

Cherrybrook Technology High School

Term 3

Week 5A

18 August 2017

Relieving PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NAPLAN

There has been much said about NAPLAN this year and finally the results are out. The media would have us mistakenly believe that a Band 8 result is essential for a Year 9 student to qualify for their HSC. This is not true! It is only the first opportunity of many, which students will have to pre-qualify for an HSC. After some preliminary analysis of the results, we as a school are very happy. Our upward trend of improvement over the past few years has continued and as a school we are consistently performing above the state average. We are also looking at ways to best support those students who are experiencing difficulties in these diagnostic tests.

The 2017 NAPLAN results were mailed to parents this week and provide you with valuable information which allows you to compare the progress of your child with all those of similar age across the country. For Year 9

parents there is also a document indicating your child's results in relation to the minimum standards for the HSC. For more information please use the following link:

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/naplan-parents#understanding

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

In Week 9 of this term (11-15 September) all students in Years 7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test. This is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN online, beginning 2018. The Readiness Test is not an assessment of student ability. However, this test allows schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes, check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN online. The test provides Year 7 and 9 students with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format. For more information: http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

Your child does not need to prepare for this test and there will be no formative feedback provided by NESA. There will be only minimal disruption to normal classes as students will complete the tests in two periods across the course of the school week.

Science Week

The Science KLA has been busy organising a range of exciting Science related events to celebrate Science Week. Events will include a Liquid Nitrogen Show, a show from the Australian Wildlife Park and a demonstration by the Sky Works Planetarium. The aim of the week is to celebrate curiosity, wonder and the amazing world in which we live. A big thank you to all the Science staff, particularly Mr Fairclough, who has organised the events for next week.

Executive Conference

This weekend the Cherrybrook Technology High School Executive will attend their annual Executive Conference. Staff will engage in up-to-date educational research and spend time planning for the future. There will be a full report in next week's edition of *Network*.

Year 12 Tertiary Options Evening

On Wednesday evening the Careers faculty held a Tertiary Study Evening which had representatives from many local schools. Students were able to talk with a range of tertiary institutions and ask questions pertinent to their individual needs. There were also presentations about applying to universities, securing scholarships and alternate pathways. Thank you to our Careers staff for organising this event, particularly Mrs Bower who led the team.

HSC Drama Performance Night

The audience of this event was again in awe of the talents of the CTHS students. Students displayed amazing skill in portraying a range of emotions and situations. Individual performances from Luke Ede, as a salesman with a terrible secret, Liana Holton, the original Tiger Mum, William Lott, as an angry tent boxer who had not made the big time and Lizzie West, as an English aristocrat (perfect accent) on a Fox Hunt, held the audience captive.

The group performances were also outstanding. They tackled a range of issues, including the current treatment of women on university campuses, trying to find the meaning of life before entering the 'pearly gates' and the trials and tribulations of being a sales person with a target to meet. Erin Mulvey also produced a video on the obsession of someone addicted to social media.

Congratulations to Ms Cannon, who helped prepare this group for the HSC and to the students themselves, who have put many hours into making their performances worthy of HSC standard. We wish them every success on Tuesday when the markers come to evaluate their performances.









Year 10 bstreetsmart Excursion

All Year 10 students attended the bstreetsmart event on Tuesday (previously known as the Youth and Road Trauma Forum). This event provides students with a realistic look at the trauma caused by road crashes, as well as information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious deaths and injuries on our roads. The day includes a combination of realistic demonstrations and role plays, crash dynamics, rescue procedures and simulations of vehicle stopping distances. Feedback from the event indicated it was well received by all in attendance.

HSC Practical Work Submissions

This week it was the students studying Textiles and English Extension 2 who submitted their final works for HSC marking. Their respective teachers were all impressed by the standard of work produced by this year's cohort and the relief felt by the students at having completed such a huge project was evident.

Building Project Update - 'The Big Pour'

Following much anticipation, the ground floor slab is now complete! Commencing at 8:30am on Wednesday morning, 30 concrete trucks deposited 130m³ of concrete for the remainder of the ground floor slab and the walls in preparation for the first floor slab. Despite the heavy traffic and restricted access to the school, the operation went off without a hitch.

This pour marks the completion of a major milestone for the building project. However, we still have three more major pours expected over the next month with dates yet to be confirmed. We will keep you updated in *Network* as soon as we receive further information from the Project Managers.

