

## Relieving PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Year 8 GATS Presentations

On Wednesday evening, Mr Clements and I had the unenviable task of choosing the winner of the Year 8 GATS Projects. The library, a suitable venue for what was to be a very competitive evening, was full of parents, staff and students. The theme for the projects was 80: Solution, wordplay for the class name of 8T. After applying the judging criteria to each project, the scores were very close, so a short period of deliberation ensued. Mr Clements and I finally selected the group 'Life Choices' consisting of Proshat Mir Sotoudeh, Mylene Chong and Joanne Ling, who developed an emergency kit bag to be used in the event of a natural disaster. In equal second place, we were unable to separate 'Willow' (Alyce Brown, Rachael Choi and Shani Lam) and 'ASTS' (Gaelle Creusot, Rachel Wotton and Chloe Tan).

The quality of the projects was simply outstanding and the deep thought and problem-solving processes, employed by all students, is to be commended. With the Department of Education placing a focus on Project Based Learning and creative thinking, this event surely showcased the outstanding abilities of our students in these areas and I would encourage all students to pursue other courses of study, which will further develop these skills as universities and employers consider these to be desirable traits.

### NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

Next week all students in Years 7 and 9 will sit for two online tests, a practice run for the technology and infrastructure required ahead of the test moving to an online format next year. This test will feature NAPLAN style questions and will be a good opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with this new format. Although there will be no formal feedback for students, it will provide the school with information about the feasibility of the technical infrastructure.

### SASS Recognition Week

This week has been SASS recognition week and on Thursday we celebrated the outstanding work our SAS Staff do every day, with a morning tea. The SAS Staff at CTHS are absolutely outstanding and are the engine which keeps the school running. SASS include our reception staff, administrative staff, general assistants, lab assistants and School Learning Support Officers. This year has been a particularly difficult one for our SAS Staff in the front office as they have had to learn new administrative and finance reforms implemented by the Department of Education.

### Deputy Principals' Conference

Last week Mrs Bevan, Mr Clements and I had the pleasure of attending the Annual Secondary Deputy Principals' Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the city. The theme, 'Thinking About Tomorrow', focussed on roles we play in the future of our students. Not only did the conference provide the opportunity to network with well over 500 Deputy Principals from across the state, the keynote speakers were interesting and informative. Professor Yong Zhao was the opening keynote speaker and he focussed on the idea we should focus on what we are good at and develop those skills. The Futures Panel discussed the future of education and how that translates into the tertiary sector. Other keynotes were devoted to motivating and engaging students, as well as student wellbeing and resilience.

### Subject Contributions

Since the introduction of SAP, our dedicated office staff have been feverishly working to send out reminders about subject contributions, utilising our new invoicing software and our Parent Online Payment Portal (POP). Whilst many have paid outstanding costs, this is a gentle reminder to those who have not yet managed to settle their accounts to please do so in the coming few weeks.

### P&C Meeting

On Tuesday, a P&C meeting was held. Apart from the usual reports and discussion, the meeting featured Mrs Bevan, Deputy Principal, who spoke about the school's strategy to address mental health and resilience in our students. The discussion was very well received and is an ongoing focus for us at CTHS. The next meeting will have a detailed discussion about the building project and also a look at the realignment and covering of the basketball courts with a waterproof textile.

### Music 1 and 2 Practical Examinations

The final practical examinations for the HSC were held from Monday through to Wednesday this week. Music 2 on Monday and Music 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Full credit to those students who accompanied their peers and also to assisting staff. After speaking to students on Wednesday afternoon, the relief they had now completed a considerable percentage of their HSC examinations was very evident.

## Building Update

The project continues to progress towards our next milestone, which is the completion of the first floor slab. This should be achieved by the end of the term. During the upcoming school holidays, we will see the first of our demountable classrooms being removed, with K1-4 due to be removed from our site. The extra space will be a welcome relief for students and staff, who have endured the cramped conditions since the beginning of the project.

On Friday 15 September, 35 trucks will deliver approximately 150m<sup>3</sup> of concrete for the next stage of the first floor slab (eastern wing). Due to the large number of trucks entering and exiting the school on Friday, traffic management marshals have been employed to control traffic on Purchase Road between 6am and 6pm.

