

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### Minimum Literacy / Numeracy Tests

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who sat the first online tests in literacy and numeracy last week. 165 students, who had not reached Band 8 or above in one of their Year 9 NAPLAN tests, sat a total of 260 tests.

In an outstanding effort students achieved the minimum standard in 248 of the 260 tests and went very close in the other papers.

Students are commended for their effort, attitude and sheer hard work, which led to these outstanding results.

### Swimming for Life

Last week's Sun Herald newspaper ran a very interesting article, which wrote about the decline in the number of young people who had basic swimming skills.

The paper cited statistics, which showed 40 percent of students starting Year 7 couldn't swim 50 metres and one third couldn't swim 25 metres of survival strokes.

I was not at all surprised by this information as, during my sixteen years as Principal at Cherrybrook, I have noticed increasing numbers of non-swimmers starting high school and fewer and fewer students with the ability to complete a 50 metre event at the school Swimming Carnival.

In a country where the vast bulk of the population live close to the coast and in an area such as Cherrybrook, which has an enormous number of home swimming pools, I find this to be particularly alarming.

I am of the view that young people in Australia need swimming skills, just as they need literacy and numeracy skills. Parents need to take the initiative and enrol their children in swimming lessons and continue with these until such time as the young person is a proficient swimmer.

### Year 11 Camp

A reminder to all Year 11 students, they will be attending camp at Jindabyne next week. During their time away students will participate in a variety of programs which meet the outcomes of the Department's Crossroads course and also have an opportunity to engage in a range of outdoor activities which are both challenging and enjoyable. Students will be departing school at 6.00am on Tuesday morning, 3 April and return on Friday evening, 6 April.

Students should note, daylight saving ends on Sunday 1 April at 3.00am when clocks are turned backward one hour to 2.00am local standard time. Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier than the day before.

### Staff Development Evening

On Monday afternoon / evening 9 April, staff at Cherrybrook will be involved in the second of our Staff Development sessions for 2018. The focus will be on mandatory CPR and anaphylaxis training thus ensuring all staff have the skills to cope with an emergency situation.

### End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2

We are rapidly approaching the end of a long term. School will finish at 3.00pm on Friday 13 April and all students are expected to attend until the end of classes on that day. Students will not return to school until Tuesday 1 May, the only exception being Year 11 students who may have examinations on Monday 30 April.

All Year 11 students need to check their examination timetables carefully and ensure they are on time and prepared for each of their tests.

### School Contributions

A big thank you to all members of the Cherrybrook community who have paid their school contributions so rapidly.

Unfortunately, we still have a significant number of families who have not yet managed to pay their outstanding contributions. If you are one such family I'd urge you to pay your contributions as soon as possible.

Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should contact me in confidence so an appropriate arrangement may be made.



### School Uniform - Winter Uniform

A reminder to all students and parents, when students return for the beginning of Term 2 they must be attired in full winter uniform. Details of uniform requirements may be found in student diaries or on the school's website.

### ANZAC Day

The school will commemorate this most important day with a special Assembly for all students on Tuesday 10 April, the Tuesday before the holiday break.

### Athletics Carnival

The PE staff are hoping for good weather on Wednesday 11 April, so our Athletics Carnival can go ahead.

The Athletics Carnival is a **compulsory** part of the PDHPE and sport curriculum and **ALL** students are expected to participate, unless they have appropriate medical documentation excusing them.

### Damaged Car

It has come to our attention, a member of the community's car was damaged on Purchase Rd opposite the school, last Friday 23 March. If anyone has information regarding this incident, would they please contact the school.

### Congratulations to...

- Rahul Desai, Year 10, who has been selected as a member of the NSW All Schools Tennis Team.

Mr Johnson

### Building Project Update

We are now on the home stretch for the completion of J block, with the cleaners progressively working their way through the building.

During this week's walkthrough, representatives from the Department's Assets Unit inspected the building in preparation for the official handover. The handover of the building will now take place on Monday 9 April 2018, with the first classes commencing on Tuesday 10 April (Week 11).

During Week 10, classes will be re-roomed whilst our General Assistants and IT Support Staff clear the demountables of furniture and IT infrastructure.

Students are requested to check their timetables on the Student Portal for allocated room changes.

Mr Fisher



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## Year 11 Career Mentoring Program

Our Year 11 Career Mentoring Program is underway with 50 students participating. We have a broad range of career fields represented and we are very pleased MasterCard has continued their partnership with us in this program. In the first session, participants enjoyed a 'working' breakfast, served by our Year 12 Hospitality students, amidst discussions about future career aspirations.