We would like to sincerely thank Leonie Black and the staff at John Purchase Public School for allowing CTHS staff and students to use JPPS as a thoroughfare whilst the major pour was being completed.

Below is the link to a time-lapse video of the construction. http://cths.nsw.edu.au/our-school/capital-works-project/time-lapse-videos/

Mr Townsend



Aboriginal Studies Accelerated Class Information Session

Tuesday 22 August in A2.11, 6.00pm - 6.40pm

An information session will be held next Tuesday evening with regard to undertaking the accelerated Aboriginal Studies class. This opportunity is for students in Year 10, 2018. The program has been running very successfully for a few years and currently Year 10 and 11 groups are completing this HSC course.

As part of the Gifted and Talented programs at CTHS, students identified by teachers will be individually invited to participate and attend the information session next week.

Other students interested in the course are welcome to attend the information session and apply for the course. Current students will be present to answer questions. All parents and students welcome.

Mr Searle, HSIE HT









Right of Passage

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, our ten Right of Passage boys went on an overnight abseil and hike in the Blue Mountains. After a few practice abseils, the boys descended a 45-metre sheer cliff face. This was a big challenge for many of the boys. However, true to their new mindset they successfully made it down, conquering their fears and further establishing themselves as confident and highly capable young men.

After lunch, we left from Perry's Lookdown and descended steeply to the valley floor. After a short two-hour hike, we made it to Acacia Flats, our campground for the night. For many of the boys it was their first night ever of camping. We quickly worked out our tents, had the fire going and settled in for a windy, but great night.

The next day was seriously challenging. We had a very steep climb which went on unrelentingly for over four hours. We hiked 12km out of the valley and climbed over 1.2km in altitude. This was another serious mental and physical challenge for all of us. Again, the boys supported each other and met the challenge head on, successfully clearing the valley before lunch.

It has been great to see our boys develop. They have risen to every challenge and faced them with confidence, strength and an ever improving mindset. They are standing together, making their brothers strong and learning what it really means to become good men.

Mr Pedley-Smith







Student Attendance in Government Schools ABSENTEE NOTICE

Dear Parents / Guardians

When your child is away from school it is important parents comply with the guidelines set out in the Student Attendance Policy, the *Student Attendance in Government Schools - Procedures* as well as established school procedures.

Please note the following requirements:

Absence from School

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school within seven days from the first day of any period of absence.

Periodically the school sends home an 'Absentee Notice' when an explanation for absence has not been received.

If you receive an 'Absentee Notice' please provide an explanation of absence in the 'Reason for Absence' tear off slip located at the bottom of the notice. Return this slip to the school immediately.

If you have reason to query the absence, please note this on the 'Reason for Absence' tear off slip. Your query will be investigated and dealt with in due course.

If you would like further information you can find the *School Attendance in Government Schools* - *Procedures* at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/att_proc.pdf

Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Student Programs









Year 8 Bridge and Year 9 Tower Building Competition

Every year CTHS holds a building competition for students in junior Science classes. Over the last few weeks students in Year 8 and 9 were building bridges and towers respectively during class. Their constructions were tested and the best builders from each class went on to compete in an interclass competition. After being given a few basic rules relating to the size of their construction, the finalists were given only a single period to design the strongest structure possible.

The Year 9 towers were made from some paddle pop sticks, plastic straws, two cardboard platforms and some masking tape, weighing a maximum of 30g with a minimum height of 20cm. Weights were added slowly until catastrophic failure occurred. The winning tower from 9B, made by Matilda Beer, Enya Rishi, Joanna Han and Caitlyn Marais, held a whopping 30 times its own weight and was well clear of second place.

The Year 8 bridges were made only from a few wooden skewers, straws, some paperclips and a limited amount of masking tape, maxing out the scales at a mere 15 grams. Spanning a gap of 30cm, a bucket was attached to the bridges and water was poured in until they collapsed. For the first time we had a tie for first place with Yeelin Hua, Aashna Mitra and Emily Seow from 8G as well as Julius Bommers, Renesh Krishnan, Menura Liyanage and James Gelding from 8B supporting an impressive 500ml, each with two totally distinct designs. The winners from this competition will go on to compete in an international Aurecon Bridge building competition to be help next year.

Special thanks to last year's Aurecon competitors, Ross McRobb, Jordan Anderson and Matthew Sweatman, as well as this year's competitor, Michael Ross, for helping out with testing on the day.

