

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



A Quiet Week at Cherrybrook

With our senior students either at camp (Year 11) or busy doing examinations (Year 12) it has been a relatively quiet week, with junior students really enjoying the additional playground space during recess and lunch.

Staff Development Evening

Next Monday afternoon / evening, staff at Cherrybrook will be involved in the second of our Staff Development afternoon 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.

Athletics Carnival

Barring the weather closing in on us again, we hope to run our whole school Athletics Carnival next week on Wednesday 11 April.

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.

Year 11 Camp

This week Year 11 students have been on camp at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre. During their time away, students participated in a variety of programs which met the outcomes of the Department's Crossroads program, as well as having an opportunity to engage in a range of outdoor activities with many students keen to tackle the walk up to the top of Mount Kosciusko. Reports from staff supervising the camp have been overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to some great photographs and accounts of their time at camp on their return.

ANZAC Day

The school will commemorate this most important day with a special Assembly for all students on Tuesday 10 April, Week 11.

Tell Them From Me Survey

Students will complete the annual *Tell Them From Me Survey* on Thursday 12 April. It is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways teachers interact with them. As a school we use the *Tell Them from Me Survey* feedback to help improve our whole School Plan.

Please be assured the survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete.

AP1 Examinations in Term 2

The structure of our AP1 exams have changed this year in line with a range of initiatives that the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has introduced with the Stronger HSC Standards reform. The concept behind the changes is to rebalance the emphasis on assessment to allow more time for teaching and learning, whilst still providing an opportunity to assess students' depth of knowledge and understanding and maintaining the rigorous standards of the HSC. Changes include a reduction in the number of formal assessments across Years 11 and 12.

As a school we see real value in exposing students to the formality of our examinations in the MPC in readiness for the HSC. The focus on the upcoming exams will be very much be one of *assessment for* and *assessment as* learning. The results of these will be relayed back to students as important feedback on their progress to date and parents will see this in their children's mid-year reports.

Given this information, it is timely to offer a few suggestions, which enable students to keep the examination process in some perspective:

1. Prior planning is critical and may help to relieve stress during the exam period. Break things into sizeable chunks and remember to include some break times in your study timetable
2. Studying with friends can be a good strategy to help each other through the preparation time
3. Look after your physical health when studying; get enough sleep, eat good food and keep moving are all good techniques for looking after your physical wellbeing
4. If you are overly stressed to the point you can't function, seek help. Speak to a teacher, your Year Adviser, a Counsellor or your family doctor, for help.



Year 11 Camp



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Student Attendance in Government Schools

TRAVEL DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Parents will be required to complete an *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form and submit it to the Principal for his / her consideration. If the Principal accepts the reason for travel, the absence will be marked as 'Leave' and a *Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel* will be issued.

Before applying for *Extended Leave - Travel*, it is the responsibility of students to discuss any scheduled assessment tasks with the Head Teacher of each of their subjects and check the school calendar for timetabled activities.

This *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form must be submitted to the student window, **two weeks** prior to the date of departure.

If travel leave is taken without prior knowledge of the Principal, the leave will be marked as **UNEXPLAINED - UNJUSTIFIED**.

The *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form can be downloaded from the Parent Portal, located under 'School Documents'.

Please note: School Policy requires you to provide the completed *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form, along with all necessary documentation, for **more than three days** absence from school.

Mrs Navarro, HT Student Programs



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Staff Development Day - Day 1 Term 2

On their return to school, Monday 30 April, our staff will be involved in a whole-school Staff Development Day. The focus of the day will commence with a presentation by one of our recently retired, very competent, English teachers, Mrs Bonnor, who will be presenting the results of her investigations into a Writing Program. This Program, which CTHS is planning to introduce to address the importance of Literacy Skills, focusses on Years 7 to 10.

Following this, KLA groups will be considering further revisions to Teaching and Learning Programs, in line with recent NESA Syllabus changes and ongoing implementation of courses on the Canvas Learning Management tool.

School 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 school uniform**. Details of uniform requirements may be found on the school's website.