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.

Our 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 always one of the highlights.

Mrs Bower and Mrs Ferguson



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### Costume Designer Workshop and Exhibition

Year 11 Textiles and Design students enjoyed a wonderful exhibition and presentation by local Costume Designer, Lynette McKinley, last Friday.

Lynette has worked on a number of film, television and theatre productions including *Strictly Ballroom*, *Aladdin*, *Rake* and most recently, *The Full Monty*.

Students were made aware of the process of becoming a Costume Designer, the demands and rewards of this profession and the skills required to work in this industry.

Lynette has a wide range of historical costumes and gave a detailed outline of the changing designs over history and how a costume designer works to create a functional, but historically accurate garment.

Students were encouraged to try these costumes on and get a feel for the detailed construction and weight, of many of these designs.

This was the second time Lynette has arranged a presentation for our students and we are fortunate to have access to such a talented and entertaining presenter. Our students, and staff members, also enjoyed the chance to play dress ups.

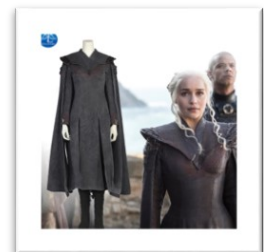
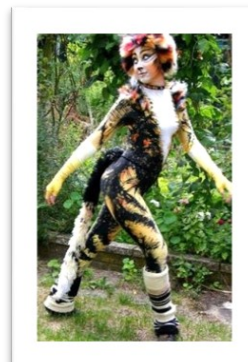
### Surprise Guest Teacher

Year 7 Technology were treated to a surprise visit from one of our "retired" textiles staff this week. Ms Parsons, who is relieving for Miss Deadman for a few weeks, took the opportunity to spend a couple of lessons back in her favourite place, the textiles class room.

Fitting right back into the swing of things, Ms Parsons worked with Aria Samimi to complete a challenging project design, as well as assisting other students. The smiles of both staff and student indicate the satisfaction both received from a job well done.

It was a pleasure to have Ms Parsons back where she belongs, if only for a short time.

Mrs Collins



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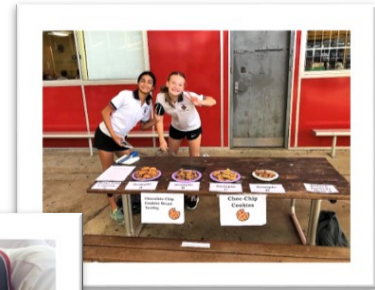
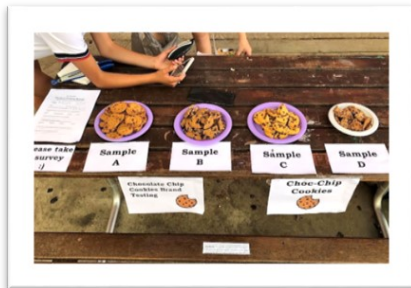
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### Dollarsmart Commerce Product Testing

On Thursday 15 March, Mr Fernandez' Dollarsmart Commerce class participated in product testing. As well as forming an important part of their assessment in this course, the experience proved to be a fun one for all involved. Prior to the product testing afternoon, the students were challenged by questions such as, "How important are branding and marketing in shaping the purchasing decisions of consumers." Students sought to devise practical experiments to help them answer this question in relation to common household foodstuffs. Students offered their peers samples of their chosen food as a part of a 'brand blind' taste test. In exchange, the tasters answered questions, devised by the Commerce class, about the importance of branding and marketing in consumer decisions.

Several things about the experience were very pleasing. First, it was good to see so many students learning through experience. Second, it was great to see students not only making plans and setting goals, but also seeing them through to their conclusion. Third, I am reminded of how lucky we are at Cherrybrook to be able to run innovative practical activities such as this, with the full support of staff, parents and the student body. Thanks to all involved.

Mr Fernandez




### Mock Trial

The Cherrybrook Technology High School Mock Trial Team recently competed in the first round of the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition. Redfield College were our opponents in the trial. Cherrybrook was tasked with defending a client charged with committing assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Our team ultimately prevailed in a close contest. The presiding magistrate spoke highly of the presentation and reasoning skills of all students involved in the Mock Trial.

Students involved in the trial were, Daniel Monteiro and Charlotte Cameron (Barristers); Tendai Gezimati and Shakila Muthukuda (Witnesses); Haripriya Parthasarathy (Solicitor) and Sophia Koller (Clerk). We look forward to the next round of the competition against Rouse Hill High School. The trial was an enjoyable experience for all. Thank you to Mr Fernandez for organising the trial and helping us to prepare.