There will be limited access through the rear gate during the concrete pour. Students who use this gate will be redirected through John Purchase Public School (JPPS), via the OOSH gate, opposite K4 and then down to the gate opposite the MPC. Students are expected to behave appropriately when walking through JPPS. Unfortunately, the oval will be closed during lunchtime on Friday 15 September.

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/>

## University of Sydney Visit

On Wednesday, Mr Johnson, Mrs Gibbs (HT Science), Ms Howard (HT Stage 4 and Science Teacher) and I, had the opportunity to attend Sydney University's Multi-Disciplinary Institutes; the Charles Perkins Centre, the Brain and Mind Centre and The Australian Institute for Nanoscale Science AINST. The purpose of these Institutes is to foster collaboration between different areas of expertise to develop cutting edge solutions which will change the world. The day was incredibly interesting and provided significant insight into the possibilities for those interested in Science to work in a sector which will be integral to our nation in the future. At the Charles Perkins Centre, research teams are addressing lifestyle diseases like diabetes. The AINST researches Nanoscale Technologies and Quantum Physics and the Brain and Mind Centre investigates Neuroscience. We hope to establish strong links with this and other universities to assist our students in the transition to tertiary education.



## Stage 4 Public Speaking Finals

An enjoyable night was had by all in attendance at the Stage 4 Public Speaking final held on Monday evening in the school library. The quality of speeches delivered to the large throng of parents and staff was exceptional. The speeches covered a multitude of topics including, fears, phobias, feminism and flatulence! Just to name a few. It was extremely difficult to pick a winner from the group, but the adjudicators chose Alex Mills from Year 7, who delivered a wonderful speech on the 'Universal Language of Sport' and Rishi Advharyu from Year 8, who presented an amazingly animated speech, off the cuff without cue cards, on the Aztecs.

Congratulations to our winners on the night and to all students who made it through to the final. Public speaking is alive and well at Cherrybrook given the standard of presentations! A more detailed report and photos of the event is included later in *Network*.

## Year 12 Hospitality Parent Dinner

On Monday evening the Year 12 Hospitality class hosted a dinner for their parents and selected staff. Students devised the menu, completed costings, decorated the venue and tested their creations prior to the event. Students had minimal intervention from Mr Fisher and demonstrated their skill development and capacity in the area of Hospitality in the delicious dishes they created. All in attendance were suitably impressed.

Mr Townsend



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#### Stage 4 Public Speaking Final

Public speaking is an essential skill for everyone. To hone these skills, all English classes participate in class and interclass speaking competitions culminating in a 'grand final'. On Monday 4 September our Year 7 and Year 8 finalists presented speeches to an enthusiastic audience of family members and teachers. They displayed impressive poise, fluency and confidence on which they are to be commended.

Alex Mills began the competition exploring in a sophisticated, multi-layered speech the universal language of sport. Erica Tavakoli followed with an examination of the positive and negative aspects of our 'fear of failure' and its consequences. Lilly Edstrom displayed originality in her moving and thoughtful personification of an eating disorder, highlighting the devastating impact of such mental illness. Sanjana Dommatmari spoke thoughtfully of the fear of the unknown and the many forms this can take in our lives. Zizi Murzsa presented an engaging journey through the 'Darwin Awards' and the weird ways in which some humans meet their demise. Our last speaker Lauren Pryor ably explored the topic of humour, entertaining the audience with 'dad jokes' and dry humour.

While impressed by all of the speakers, the adjudicators, Mr Johnson and Mr Henry, chose Alex Mills as the Year 7 winner.

Rachel Justic opened the Year 8 competition, presenting an impassioned plea for ongoing action in terms of women's right. Amelia Sinani won over the teachers in the audience with her imaginative speculation on what teachers actually do out of school time. Rishi Adhvaryu presented a highly original, theatrical and at times gruesome description of Aztec rituals which thoroughly engaged the audience. Lara Flaksbard followed with a critique of child beauty pageants and 'stage mums', providing much food for thought. Brandon Lee explored the fascinating topic of conspiracy theories, displaying impressive confidence and poise. Our final contestant Alyce Brown tackled the 'taboo' subject of .....gas (otherwise known as flatulence) in a very humorous and personal manner, providing a light-hearted conclusion to an excellent competition.

