

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



End of Year Celebration Ceremonies and Assemblies

This week has seen a multitude of celebration ceremonies and assemblies as our academic year draws to a close. The week commenced with one of our partner public schools, Oakhill Drive Public School, celebrating a great year. We then progressed to our annual Presentation Night Ceremony.

The evening was a great success with over 340 awards presented. Students were all rightly very proud of their fine achievements. The organisation by Mr Fisher and his team was outstanding as was the wonderful supper provided by our marvellous P&C.

My sincere congratulations are extended to all award winners.

Likewise Thursday's Sports Award Presentation Ceremony and Friday's Year Assemblies were also great successes with the enormous talent and success of our students showcased in a very positive fashion.

My sincere thanks are extended to all staff and students involved in organising these major events.

Student Attendance and End of Year Arrangements

A reminder to parents, all students are to continue attending school until Friday 15 December 2017. Parents are also reminded school will conclude at the end of period 4 on this day. Following period 4 students will attend a very brief assembly from which they will be dismissed for the summer holidays at approximately 12.30pm.

Any parent who needs their child supervised until 3.00pm on the final day should contact the school in writing so that this may be arranged.

Your support in ensuring your child attends each day, in full school uniform, unto this point will be greatly appreciated.

HSC Results are Soon to be Released

Over the past few weeks I have seen an increasing number of very nervous ex-students who completed their HSC this year. The reason for their anxious faces lies in the forthcoming release of HSC results, which are due next Thursday 14 December. As in previous years the school will host a barbecue for all students on Friday 15 December commencing at 11.00am. This is an opportunity to share their ATARs, to debrief and if necessary gain some advice or guidance.

Year 10 Crossroads

Year 10 have their senior Crossroads Program well and truly up and running after a very busy week, organised by Mr Edinborough. Designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. Friday's presenters were from KYDS exploring the many challenges faced by teenagers today in relation to their identity, independence and their changing responsibilities. These ideas will be further explored on Monday 11 December, with presenters covering the impact of sleep and academic performance, youth mental health and teenagers and the law.

Staff Retirements and Departures

During the course of my address on Presentation Night, and at the most recent P&C meeting, I had the opportunity to say some words of farewell about the staff who are finishing up at Cherrybrook at the end of the year. It is now timely to put this in print for the entire community.

First and foremost we have the retirements of Mrs Jennifer Bevan, one of our Deputies and Mrs Kim Gibbs, Head Teacher Science. Between them they have given over 50 years of wonderful service to this school and community. Other retirements are Mr Greg Bamford, Mrs Jannie Gobert and Mr Anthony Tong from the Mathematics Department. Mrs Rosemary Edwards, our long serving and incredibly hard working Administrative Manager, is also retiring, so too Mr John Burroughs, our long time General Assistant.

As I said at our Presentation Night Ceremony, these departures clearly say something about baby boomers moving on to new challenges.

Others to leave us include Mr Andrew Kerr, Mr Daniel Jones, Mr Ken Lee and Mrs Victoria Goykovic all of whom have relocated to different parts of the state seeking either a sea or tree change.

Each of these individuals will be greatly missed and I'm sure the entire Cherrybrook community joins me in wishing them well for the future.

Presentation Night Ceremony



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Mrs Jennifer Bevan



Mrs Kim Gibbs



Mr Andrew Kerr



Mrs Rosemary Edwards



Mrs Jannie Gobert



Mrs Victoria Goykovic



Mr Daniel Jones



Mr Anthony Tong



Mr Ken Lee



Mr John Burroughs

Orientation Day

The brand new Year 7 of 2018 had their first taste of high school during this week's Orientation. During the course of Tuesday morning, students and parents were given a briefing on what to expect next year, meet key staff and were provided with a very detailed handbook. Students were then given an insight into what they can expect in 2018 when they attended a variety of classes in the company of their Peer Support Leaders.

The new students presented as keen and very eager to start secondary school. My thanks are extended to Mrs Howard and her team for the superb organisation of the day.



Resumption of School in 2018

A reminder that school resumes for students in Years 7, 11 and 12 on Tuesday 30 January 2018 and for Years 8, 9 and 10 on Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Happy Holiday

As this will be the final *Network* for 2017 I would like to take this opportunity to wish staff, students and the community well for the approaching Christmas break and to thank you all for the tremendous support provided to our fabulous school throughout the year.