Mr LaGinestra





Year 9 Seminars Term 3 Week 8, 2017

As part of Cherrybrook Technology High School's welfare initiatives students in Year 9 are provided with the opportunity to participate in seminars on self-protection, conflict psychology and motivation.

The girls' Back Off! seminar will be held on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 September during periods 1 and 2.

The boys' Secret Bloke's Business seminar will be held on Wednesday 6 September during periods 3 and 4.

Permission notes, detailing the costs, will be sent home during Week 6. Please find following further information about the seminars.

Payment is due by Friday 1 September. Students who do not pay by this date WILL NOT be attending the session

Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Student Programs

Back Off! Girls' Seminar

Stage 1 is an introduction to the three key elements of effective Self Protection:

1. Developing the ability to control the way we think in a pressure situation

- 2. Understanding how the offender thinks in the situation
- 3. The importance of always having a strategy

Course outcomes include increased knowledge of:

- Fear Management ٠
- Belief Systems
- Self-Motivation ٠
- Negative Role Models
- Dealing with Harassment
- How the Harasser Thinks
- Physical Strikes and Common
 - Abduction Holds
- Offender Psychology Pro-Active Strategies
- **Case Studies** .
- Research/Statistical Information
- Three Stages of Confrontation
- ♦ Effective Options
- Open Discussion and
- Question Time with Feedback

Secret Bloke's Business Boys' Seminar

Secret Bloke's Business is a course designed specifically to address issues confronting young men in the new millennium.

The main focus behind Secret Bloke's Business is to deliver a frank, open and down-to-earth presentation to the boys, which examines critical issues such as, peer pressure, decision making, self-discipline, respect, motivation and essential keys required for success.

Three key elements addressed in the presentation are:

- Taking responsibility for yourself and your actions
- Life is all about choice
- The importance of respect and self-discipline

Course outcomes include increased knowledge of:

- Dealing with peer pressure (drink ٠ driving)
- What is Date Rape?
- Actions and Consequences Legal Definitions Alcohol/Drugs - Complaint process

Self-Discipline/Respect - When "No" means "No"

- Aggression Vs Assertion Motivation
 - Ten essential keys to success ٠
 - Learning from your mistakes
 - Open discussion and question time with feedback
 - The 10 Keys to Success handout provided to students









CAREERS UPDATE

Work Experience Reflection – My time at the Sydney Jewish Museum

From Monday 7 until Friday 11 August, I did my work experience at the Sydney Jewish Museum. It was a meaningful, memorable, sobering and fascinating experience where I got to learn about the atrocity of the Holocaust and listen to some inspiring and incredible survivors as they talked about their experiences during the war.

During my time at the Museum I got to listen to numerous survivors (Ana, Eddie, Francine, Jaqueline and Lily) which was fascinating, meaningful and a bit confronting to meet them in real life and to hear about their experiences during the war, but I thoroughly enjoyed it nonetheless. I listened in to a teacher conference, where they taught teachers how to teach about the Holocaust and many other seminars and I joined in on a brief tour of the museum. I organised papers and posters in the archives by the year



and sorted through some old pictures from the time and put them in protective sheets so they could be added to the collection, which was amazing. I did a self-tour of the museum, listening to the new app and taking my time reading everything, which was extremely interesting and so well done. I did some more mundane jobs such as creating folders and inserting sheets in them for the police force, numbering photos of an artefact so it wouldn't get jumbled and scanning and covering the museum's book 'closer' in dustjackets all of which was repetitive and tiring although was also enjoyable and the time flew by as I alw ays was chatting with other staff members.

I am so glad that I decided to go to the Sydney Jewish Museum for my work experience. It has been an incredible and fascinating experience for me where I've learnt a lot of which I never would have been taught at school and seen and listened to some amazing and inspirational people who have taught me valuable life lessons. Everyone is so lovely and welcoming and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment I spent there and will remember my work experience for many years to come.

Jess Vandervine, Year 10

All Year 10 students are encouraged to participate in the Work Experience Program. Please see the Careers Advisers for placement options and further information.





