

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NSW Government Review into Education

Over the weekend the NSW Government announced the first comprehensive review of the NSW Curriculum in almost thirty years. The aim of the review is to ensure students are being adequately prepared for jobs of the future. The Premier indicated there will be a stronger emphasis on English, Maths and Sciences, and will seek to implement the findings from the latest David Gonski Report into Australian School Education. The review will also examine the role of new technologies and teaching methods in delivering the Curriculum.

NAPLAN Testing

This week all students in Years 7 and 9 sat NAPLAN testing. Whilst a lot has been said in the media recently about NAPLAN, the purpose of NAPLAN remains the same; it is a diagnostic test designed to be used by staff to provide additional data in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. Earlier in the year the Education Minister, Rob Stokes, announced that NAPLAN would no longer be linked to the Minimum Standard of Literacy and Numeracy for the HSC, removing any additional pressure placed on the Year 9 cohort. The school will analyse the results, when they are released, to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the cohort and of individual students.

Year 11 AP1 Period Concludes

Today, the AP1 examination period concludes, with students returning to regular classes next week. This has been the first opportunity for teachers to gather feedback in the senior school and form a vital part of preparation for the HSC. Students are encouraged to use the feedback from these tasks to improve on their performance.

CTHS Sleep Out

Tonight, over 100 CTHS students and staff will be 'sleeping rough' to fundraise for Stepping Stone House, an incredible organisation which offers medium and long term housing for homeless youth in NSW. Given that, at a time in their life when they are most vulnerable, there are 43,552 young Australians under the age of 25, who don't have a safe place to call home, this is an issue close to many of our students' hearts.

As a school community we are endeavouring to raise \$15,000 through our inaugural Sleep Out, which is the amount required to provide housing, care and a raft of other support services for one youth, for one year.

Please support the good work of our students and school community on what will probably be a chilly May night. Consider donating to this worthy cause by following this link <http://cthssleepout.gofundraise.com.au/>. Any contribution, big or small, could make a huge difference to a young person's life.

Uniform

The sudden drop in temperature last week coincided with an increased number of students not wearing the correct uniform. The student body is reminded, **winter uniform must be worn during Terms 2 and 3!** A reminder to all boys, the **school tie is a compulsory item to be worn**. There is minimal stock and only two sizes left of the Canterbury jacket, which is available for purchase from the front office. However, a full range of the all weather jackets will be available for purchase from Lowes, Castle Hill, in the near future. The School Uniform Code specifies the types of acceptable jackets and jumpers for school wear, which does **NOT include jackets or jumpers with hoods!** The wearing of a 'hoodie' is likely to result in time spent in detention; be warned!!

Mr Townsend

John Purchase Bus Stop

Unfortunately of late, CTHS students have been utilising the bus stop located outside John Purchase Public School to avoid the queues at the CTHS bus bay. CTHS students are **NOT** to use the JPPS bus stop unless they are accompanying a younger sibling from JPPS!!

Mr Fisher, Deputy Principal (rel)



Building Project Update

Milestones 2 and 3 are now well underway. The new benches have now arrived for the G block Science refurb with the contractors commencing the installation of services to the teaching and learning spaces.

Up on the top playground, the land has now been cleared and levelled for the new dual sports court with the piers for the waterproof cover being installed during Week 4.

Mr Fisher



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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Arts Alive Stage 5 Drama Camp 2018

Each year, a group of Drama students take up the opportunity to attend a residential Drama Camp hosted at a fantastic venue near Lane Cove. This year, Matilda Beer, Nathan Jenkins, Stephanie Neil, Hannah Wotton, Melissa Yeung, Ben Murzsa and Jason Teng from Year 10 all enjoyed the chance to take three days off school to further extend their improvisation skills and engage with other drama students from around the Sydney Metropolitan area.