Congratulations to...

- Jihun Park, Year 7, who competed in the 2017 School Boys' and Girls' Junior Tennis Tournament. Jihun progressed through to the doubles finals and was the only player representing CTHS.

Mr Johnson



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Presentation Night Ceremony (continued)



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Australian Under 15 Baseball Tournament

Congratulations to Tom Pellow, who played in the Yomiyuri Cup recently. Australia had an exciting tournament playing against Japan, Chinese Taipei and Matsuyama. Tom had a great tournament as lead-off batter, pitching, catching and playing Centre Outfield, as well as managing to steal two bases for Australia.

In Game 1 Australia versed Chinese Taipei. Australia lead until the sixth inning when Chinese Taipei scored enough runs to win the game by one run! The Japanese team, who were exceptionally good, won Game 2. The final game of the tournament between Matsuyama and Australia kept everyone on the edge of their seats with Australia leading until the ninth and final innings, only to be pipped at the post when Matsuyama scored three runs, taking the lead and winning Game 3. So very close!



Thank you to Mrs Pellow for providing the photos and details of the event.

Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Student Programs

Rite of Passage 24-Hour Challenge

It is with great thanks that I would like to share an excerpt from the Commando Welfare Trust website which spoke about our Rite of Passage 24-Hour Challenge fund-raiser.

"A few weeks ago we shared a post about a group of young men from Cherrybrook Technology High School in NSW who were in training for a 24 hour Endurance Challenge.

Their aim was to trek through the bush for 50kms from Brooklyn to Bobbin Head on the 23-24th November, with all funds raised being donated to the CWT.

Two members of the group, Nik Kalimeris and Rishabh Sachdeva, completed the challenge - an amazing achievement. Unfortunately, Mackenzie Miller and Dylan Aquilina had to withdraw due to ankle injuries, but not before hobbling 13.2kms with twisted ankles to reach the next checkpoint - gutsy!

The walkers were ably supported both in preparation and during the challenge by staff members Wade Fairclough and Richard Pedley-Smith. Completing the team was Phil Gibbs who, in a champion effort, managed all checkpoints by himself for the full 24 hours.

We think all the participants and their Mentors have shown courage and commitment and we are very grateful to them for all their efforts. So far, the group has raised nearly \$3,000 for the CWT.

The group is still accepting donations so if you'd like to show your support for a job well done please make a donation via the following link <https://www.gofundme.com/cths-24-hour-endurance-challenge>

Word is they will back to do this all again next year so stay tuned!!"

The boys all showed amazing strength of character to complete the very physically and mentally demanding challenge. A special thanks must go to Mr Gibbs, as without his help and support none of this would have been possible!

Mr Pedley-Smith and Mr Fairclough



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Aboriginal Studies 2018 HSC Class

Between Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 November, eleven students from our 2018 HSC Aboriginal Studies HSC class embarked on an epic journey to the Nation's Capital - Canberra. Our aim was to learn more about Aboriginal peoples and their cultures and gain inspiration and resources for our major projects. We spent our first day at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, a Traditional Knowledge Centre, where we researched their vast range of sources to help us further develop our project ideas.

Day two was very busy, including visits to the Museum of Australian Democracy where we toured the exhibition celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. We then visited the Australian National Gallery to tour the Indigenous collection where our guides explained the layered meaning in many traditional art forms. After morning tea in transit, we explored the Australian War Memorial, learning about Aboriginal peoples' service in Australia's many theatres of war and viewed the new painting representing the importance of defence of Country to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples in Australia. Our final stop for the day was the National Film and Sound Archive where we explored the representations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples in film.

On Wednesday, we were privileged to attend the Australian National Museum's current installation 'Songlines'. The exhibition presents a beautiful journey along the Seven Sisters songline through artworks. It included both traditional painting styles as well as modern sound and light displays. We also explored the Rights and Freedoms exhibition, where our kind guide allowed us to view many tools and objects held by the Museum.

We concluded our trip at the National Library of Australia with an excellent session on the Trove resource and an opportunity to view the Treasures Gallery and explore the underground operations of this national institution. The trip was a fantastic commencement to our HSC studies!

