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. Our tour guide explained that when the past civilisations became stationary, living in one place instead of moving around, the number of children increased. At the same time the infant mortality rate also increased due to disease and other factors." (Holly B)

"Past lives were revealed through relics displayed around the museum. A haunting child mummy showed the burial practices of the ancient Egyptians and two exquisite sarcophagi displayed the craftsmanship of the ancient civilisations' art and culture. A guide was able to take us through the museum, step by step, explaining different artefacts and their importance in understanding history. We learnt about the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and many other cultures that affected life today". (Sophia K)

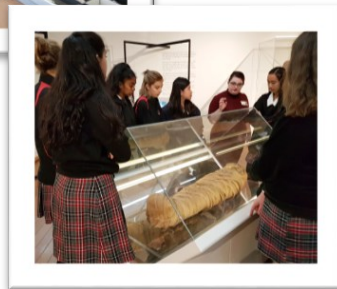
"Students then took a trip to the hands-on room, one of the highlights of the excursion, where we were taught how to properly handle artefacts and how to analyze them, fit them into the past and draw conclusions about the past." (Charlotte C)

"We were able to delve into the lives of people hundreds of years ago, given the opportunity to study pots, swords, figurines and ancient lamps. It was an unforgettable experience and particularly valuable to our CSI class. It was important to be able to see, touch and examine the artefacts we were previously only able to learn about through pictures and articles." (Sophia K)

"Besides learning much about ancient history and archaeology, the University also contained an excellent cafeteria with high quality food. My friend Jordan and I enjoyed chatting to each other within the environment of the University." (Gianni D)

Thank you to Miss Adamou for giving up her time to attend and thank you to the class, you made the excursion a great experience and we enjoyed ourselves every bit as much as you did.

Mr Hind



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SATURDAY 8TH JULY	7.30PM	SULLIVAN	EVENING
SUNDAY 9TH JULY	2.00PM	GILBERT	MATINEE
WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY	2.00PM	SULLIVAN	MATINEE
FRIDAY 14TH JULY	7.30PM	GILBERT	FINALE EVENING
SATURDAY 16TH JULY	2.00PM	GILBERT	MATINEE
SATURDAY 16TH JULY	7.30PM	SULLIVAN	FINALE EVENING

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CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 10B	
Monday 26 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Dance Week • Stage 5 History Elective - Technology of War Excursion • HSC Assessment Task - Drama • Prelim Assessment Task - Economics • HSC Assessment Task - PDHPE • Prelim Assessment Task - PDHPE
Tuesday 27 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening - 7pm, MPC • Year 11 Geography Excursion - Hawkesbury • Barista Training • Prelim Assessment Task - English Advanced • Prelim Assessment Task - ESL • Ski Trip Student Meeting
Wednesday 28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Reports Available via Parent Portal • Market Day HSIE • Year 11 Biology Excursion • Year 11 Senior Science Excursion
Thursday 29 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task- Legal Studies • HSC Assessment Task - Ab Studies • Prelim Assessment Task - CAFS
Friday 30 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prelim Assessment Task - Business Studies Trade Displays • HSC Assessment Task - Industrial Technology • HSC Assessment Task - Senior Science • Term 2 Ends



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