"This was my first year at the Arts Alive Stage 5 Drama Camp and it was the best camp I've been to in all my life. The different workshops were useful to our drama skills and were enjoyable. There were tears, laughter and smiles during this three day devotion to all things dramatic. I couldn't have asked for a better experience for myself." Melissa Yeung

"In the two years that I've attended the Arts Alive Stage 5 Drama Camp, I've been able to greatly improve my confidence and acting skills, thanks to the diverse range of instructors and crazy courses that all serve to unlock our creativity. So much fun!" Stephanie Neil

I have the privilege of working with these students, along with Adrian Ortego, as they represent the constituents of our current Year 10 Drama Ensemble. It is really great to see these students seeking experiences which further their expertise in curriculum based learning over and above what is offered here at CTHS. This shows great dedication and passion for the subject. With an audition coming up in Week 5 for the Arts Alive Drama Festival, scheduled for late July this year, the camp was well timed to provide many opportunities to take that imaginative leap into the realm of devised performance.

Ms Cannon



CTHS Chess Club News

The CTHS Junior Chess Team will be participating in the NSW Metropolitan Secondary Schools' Chess Competition this year. The team have been practising hard during lunchtime on Fridays and participated in the first match of the Round Robin on Friday 11 May. The team won three out of four games against The King's School.

The Chess Competition will continue for the whole term, with Competition games every Friday. Please congratulate the following students and wish them luck for their future games:

Aranan Myooran and James Tan, Year 7; Andy Peng and Mikhail Fallil, Year 8.

Mrs Saxena, Chess Coordinator



Mufti Day

The SRC will be selling 'red' food on Tuesday 22 May as part of our Mufti Day to raise funds for Sane Australia. We will be selling canned soft drinks (ingredients on cans), donuts (as supplied by school canteen) and pizzas (supplied by Eagle Pizzeria West Pennant Hills). 'Simply Cheese' pizzas will be available for those who don't eat meat. Please see their website for ingredient details.

Mrs Fletcher, SRC Coordinator



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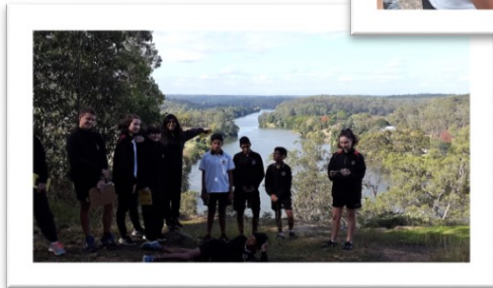
Year 8 Ecology Excursion

Year 8 students enjoyed a very pleasant autumn day on Wednesday 16 May. This Ecology field trip was part of the Stage 4 Science syllabus. Students were divided into three groups: Gibberagong EEC, Brewongle EEC and Field of Mars EEC.

We investigated the types of plant communities in the local area and analysed the factors which influenced the survival of these communities. Students used scientific equipment to measure a range of abiotic factors then assessed their results. Some students had the opportunity to showcase their creative and communication skills by making an i-movie using prepared research. It was interesting to see some hidden talents unfolding!

All students enjoyed being in an outdoor 'classroom' with some great views and were keen to explore the bush during their free time. Students returned from the venues with an appreciation of living organisms and a greater awareness of the interaction between humans and the natural world.

Ms Herat



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CAREERS UPDATE

Why go to University Open Days?

- Get answers to all your questions about your future study plans
- Become familiar with the campus
- Consider the location and travel time; travel modes, travel times, travel costs, or student housing
- Gather information about their degree programs, study options and pathways, scholarships, clubs and societies, student life, campus tours.

Talk to current students and staff

- Experience lectures, demonstrations, interactive activities, live music, food
- Diarise these dates and attend as many Open Days as possible!

When should I attend University Open Days?

- Start as early as you like. Year 10 is a great time to attend and get ideas for the future. Obviously, Year 12 is the 'crunch time' and is most suitable.

'Study in Canada at UBC'

Monday 4 June, 6.00pm-7.30pm. The University of British Columbia will be speaking to prospective Australian students about their courses and what it is like to study in Canada. Venue: Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney. Registration is essential at www.trybooking.com/VSHR.

'Study in Victoria'

Wednesday 6 June, 6.00pm-8.00pm. VTAC and The University of Melbourne will be speaking to students about application processes for 2019 interstate admissions and what's new for next year. Venue: Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College North Sydney. Registration is essential at www.trybooking.com/URWQ.