Aboriginal Studies HSC Class of 2018



2016 SHINE Hills Schools Excellence Awards

One year ago I was honoured to receive the 2016 SHINE Hills Schools Excellence Award for the High School, as well as Leadership and Community Service categories. This Awards' Program recognises students for their accomplishments and dedication towards their individual talents. I also had the privilege to speak at this year's Shine Awards, which allowed me to reflect on the profound effect the program has had on me. In the past year I worked with several charities and organisations, but I used my Shine Award Scholarship to accomplish a personal dream of starting a young men's program to help teenage boys and young adults have access to much needed support. Man Clan is the name of the initiative, and through small discussion groups we will offer well-being forums, provide leadership opportunities and introduce activities such as sports and music to help guys connect and communicate. The aim of Man Clan is to help young men learn about emotional awareness, break down stigmas and develop confidence. It is amazing to see the accolades behind the recipients this year and I would like to thank the teachers who nominated me, as well as the Castle Hill RSL, for organising the event.

Dharshan Naidu, 2017 CTHS Graduate



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Success in Schools' Chess Challenge

Three students from Year 7, Andy Peng, Chelsea Cheang and Mikhail Fallil, competed in the name of the school in an Interschool Chess Challenge recently. These students performed admirably, especially as they are a very young team who were often up against much older opposition. Many of the schools, against which they competed, were established chess powerhouses who receive professional chess coaching. Our students competed in seven rounds of competition, each of which consisted of a three game match. Their results in three matches in particular warrant specific praise. Firstly, they were able to take a full point off the Newington College Senior A Team, which has sent competitors to Junior National and World Championships in the past. Secondly, they took a full point off Emanuel College, the eventual second place finishers and Junior State Champions in 2016. They also scored match wins over Abbotsleigh and Homebush Boys' High School. Their successes saw them finish 15th of 22 competing schools and ahead of local rival Normanhurst Boys' High School. Well done to all involved.

Mr Fernandez



Peer Support Leaders' Training

On Wednesday 6 December our 2018 Peer Support Leaders completed their training in preparation for working with Year 7 next year. They were enthusiastic and have already united as a fantastic team who will do a great job helping our new students integrate into life at CTHS. In Semester 1 the Leaders will continue to work with Year 7 at camp and also in understanding the school's anti-bullying and resilience and Rock and Water programs.

Mr Hind, Head Teacher Welfare



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Surfing Excursion

On Tuesday 5 December, 48 students from Year 9 and 10 went to Collaroy beach with Manly Surf School.

This excursion was a sports reward for students who have participated and achieved highly in many areas of PE, including lifesaving, gala day coaching, carnivals and performing well in sporting electives.

Miss Llamas and Mr Monahan put up with our terrible singing on the bus while also going in the surf. Demonstrating their superb body boarding skills.

Besides getting dumped by the gnarly waves and it being a bit cold, the day was extremely fun and we all had a really good time. We learnt how to body board and some even tried surfing. We are all looking forward to helping out with sporting events next year so we can attend another sports reward excursion.

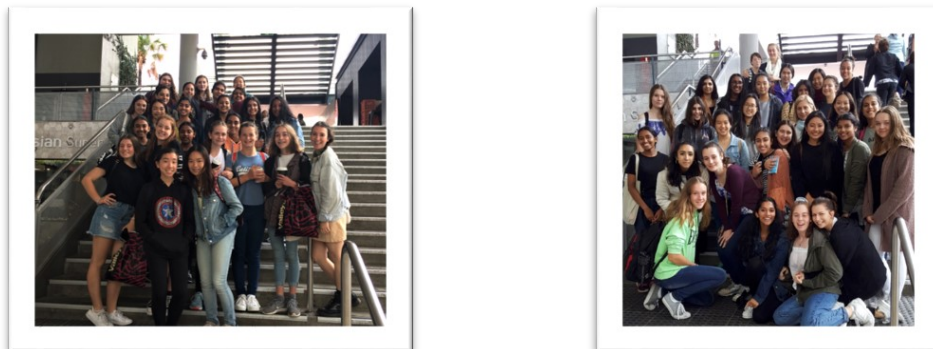
Jasmin Haoushar and Alexis Masterton, Year 9



Year 9 and 10 Girls' Class Excursion

On Monday 4 December, the Year 9 and 10 girls' classes went on an excursion to the city. The day consisted of walking and shopping and though the weather was against us, we were all still happy troopers, fighting against the wind and the rain. We walked approximately 17,000 steps in total that day, walking from Wynyard to The Rocks, passing Barangaroo Reserve, down to Darling Harbour and across the bridge to Queen Victoria Building.