End of Term 1 and Start of Term 2

Next week will be the final week 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 return to school on Tuesday 1 May, the only exception being Year 11 students who have examinations on Monday 30 April. All Year 11 students must check their examination timetables carefully and ensure they are on time and prepared for each of their tests.

There will be no *Network* published next week.

We would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and restful holiday break.

Year 7 Gala Day

The weather Gods were certainly on our side on Thursday for the running of the Year 7 Gala Day. It represents a fantastic opportunity for our Year 7 students to compete and interact with each other on the sporting fields. There were a variety of sports played and the rotating program allowed students to try a range of events, which are popular at CTHS. Congratulations to the PDHPE staff for organising the day and thank you to the Stage 5 students who volunteered their time to coach and officiate. Photos of the day are included within.

Mr Clements



Mathematics Staff Improving their Skills

Cherrybrook Technology High School is pleased to be the venue for a Mathematical Association of NSW (MANSW) course for the Extension 2 Mathematics course. We have three staff attending the training, Ms Kaur, Ms Sing and Ms Sharma, over the next seven weeks. The course is using our connected classroom, allowing them to deliver the training to a whole host of Mathematics teachers across the State. We are pleased our staff have taken the opportunity to undertake the training and thank them for giving up their evening to make this happen.

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Building Project Update

On Monday 9 April 2018 at approximately 3.15pm, our new classroom building (J Block) will officially be handed over to the Department of Education and Cherrybrook Technology High School.

This will mark the completion of milestone one of the capital works project, one year and 27 days after its commencement. Milestones two and three are set to be completed by the end of Term 3, 2018 and this incorporates the landscaping around J block and the refurbishment of the sports courts and G block Science area.

I would like to sincerely thank John Purchase Public School, on behalf of the entire CTHS community, for allowing us to use their site as access to the oval whilst the building has been under construction.

First classes will commence in the new building from Tuesday 10 April 2018 and students should carefully check their timetable on Tuesday morning for room changes. All J and K demountables will no longer be in use from Tuesday.

Mr Fisher



CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteer Luncheon

Please save the date, Wednesday 6 June, for the CTHS and Canteen Volunteers' Luncheon where you will be treated to a culinary delight prepared and served by our Food Tech students. Invitations will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Book Packs

Year 7 and 8 Book Packs are still available for purchase at the canteen for \$70.

Canteen Survey

We are always looking to improve things in the canteen, so please provide us with feedback by taking a few minutes to complete our survey. Simply click on the link below and complete the survey by Friday 13 April. Many thanks.

<https://goo.gl/forms/BLWpAnsCGU0CkvCa2>

Winter Menu

Please look out for our new Term 2 menu, which includes the following new products:

- Butter Chicken with Rice
- Beef Korma with Basmati Rice
- Coconut Chicken Thai Curry with Jasmine Rice

Canteen staff



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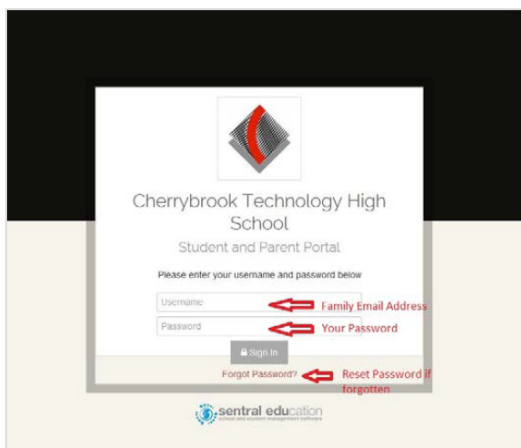


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Stage 5 Parent/Teacher Night Tuesday 8 May 2018 4pm - 8pm MPC

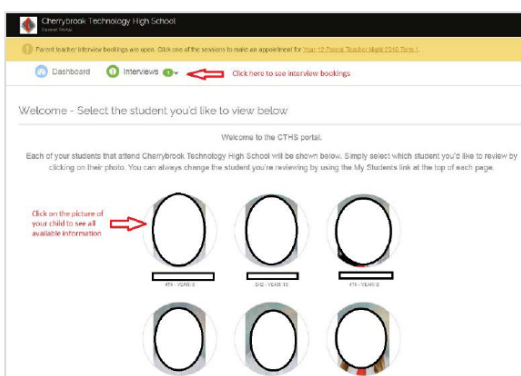
Bookings can be made via the CTHS Parent Portal
<http://web1.cherrybrok-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>
from 3pm, Monday 30 April until 10pm, Sunday 6 May 2018



Your **User Name** will be the family email address nominated in the school's enrolment data.

