

**Cherrybrook Technology High School** 

### Term 1

Week 7B

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



#### **P&C Annual General Meeting**

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 12 March. The P&C has input into the overall management of the school, as well as providing significant funds to improve the educational outcomes for all students who attend CTHS. The P&C have always been strong supporters of the school and, once again, we had a healthy turn-out of parents at the AGM showing a keen interest in contributing to the drive and direction of the group. I would like to congratulate the outgoing Executive for their commitment and dedication to the school and thank them for their contribution. In particular, I want to acknowledge the fine work of our outgoing President, Mr Phillips and Treasurer, Mr Perera, who have done absolutely fabulous jobs in their respective roles. Suffice to say our P&C is still in good hands with our long standing Vice President, Mr Spencer, stepping up into the role of President. Mr Spencer brings with him a wealth of experience in this role having been the

John Purchase Public School P&C President for a number of years and currently Vice President of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW. I would also like to introduce our newly elected Executive and wish them well in their new positions.

The newly elected P&C team is as follows:

President	Tim Spencer	Executive Committee Member	Sarika Lumba
Vice President	Stephen Phillips	Executive Committee Member	Erin Cockerton
Vice President	Ron Harrop	Executive Committee Member	Neelam Kapoor
Treasurer	Helen Wrench	Executive Committee Member	Athula Perera
Secretary	Michelle Commens	Executive Committee Member	Esha Dey
Executive Committee Member	Gavin Poole	Co-opt Member	Janice Marshall

On the night, Mr Perry, Head Teacher PDHPE, spoke to parents about the direction of sport and health at CTHS and the role the PE KLA is taking to drive this. Parents had many thoughtful and valuable questions addressed during the very positive Q&A which followed. We thank Mr Perry for his presentation.

#### Annie, the Musical

All the practice and many hours spent by staff and students in preparation for *Annie*, the Musical is finally over. The Musical has begun! The cast performed for 550 students from our local primary schools on Tuesday and Stage 4 on Wednesday. Audiences were suitably impressed and delighted with the show. Opening Night was Thursday, with another performance tonight and finishing up on Saturday night, 16 March. Congratulations to the cast, crew and staff, but particularly the CAPA staff, for their efforts in achieving what is a sterling show. The professionalism from everyone involved in the performance was very evident last night when an impromptu storm passed through Cherrybrook resulting in leaks above the stage. The show was halted, but all involved managed to deal with the situation with aplomb and as they say "the show went on". Don't miss out, there are two performances left!

You can purchase your tickets online via the school website, <u>https://cths.nsw.edu.au/</u> or at the door on the night. I understand tickets are tight for Saturday's finale, but we are putting out more seating to cater for the extra demand. Performances commence at 7pm. There are some pictures from the performance for your viewing pleasure included in this week's *Network*.

#### **AP3 Examinations**

As any parent with a Year 12 student will know, the AP3 exam period commences next Friday 22 March. As this is a time of high stress for many students, we ask parents to ensure things are kept in perspective. Many students feel enormous pressure and place unrealistic expectations on themselves. All any of us can ask is that they do their best.

If for any reason a student is unable to attend an exam, the correct procedure must be followed. This is outlined in the 2019 HSC Assessment Booklet, located on the school website, Curriculum>Stage 6, where all required documentation is available for download. If any student is unsure of what to do, please contact the school and ask for Ms Adamou or one of the Deputy Principals.

#### Tell Them from Me Survey Student Feedback Survey 2019

In *Network* last week I made mention of the Tell Them from Me Student Feedback Survey. This Survey measures factors, which are known to affect academic achievement and student outcomes. The focus of this NSW-wide Survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The Survey is a great opportunity for 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. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them from Me Student Feedback Survey to help improve the way they do things at school.

#### Achieving Together

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Deputy Principals:	Mr M Townsend, Mr B Clements, Mrs A Gatt

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All students will be completing the Survey next week on Tuesday 19 March in a designated class. For students it is important for them to understand there is nothing to be concerned about with this Survey and nothing they need to prepare for. All we ask is for their frank and honest assessment to the questions asked. More information about this Survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au

#### Year 7 Interim Reports

Year 7 Interim Reports will be available for parents to view on the Parent Portal from today. The Interim Report is something CTHS does for Year 7 and 11 students given the importance of the significant step they have taken this year in their school career. It provides a means for parents to check on the progress of their son/daughter mid-way through Term 1. They are not a formal report. These will follow towards the end of Semester 1. They will simply indicate if your child is 'Satisfactory' or not at this point in time. If your child's teachers have concerns about their progress details will be provided in the Interim Report. We encourage you to speak to your son or daughter if concerns are raised.