Janelle Ow, Year 10



Business Innovation Challenge

Last Thursday and Friday (30 November and 1 December), twelve Commerce students were selected to attend the Business Innovation Challenge held at Macquarie University. After arriving at the 'Incubator' learning space, we were divided into eight groups made up of a mixture of students from various schools. With our team of five, we were given a real-life business problem from GoGet, a car-sharing company. The next two days consisted of brainstorming and developing our solutions to the problem, which we pitched to Executive Members of the company throughout the course of the Challenge, helping us gather information to improve our solutions.

On Friday afternoon, we did our final pitch to all the groups, student ambassadors, teachers and GoGet members. Three awards were up for grabs, Best Group Work, Best Pitch and Best Idea, and these were presented to the winning groups, which consisted of a number of students from CTHS. Throughout the course, we learned many valuable skills such as budgeting, teamwork, leadership, problem solving and how to work in a real business environment. This was an extremely rewarding and worthwhile opportunity and the food provided was just as amazing! Above all, we would like to show our gratitude to Mr Keating and Ms. Nguyen for accompanying us to and from the event and also to Mr Caccamo for inviting us to this extraordinary learning experience. Every single one of us thoroughly enjoyed the two days and would love to do it again!

Shakila Muthukuda and Sienna Marshall, Year 9



From the Library

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The recent Progress in International Reading Literacy Study results highlight the importance of books in the home in the lifting of reading scores. Students with few books at home achieved an average 80 points lower than those with many books in the home. (SMH Dec 06 2017). So use your CTHS library (and any others)!

We wish you a splendid festive season and New Year with enough time to discover/rediscovers the magic, mystery, beauty, insight and challenge of the written word in its myriad manifestations.

Ms Halder

A promotional banner for the library website. At the top, the URL <http://library.cths.nsw.edu.au/> is displayed in yellow text on a blue background. Below this is a photograph of a beach with waves crashing. In the foreground, several people are sitting in colorful beach chairs, each holding up a tablet or smartphone. At the bottom of the banner, there are two logos: 'Oliver borrow NOW' and 'ePlatform by wheelers books borrow ANYTIME'.

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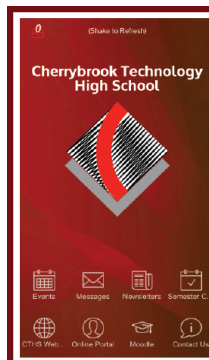
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Building Update

The roof will be completed, weather permitting, by early next week, and the final stages of brickwork will also be completed by the end of the year. The louvres are currently being installed as is the gyprock and internal linings. Over the early stages of the holidays, some of the excavation work in preparation for the final landscaping work will commence. This will mean the rear access from the oval will be closed, commencing the first week of the holidays.

In regards to the new semi-relocatable building, which will be delivered in the holidays, the pier work has commenced, with the expected delivery of the building likely to occur in the early hours of 16 January 2018. This will impact the local residents as the modules will be transported under police escort, and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this might cause.

Mr Townsend



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CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 10B

Monday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Crossroads Enrichment Program - MPC • Year 7, 8 & 9 Reports Available via Parent Portal • Barista Training - Year 10 • Year 11/12 SOR and HIX Excursion
Tuesday 12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Transition Assembly - P1-2, MPC • Barista Training - Year 9 • 7T ANSTO Excursion • HSC Assessment Task - ESL • HSC Assessment Task - PDHPE
Wednesday 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Business Studies • HSC Assessment Task 1 - Economics • Music Ensembles End of Year Outing
Thursday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - CAFS • HSC Results Released
Friday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Year 12 HSC Results BBQ • HSC Assessment Task - Studies of Religion • Term 4 Ends



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