Your **Password** was created by you when you created the account. There is a reset password function on the login screen if you have forgotten.

It is not necessary to re-enter a family key, the link to your child/children will continue from the time the account was first created.



Once logged in, click on the notice about the upcoming interview session or click on the picture of your child, then click on the large word **'Dashboard'** to access your child's information.

Select the available time for each of your child's teachers. Please print and/or email a copy of your appointments when prompted.

Please remember to take a copy of the bookings and bring this with you on the night, as it is not possible to provide you with this information once you arrive at the venue.



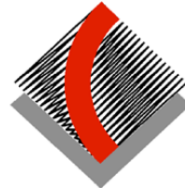
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April 2018

Notification of Measles, Chickenpox, Whooping Cough or Influenza

Dear Parents / Carers

We write to inform you of a student in our school, who is currently receiving treatment, which results in a lowered immune system. This means the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student is not contagious, but has a chronic illness, it is important he/she participates actively in the day-to-day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is if this student develops Measles, Chickenpox, Whooping Cough or Influenza, he/she could become seriously ill. We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have Measles, Chickenpox, Whooping Cough or Influenza, we ask you to please:

1. **Not** send them to school
2. Notify the Stage Head Teacher as soon as possible
3. Take them to your GP or Medical Centre to confirm diagnosis.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Gary Johnson
Principal



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Volunteer and Community Service

2018 Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program.

CTHS students are encouraged to get involved in Volunteering. Need a reason? See the article at the end of this page.

Make A Difference



Nominations for the 2018 Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program will open in May during Volunteer Week.

A booklet for students to log their volunteer hours is available from your Careers Adviser.

Students may be nominated from one of the following three categories:

- Students in Year 9 who have completed a minimum of thirteen hours of volunteering in three months
- Students in Year 10 who have completed a minimum of 26 hours of volunteering in six months
- Students in Years 11 and 12, who have completed a minimum of 52 hours volunteering in twelve months.

Students who complete their Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, before 30 September in any given year, are also eligible for recognition under the Program.

Both adults and students are acknowledged under the Program, with each nominee receiving a Certificate recognising their individual efforts.

Suggestions and Ideas:

- Wesley Mission - 'Second Bite' <https://www.wesleymission.org.au/get-involved/volunteer/schools/>
- Computer Pals for Seniors <http://www.cphills.org.au/>
- Inala <https://inala.org.au/get-involved/volunteering/>
- Salvation Army <https://salvos.org.au/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>
- St Vinnies Stores <https://www.volunteer.com.au/volunteering/in-2154?organisationid=4820>
- Loaves and Fishes - Ashfield (soup kitchen) <https://donations.exodusfoundation.org.au/volunteering/positions>
- Meals on Wheels <http://nswmealsonwheels.org.au/Volunteer/Volunteer>
- Red Cross <https://www.redcross.org.au/get-involved/connect/volunteer>
- Starlight Children's Foundation <https://starlight.org.au/how-to-help/volunteering/>
- Cancer Council <https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/>
- Parramatta Mission <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/volunteer/>
- Anglican Retirement Village <https://govolunteer.com.au/volunteering-organisations/4223>
- Bush Regeneration - The Hills Council <https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Services/Environmental-Management/Bushcare/Join-a-Bushcare-Group>