Western Sydney University Early Offer Program 2018

HSC students can now start planning their futures early by registering with Western Sydney University's Early Offer Program. Register online with your details today and get advance notifications about their exciting Offers program. <u>https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/informationabout/bonuspoints/early_offer_2018#.WYfhibUPS3s.facebook</u>

WSU Design Career and Portfolio Day

Friday 1 September @ Parramatta Campus. Show us your original creative work and have an interview to determine your eligibility for an EARLY OFFER to our Design degree. <u>https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/home/events/design_career_and_portfolio_day2</u>

University of New England Campus Tours

A free campus tour at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW Australia is a great way to experience the lifestyle of a university student. Campus Tours are conducted on **Mondays and Fridays each week** at **9.30am and 1.30pm** (excluding public holidays) and will take approximately two hours. <u>http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/campus-tours</u>

Future Teachers Scholarships Closing Soon

Teacher Education Scholarships: 220 places Teacher Rural Scholarships: 50 places Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Cadetships: 30 places available Applications close on **Friday 15 September 2017.** <u>https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/</u>

University of Melbourne Interstate Student and Family Information Day

Monday 2 October. This day is designed for interstate domestic Year 11 and 12 students to visit the University of Melbourne and find out about study and accommodation options. Registrations are required. <u>https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/</u> <u>interstate_student_and_family_information_day_october</u>

Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Bower and Mrs Key









Open days **2017**



Australian Catholi	c University
acu.edu.au	
Canberra	26 August
North Sydney	2 September
Strathfield	9 September
Australian College	of Applied Psychology
acap.edu.au	
Sydney	23 August, 22 November
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amc.edu.au	
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Macleay College		
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Surry Hills	19 August	
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mq.edu.au		
North Ryde	19 August	
MIT Sydney		
mit.edu.au		
For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.		
National Art School		
nas.edu.au		
Darlinghurst	2 September	
SAE Creative Media	Institute	
sae.edu.au		
Sydney and Byron Bay	5 August	
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sibt.nsw.edu.au		
For campus tours call (02) 9964 6555 or email study@sibt.nsw.edu.au		
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Coffs Harbour	27 August, 4 December	
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TOP Education Insti	tute	
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University of Canberra	
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FROM THE LIBRARY



Book Week

Book Week, 19 - 26 August, celebrates Australian literature. *Escape to Everywhere* is the theme for 2017. We encourage you to escape by visiting your marvellous library and borrowing so you too can take flight to anywhere and everywhere.

Overdue Books

To encourage you to borrow something new, we are also waiving fines during Week 6. Please return any overdue items so they can circulate again and find yourself another book.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2017 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is drawing to a close. You must complete your online Student Reading Record by 25 August.

Go to the Personal Reading Log at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/readingLog.html

An Associated Challenge for You

See the poster for an Art and Word Competition. You have a month to get creative and maybe a living author will visit us!

Ms Halder











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Cosmetic injections	Body treatments
Cosmetic Tattooing	Skin Peels

Mon: Closed Tues: 9am-5pm Wed: 9am-8pm Thurs: 9am-5pm Fri: 9am-5pm Sat: 8am-4pm Sun: Closed

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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. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

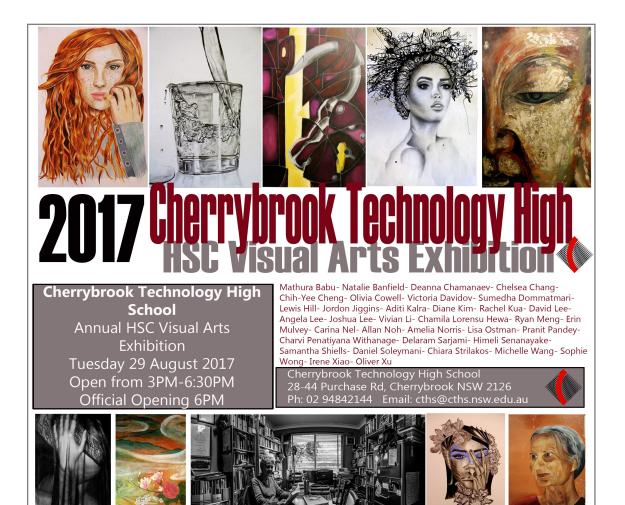












CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 6B		
Monday 21 August	HSC Drama Projects hand-in	
	HSC Drama Practical Examination	
ZZ August	Year 10 English Assessment Task	
	 Morrisby Parent Info Meeting - 7-8pm, C2.1 	
Wednesday 23 August	Year 12 AP4 Exams End	
	 Australian Wildlife Show & Planetarium 	
	 Prelim Assessment Task - ESL 	
	 HSC Design & Technology Major Projects hand-in 	
24 August	Year 7 Maths Assessment Task	
	 Fizzics Education Liquid Nitrogen Show 	
Friday 25 August	• Mufti Day	