Mr Clements

#### University of NSW Co-Op Scholars

On Friday 8 March, Ms Adamou and I attended the Induction Ceremony for the 2019 Co-op Scholars at the University of NSW. Two students from the CTHS Class of 2018 were chosen for this competitive Scholarship, Matthew Barrett (Bachelor of Marketing) and Helene Qu (Bachelor of Accounting and Business Management). The Scholarship provides significant and valuable work experience placements throughout their time at university, setting them up for long and fulfilling careers. Congratulations to Matthew and Helene!

Ms Campbell, Year 12 2018 Year Advisor



#### DAILY ABSENTEE TEXTS

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Please be advised, if you receive a text from the school alerting you of your child's absence, you may respond to the text. However, this is a stand-alone process and **ONLY** for the purpose of absentees. **Please DO NOT text the school** unless you receive a message from CTHS and **DO NOT** use this system for any other communication. Thank you

#### **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.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR LATE ARRIVALS**

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All students arriving to school after 8.40am *must* sign in at the student window where they will be issued with a late note. All late arrivals are required to have a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for being late. No note results in a detention.

Annie, the Musical



#### Year 11 Ancient History Excursion to Macquarie University Museum of Ancient Cultures

On Monday last week, the Ancient History classes had the opportunity to go to Macquarie University's Museum of Ancient Cultures and learn about the role of Museums. Each class was taken separately to do different activities. My class (Mr Hartman's class) first did the 'Background Knowledge' activity, where we learnt about the different questions to ask to find out about an artefact. After a recess break we saw a presentation about the use of technology in exploring different kinds of artefacts, for example, a lead scroll which was sealed together and would break if it was opened. We learned further that technology was able to show us different sides of an artefact. The final segment of our visit was the tour of the Museum where, as well as learning about different views of ethics, we learnt about the roles of a Museum.

All in all, I think it was a really cool experience. We all certainly learnt a lot about the work put in to finding and preserving relics of the past, allowing us to learn more about how the world used to be.

#### Kashish Jain

The Year 11 Ancient History excursion was overall an entertaining and educational interactive experience. It allowed a further understanding of the analysis of ancient artefacts through interactive activities, which included handling, and brainstorming of one given artefact in small groups and a further discussion of what conclusions we had drawn from our chosen artefact. Furthermore, we were familiarised with the lengths Macquarie University's Museum is going to preserve their own ancient artefacts, along with having a light hearted debate about the preservation and return of these foreign ancient artefacts when necessary. Lastly, we learnt how archaeologists analyse human skeletons, piece together the puzzle of a human's life through the little pieces of information we have with as much efficiency and depth possible. Overall, the Ancient History excursion to the Macquarie University Museum was a very enjoyable and educational experience which I'm glad I took part in.

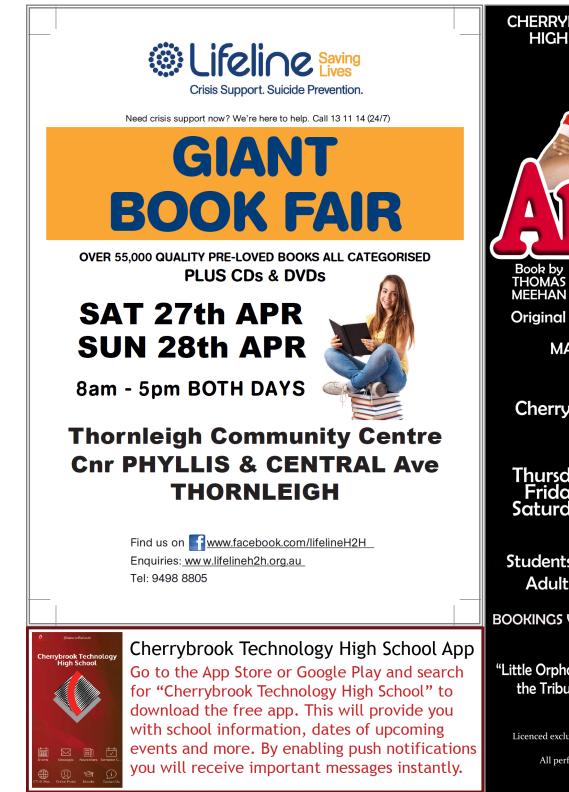
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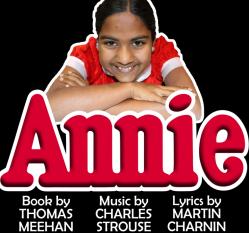
#### **ABSENTEE NOTES**

- Please ensure notes to the school contain your child's FULL NAME and year plus the date and reason for absence
- Absentee notes should be handed in to the student window the first day back after an absence
- Notes must be received within seven days of returning to school otherwise it will be recorded as 'unjustified'.

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CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY **HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS** 



**Original Broadway Production** bν MARTIN ĆHARNIN

Cherrybrook Technology High School MPC

Thursday 14 March, 7PM Friday 15 March, 7PM Saturday 16 March, 7PM

Students \$10 Adults \$15

**Concession \$10** Family \$45

BOOKINGS WEB: https://cths.nsw.edu.au

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# **Sports Report**

#### Knockout Sport

In the last week CTHS have had a large number of teams play in knockout competitions. These competitions are all State-wide and getting through the rounds isn't an easy task.