Sophia Koller, Year 10





### Cherrybrook Technology High School App

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download the free app. This will provide you with school information, dates of upcoming events and more. By enabling push notifications you will receive important messages instantly.





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## CAREERS UPDATE

### Fewer Students Accepted into Uni Based on ATAR Alone

Only two out of three school leavers use their ATAR alone to get into uni. That's because universities are turning to aptitude tests, interviews, portfolios, auditions, bridging courses, essays and bonus point schemes to determine whether a candidate is a good fit for a course.

An ATAR can be just one part of the puzzle if you choose, so don't let it dictate all your decisions. Follow this link and read this article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-03-21/atar-relevance-under-fire-as-report-says-fewer-students-admitted/9569052>

### Interactive ICT Career Wheel

This site provides an interactive way to explore your possible future in an IT career. It shows which kinds of skills are necessary for different jobs in IT. Check it out <https://www.careersfoundation.com.au/>

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower



### From the Library

Year 7 have now been issued with their ID cards. These should be brought to school every day as they are required for borrowing and printing. Please pick up your card if you have not done so. Every year The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), whose aim is "to engage the community with literature for young Australians", chooses 'Notables', then a 'short list' and finally 'Book of the Year' in several categories. The 'shortlist' has been released.

The Easter break and fast approaching holidays will surely provide some time for reading. Also aiming to encourage and promote reading is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. Most students are well acquainted with this from their primary school and, hopefully, will join again as it continues up to Year 9. Receiving a Gold or Platinum Medal or a certificate, for such a pleasurable pursuit, is surely satisfying!

Year 7, please return your Study Skills permission note and payment to the student window by Monday 9 April. Study Skills are life skills, beneficial and essential far beyond the classroom and long after your schooling.

Ms Halder



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# Wellbeing and Mental Health Community Event: Meet your local Psychologist



## Questions for a Psychologist?

Ku-ring-gai council and their community partners are pleased to host a health event for the Chinese community.

The event is an opportunity to meet a psychologist in an informal setting where you can ask questions about psychology, mental health and wellbeing:

Topics:

- ▶ Wellbeing
- ▶ Stress
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ Depression
- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Parenting
- ▶ Adjusting to living in Australia
- ▶ How Counseling Can Help?
- ▶ Where To Get Help For Family/Friends?
- ▶ Government available resources

All participation is free.

The event will be held in Cantonese & Mandarin, and will include a presentation by a Chinese Speaking Psychologist, followed by an opportunity for questions and answers.

You will also be able to schedule an individual appointment with a psychologist for a private consultation.

Where: Gordon Library  
799 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

Dates: Thu 5 April 2018 (Cantonese)  
Fri 6 April 2018 (Mandarin)

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm  
Registration & light refreshment from 6pm

Other: For enquiries and bookings, please call  
0416 268 673 (5-April Cantonese)  
0410 580 330 (6-April Mandarin)

If you are interested but unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us, as we can arrange a convenient time to speak with you privately.



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# FAMILY FILM EVENING

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Food and refreshments  
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Alcohol free event.

## PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

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 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 into 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.

**2017-18**

**jazz at the pines**

**12.30pm - 4pm**

Roughley House at The Pines  
656a Old Northern Rd, Dural

2017	17 September .....	Mike Hallam Hot Six
	15 October .....	Bridge City Jazz Band
	19 November .....	Geoff Power Jazz Band
2018	18 February .....	Nigel Hearn Quintet Featuring Valerie King
	18 March .....	Greg Poppleton & the Bakelite Broadcasters
	15 April .....	Riverside Jazz Band
	20 May .....	Zenith Jazz Sextet

\$20 ADULTS

\$15 CONCESSION

\$40 FAMILY



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# TEENS

## Yoga TERM 2

Thursdays 4.30 – 5.30pm



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### CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 10B

Monday 2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easter Monday</li></ul>
Tuesday 3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 12 AP3 Exams</li><li>• Year 11 Camp</li><li>• Year 7 Interim Reports Available via Parent Portal</li></ul>
Wednesday 4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 12 AP3 Exams</li><li>• Year 11 Camp</li><li>• Year 9 Assessment Task - Science</li></ul>
Thursday 5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 12 AP3 Exams</li><li>• Year 11 Camp</li></ul>
Friday 6 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 Camp</li><li>• Year 12 AP3 Exams end</li></ul>



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