After much consideration the adjudicators selected Rishi Adhvaryu as the winner of the Year 8 competition.

Congratulations to all of our finalists and winners. Many thanks to all who attended and to the teachers whose hard work was evident in the quality of speeches presented.



#### Stage 5 Speaking Final

Our Stage 5 competition is traditionally an in school event and this year our Year 9 and 10 finalists delivered to large and enthusiastic audiences of their peers.

Opening our Year 9 competition, Zain Cannoht presented an impassioned plea for open-mindedness and tolerance centred on the topic of Islamaphobia. Rayana Ajam followed with a very confident and humorous exploration of the problems of being 'height challenged'. Zaki Razi took the audience on a humorous journey into the world of 'Murphy's Law' and the nature of luck and fortune in our lives. Madison Pryor controversially speculated that the earth would be better without humans, critiquing our failure to act in a manner which will sustain our planet. William Mills explored the nature of change, considering the role the 'average' teenager can have in promoting social and political change. Finally, Alicia Fathinia confronted the audience with the reality of 'what makes someone a serial killer' and examined what we can do to support those who struggle in our society.

After much deliberation the adjudicator, Mrs Mallison, Year 9 Year Adviser, announced Madison Pryor as the winner.

In the Year 10 competition, Georgia Power spoke with humour about the reality of disappointing one's family. Jayan Pascoe controversially challenged the traditional wisdom that money does in fact bring you happiness in a speech marked by poise and confidence. Laura Commens presented a humorous, tongue in cheek guide on how to irritate telemarketers. Liz Miezis explored embarrassment with a series of cleverly chosen 'in jokes' which thoroughly appealed to the Year 10 audience and made the teachers uncomfortably aware of their ignorance! Shaariq Ali spoke with great conviction about pressures on students and the devastating consequences if such pressures are left unaddressed. Taylor Catts concluded the competition with a thoughtful exploration of regret and the need to 'seize the day' in our lives.

Again, after much deliberation the adjudicator, Mr Edinborough, Stage 5 Head Teacher, announced Shaariq Ali as this year's winner.

Congratulations to all of our impressive Stage 5 finalists and winners.

Mrs Granziera, Public Speaking/Debating Coordinator



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### Running a Business Entrepreneurial Speakers Incursion

On Friday 11 August, guest speakers were invited to talk to Year 9 and 10 Commerce students studying 'Running a Business' about what it takes to start a business and what it's like to be an entrepreneur. Students heard from entrepreneurs, Amit Jaiswal who founded a company and app called Foogi, and Pavel Cardenas who operated a successful café called Sol café in the Hills district.

Pavel spoke to the students about different aspects of running a business and incorporated his own experiences ranging from the importance of networking to staying motivated whilst encountering problems and managing and motivating staff. Pavel actively engaged the students with activities which got them to think about personal qualities needed by entrepreneurs.

Amit spoke honestly about his experiences as an entrepreneur whilst starting his app and likened it to jumping off a 10m springboard into a pool of deep water every day where you are forced to push yourself out of your comfort zone and make difficult decisions constantly. He spoke to the students about the importance of 'leaning into discomfort' and provided them with practical activities which they could incorporate to avoid procrastination and deal with difficult tasks. Amit related to the students on a personal level and answered a myriad of questions on the realities of building and running an app.

The students enjoyed the incursion and gained valuable insights into the realities of running a business. We would like to thank the speakers for giving up their time to share their experiences.

Mrs Kumar



### Year 7 Literary Festival

Permission notes for this incursion have been distributed to all Year 7. Students who do not have a note should collect one from the library. Final payments are due by Friday 13 October, the first week after the holidays. The 2016 Festival allowed students to experience a range of workshops and performers and was enthusiastically received by the students.