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- Hills Shire Council - Community Care, Community Support, Events, Work Experience, Tourism
<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicEnterprise/1a1edd1b-2a67-40ef-9cb2-639ed2eb3213>
- Cherrybrook Rural Fire Brigade <http://cherrybrook.rfsa.org.au/>
- RSPCA <https://www.rspcansw.org.au/how-you-can-help/volunteer-rspca-nsw/>
- WIRES <https://www.wires.org.au/rescue/become-a-rescuer>
- SES <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/>
- Surf Lifesaving <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/volunteer>
- St John's Ambulance <http://stjohn.org.au/volunteers>
- Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children <https://www.ridbc.org.au/volunteers>
- Fitted for work - sorting clothes etc Parramatta
<https://fittedforwork.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Riding for the Disabled <https://www.rda.org.au/volunteering.aspx>
- Cumberland State Forest - Bush Regeneration
<http://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/about/volunteers/cumberland-state-forest-volunteer-program>
- Guide dogs and Companion Animals
<https://www.guidedogs.com.au/how-you-can-help/volunteer>
- Norwest Disability - Reading programs, Community Access programs
<http://www.nwds.org.au/our-people/volunteering>

Other Suggestions:

To find volunteer work visit

SEEK Volunteer

<https://www.volunteer.com.au/>

Indeed

<https://au.indeed.com/jobs?q=Student+Volunteer&l=Cherrybrook+NSW>

GoVolunteer

<https://govolunteer.com.au/volunteering/in-cherrybrook-nsw-2126>

MyCareerMatch Career Programs

<https://www.mycareermatch.com.au/>



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Volunteering is the Single Most **Overlooked Skill** on Résumés!

If you knew that as many as 86% of influencers believe volunteering would make you more competitive among a pool of job seekers, wouldn't you ensure that activity appeared front and centre on your résumé?

If you were a student told most scholarships are given to people who volunteer, wouldn't you go out and volunteer?

If you were a student applying for entry to a university medical course who was told volunteering in a hospital or aged care facility increases the chances of entry, wouldn't you volunteer?

According to the [2016 Deloitte Impact Survey](#) there is a huge disconnect between how important volunteering is to hiring influencers and how much candidates are leveraging on their volunteerism to get jobs. Survey respondents found only 30% of résumés list volunteering.

In the recruitment world of jobs and job seekers, recruiters are overwhelmingly in favour of volunteering as a professional development tool.

Among the findings:

- 92% believe volunteering expands an employee's professional skill set
- 85% are willing to overlook résumé pitfalls when an employee includes volunteering on a résumé
- 82% are more likely to choose a candidate with volunteering experience
- 80% believe volunteering is an effective way to boost leadership skills
- 73% believe people who volunteer are more successful.

On this last point a European study found, young people's involvement in volunteer initiatives stimulates the development of creative thinking and the ability to quickly adjust in new situations, it forms tolerance for others' values, social sensitivity and an active civil stance, skills which can be capitalised on when both searching for a job and starting a business.

These skills make young volunteers much more successful on the labour market, compared to their peers, who lack volunteering experience.

One of the important conclusions from the study analysis is that there is a correlation between the skills young people acquire while volunteering and the skills employers look for. For students having volunteer experience on their résumé is extremely beneficial and an advantage over those who don't.

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is they find it both challenging and rewarding.

Resource Links:

1. To find volunteer work go to *SEEK Volunteer* <https://www.volunteer.com.au/>
2. *Deloitte's 2016 Impact Survey* results indicate volunteering experience may play a big role in building leadership skills considered to be "must haves" for successful leaders. [Click to read](#)
3. *MyCareerMatch Career Programs* <https://www.mycareermatch.com.au/>



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CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 11A

Monday 9 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHS Swimming • Prelim Assessment Task - Ancient History • Prelim Assessment Task - Physics • Open Girls' Knockout Soccer • Archery Tag Incursion
Tuesday 10 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHS Swimming • Year 12 Modern History Excursion • Prelim Assessment Task - Ancient History • Knockout Sport - 15 Girls' Soccer • Prelim Assessment Task - Physics • Prelim Assessment Task - ESL • Rite of Passage Parent Information Evening - 6.30-8pm, Library
Wednesday 11 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTHS Athletics Carnival • Prelim Assessment Task - Ancient History • Prelim Assessment Task - Physics
Thursday 12 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTHS Athletics Carnival (half day) • Prelim Ancient History Excursion • Prelim Assessment Task - Physics • HSC Assessment Task - CAFS
Friday 13 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prelim Assessment Task - Visual Arts • Prelim Assessment Task - Ancient History • Prelim Assessment Task - Physics • Prelim Assessment Task - Legal Studies • Term 1 Ends



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