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower

UNI OPEN DAYS 2018		
Australian Catholic University acu.edu.au	La Trobe University ltru.edu.au	Torrens University Australia torrens.edu.au
Brisbane 28 July Melbourne 12 August Canberra 25 August Ballarat 26 August North Sydney 1 September Strathfield 8 September	Shepparton 3 August Melbourne 5 August Albury-Wodonga 12 August Mildura 15 August Bendigo 26 August Sydney email: sydney@latrobe.edu.au for an individual appointment	Torrens University 4 August William Blue College of Hospitality 4 August Billy Blue College of Design 4 August Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School 8 September
Australian College of Applied Psychology acap.edu.au	Macleay College macleay.edu.au	University of Canberra canberra.edu.au
Sydney 18 April, 1 August, 21 November	Surry Hills Melbourne 11 August Melbourne 18 August	Bruce 25 August
Australian Maritime College amc.edu.au	Macquarie University mq.edu.au	University of New England une.edu.au
Launceston 11 August	North Ryde 18 August	To book a campus tour, visit une.edu.au/campus tours
Australian National University anu.edu.au	MIT Sydney mit.edu.au	University of Newcastle newcastle.edu.au
Canberra 25 August	For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.	Port Macquarie 16 August Central Coast (Dumblair) 4 August Newcastle (Callaghan) and Newcastle City 25 August
Charles Sturt University csu.edu.au/myday	National Art School nas.edu.au	University of Sydney sydney.edu.au
Orange 19 April Bathurst 15 June Port Macquarie 19 June Albury-Wodonga 27 June Dubbo 5 July Wagga Wagga 6 July	Darlinghurst 1 September	All campuses 25 August
COUniversity co.edu.au/open days	SAE Creative Media Institute sae.edu.au	University of Technology Sydney uts.edu.au
Sydney Online Chat available 3-6pm 23 August, 15 & 29 August, 20 September, 11 October, 27 November	Sydney and Byron Bay 5 August	City 25 August
Griffith University griffith.edu.au	SIBT sibt.nsw.edu.au	University of Wollongong uow.edu.au
Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank 12 August	Sydney City 30 August	Wollongong 11 August
International College of Management, Sydney icms.edu.au	Southern Cross University scu.edu.au/opendays	UNSW Sydney unsw.edu.au
Manly 12 August	Coffs Harbour 27 July National Maritime Science Centre 27 July Lismore 28 July Gold Coast 29 July	UNSW Sydney 1 September UNSW Canberra 25 August
TOP Education Institute top.edu.au	Western Sydney University westernsydney.edu.au	Western Sydney University westernsydney.edu.au
Sydney 3 August	Paramatta 19 August	



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Please join us for the
Pennant Hills War Memorial
Children's Centre
70 year celebrations



DATE

Sunday 27th May 2018

PROGRAM

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| 11am | - Gates open |
| 10.30 - 2pm | - Coffee Cart |
| 11am - 2pm | - Displays of memorabilia
- Children's Art Show
- 70th Anniversary Recipe
Books for sale
- Visitors Book available for
signing & comments |
| 11am - 1.30pm | - Complimentary BBQ
- Face Painting
- Roving Magician |
| 11.30am | - Welcome to Country &
Smoking Ceremony |
| 12noon | - Lesley Gibbes, children's
author, to read some of her
books to children & families |
| 1pm - 1.30pm | - Official Ceremony
Short speeches by Andrew Wilson,
Philip Ruddock & Jill Crispe
Cake cutting |
| 2pm | - Finish |



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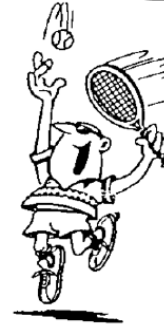
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PROCEDURE FOR EARLY LEAVERS

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 in at 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.

CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 4A

Monday 21 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supermegahappyweek - Watermelon Eating Competition - lunchtime, serpentine wall• Girls' Rock and Water External Training
Tuesday 22 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supermegahappyweek - MUFTI DAY, Crazy Hair & Socks Theme• Girls' Rock and Water External Training
Wednesday 23 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supermegahappyweek - School-Wide Kahoot - lunchtime, MPC
Thursday 24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supermegahappyweek - Sporting Activities - lunchtime, MPC
Friday 25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supermegahappyweek - Talent Show - lunchtime, MPC



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