We had six teams make it through to the next round in their respective competitions this week.

These teams include:

- Girls' Tennis
- Boys' Tennis
- Girls' Volleyball
- Girls' Soccer
- Boys' Soccer
- Girls' Basketball



Congratulations to all of these teams on your results. We wish you all the best in the next round and look forward to seeing your results.

Congratulations also to the Girls' Touch Team who, unfortunately, were knocked out of their Knockout Competition this week. This Team had already made it through the first round, but came up against a tough opponent. Well done girls!

#### **Cross Country Carnival**

This year the CTHS Cross Country Carnival will be taking place in PE classes during Week 10 and 11, for students in Years 7-10. This is a great opportunity to participate and qualify for the Zone Cross Country next term. The course will be around the 1.2km running track at Greenway Park. Check with your teacher to find out how many laps you will be running for the event. Time to put on your runners and start training.

Year 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to sign-up, at the PE staffroom, to express their interest in participating at the Zone Cross Country. Keep an eye on the Daily News to find out when sign-ups open.

#### Sydney North Swimming

Good luck to all of the competitors heading to the Sydney North Swimming Carnival next week at Sydney Olympic Park. Try your best and have fun. We will include the results in the Sports Report over the next couple of weeks.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Thursday 21 March: Sydney North Swimming Carnival
- Thursday 21 March: Year 7 Gala Day
- Sat 6-Tues 9 April: NSWCHS Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 10 April: CTHS Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 11 April: CTHS Athletics Carnival Half Day

#### Ryan Jones, Sports Captain







#### Women in Science

Eighteen Year 10 and 11 girls ventured to the Australian Maritime Museum on International Women's Day to participate in a 'Women in Science' Symposium hosted by UNSW. The day was extremely informative as the girls heard about career paths in Science from inspirational women forging their way in the field. From a software engineer from Google to a PhD student of marine biology, the girls learnt that you don't have to have your career mapped out when you are in Year 12. The important thing is to pursue what you are interested and passionate about and take the first step. The rest of the journey will reveal itself along the way. All of the keynote speakers assured our girls that their career paths will take twists and turns that one can never predict, especially as your interests and passions become more certain and directed with time and experience. There is great value in pursuing your interests and letting the journey evolve.

Mrs Key



We've heard numerous inspirational talks by women in all sorts of Science fields today, at Australian National Maritime Museum. They've talked about how girls can excel in Science fields just as well as boys. After the talks, we went and explored the Museum, which was great! Later on, we met a variety of amazing people and heard some more talks. After that, we went touring inside the Museum, it was awesome! Overall, it was an exciting and worthwhile day. It has really opened my mind about career choices to do. It taught us to be brave and stay curious all the time.

#### Kaylee Li

The Women in Science Symposium was a great experience and has really changed my outlook on Science as an option for my future. The speakers were very informative and made Science seem more interesting and exciting. I am definitely going to pursue some form of Science after high school. Today was fun and I would love to go again.

Emily Xi

It was a good day to learn about how there is not only one path that you have to take in order to get a job in Science and that it can also be applied to any industry/career. It was also a good way to learn that you don't need to know exactly what you want to do and that you can take time to figure it out. Overall learning about the different ways and types of Science was very eye-opening and I would recommend any girl attending especially if they don't know what occupation they want to pursue.

Rachel Justic

## Canteen News



*Flexischools* are experiencing some issues with ordering on Friday mornings during peak time. The problem is currently being addressed.

Until they have corrected the problem, Friday lunch orders can be placed Thursday evenings or prior to 7.30am Friday mornings.

Please note, lunch orders via *Flexischools* can be organised days, weeks, even months in advance.

Thank you, Canteen staff

CALENDAR - Term 1 Week 8A		
Monday 18 March	<ul> <li>Hospitality Work Placement begins</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>No Assessment Tasks - Year 12</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Knockout Sport - Open Boys' Softball</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Prelim Assessment Task - French Beginners</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Prelim Assessment Task - French Continuers</li> </ul>	
Tuesday 19 March	• Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM)	
Wednesday 20 March	• World's Greatest Shave	
	Bandage Bear Appeal	
	• Red Zone Day	
	<ul> <li>Aboriginal Studies Forum Stage 6</li> </ul>	
	Prelim Assessment Task - Japanese Continuers	
Thursday 21 March	• Year 7 Gala Day	
	Sydney North Swimming Carnival	
	• Harmony Day	
	• Year 11 Peer Support Training - p 1-4	
	Big Day In - Computing Careers Expo	
Friday 22 March	Hospitality Work Placement Ends	
	• Year 12 AP3 Exams Start	