This year, again, there will be authors, illustrators and poets, including:

Authors: Tim Harris, Will Kostakis, Ursula Dubosarsky and Kirsty Eagar  
Visual poet: Kiri Saunders, Spoken-word Artist, L-Fresh the Lion  
Authors and Illustrators: Matt Cosgrove, Manga Artist; Matthew Lin, Illustrator; Jules Faber, Illustrator

Ms Halder



### Work Experience RAAF Base Richmond

The Work Experience Program at RAAF Base Richmond was one of-a-kind and an experience I'll never forget. If you are thinking of joining the ADF or just looking for an insight into the Defence Force, I highly recommend doing it. You will experience many ADF activities, which include firefighting, aircraft maintenance, trades, c130 flight simulator, loadmasters, engineering, PT, air traffic control, fieldcraft and aviation trades. I was able to visit aircraft, including c130h, c130j, Hercules and the new c27j Spartan. We also had hands-on experience in the RAAF hospital where we stitched up fake hands and practiced injections into fake arms and dummies.

Another great thing about the program is we were able to hear stories, from different personnel, about their ADF life, as well as from the recruiters about how to apply for the ADF. Lunchtime was spent in the airmen's mess where we ate what the personnel eat. I thoroughly enjoyed spending the week with a group of like-minded students from other schools and I returned having made a lot of new friends. The Work Experience Program at RAAF Base Richmond was an awesome experience and I highly recommend doing it if you're interested in the Defence Force!

Lucas Coletta, Year 10



**STAGE 5 DRAMA  
PERFORMANCE NIGHT**

Tues 19 Sept 2017  
@7pm C1.1  
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The Principal  
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Dear Sir / Madam

Hillsbus Co. Pty Ltd (Hillsbus) provides bus transportation services in the Hills area operating in excess of 490 school routes per day and servicing over 130 schools in the Region. We place significant importance on the safety and security of children on our services and are continually looking for opportunities to improve this through school engagement and consultation.

We're writing to all schools within the Hills area as we have had an increase in reports of slips, trips and falls on and around our vehicles, reports of drivers being distracted by student conduct and general issues with the overall behaviour of students on our services.

We're seeking your support and assistance as a *Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking* (PCBU) to help us educate our younger passengers with the following simple messages:

- Make every effort to Show Travel Pass and tap on and off using Opal Card when using our services
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- Remain in your seat - do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, students should remain behind the front passenger seat and hold on at all times
- Students should not allow any part of their body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Avoid distracting the driver except in the case of emergency
- Cross roads safely and use crossings/traffic lights where available
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Do not swing on bars or drop handles
- Fighting, spitting, abusive language, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Avoid standing on the road in school bus bays and passenger waiting areas

Transport for NSW also produces the '**Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses**' that can be used as a reference tool and mechanism for continued education about the importance of student behaviour and safety on buses.

Hillsbus would also like to extend our continued support to deliver a Bus Safety and Awareness campaign through the use of one of our Bus Inspectors who could attend your school and provide a brief educational lesson to your students.

We appreciate your time and support and would be more than happy to answer any additional questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me on (02) 8603-3040.

Yours sincerely



Warren Sutton  
General Manger – Safety & Risk

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Not sure if softball and tee-ball is right for you? Not to worry!**

CHSC will be holding pre-season training sessions at Stanhope Gardens Softball Fields (Stanhope Pkwy, Stanhope Gardens) in the lead-up to the new season!  
So come on down and have a hit and a throw - no commitments necessary!

Dates: Saturdays; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th September 2017

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

***All newly registered players 12 years and under receive a FREE  
glove and ball pack before the start of the season!!***

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the club or head to our website  
(full season information can be found here with our online registration form):

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## CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 9A

Monday 11 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 &amp; 9 Online NAPLAN Testing</li> </ul>
Tuesday 12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 &amp; 9 Online NAPLAN Testing</li> </ul>
Wednesday 13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal - per 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>Year 7 &amp; 9 Online NAPLAN Testing</li> <li>Year 7 GATS Presentation - 5pm-8pm, Library</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 &amp; 9 Online NAPLAN Testing</li> </ul>
Friday 15 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 AP2 Exams End</li> <li>Year 7 &amp; 9 Online NAPLAN Testing</li> </ul>



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