

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 will no doubt have noted the Press frenzy following the release of the most recent NAPLAN results.

The information resulted in the annual doom and gloom predictions about the future of our youth being made by various writers in opinion pieces for the media outlets, ironically often complete with spelling and grammatical errors.

This week our school has been provided with Cherrybrook students' results and next week parents should receive individual student results.

As I have said and written many times, these results should be viewed cautiously. They are merely a snapshot of student progress on one particular day of the year and not meant to define a student. As always, our school will use the results in a diagnostic manner, not to compare and contrast students and schools.

Having said this, overall our results were exceptional with Year 9 students achieving our school's best ever results with more students in the top two bands of achievement than any other cohort whilst our Year 7 results were most admirable.

Should you have any questions or concerns when your child's results reach home, please don't hesitate to contact their stage Head Teacher or Year Advisor.

Stage 4 Public Speaking Finals

This year's finals were held last Monday night before an appreciative audience of students, parents and staff, none of whom were disappointed with the student performances, research and effort.

The Year 7 speakers covered a range of issues discussing everything from Rugby, the quirks of the English language, the world around us, including the need for us to take care of our wonderful natural world, the status of women and ethical research. However, on the night there could only be one winner and this year it was Kevin Huang who gave a most entertaining speech on the evils of procrastination.

Year 8 students also covered a most diverse range of topics often in a most humorous manner. Ultimately, first place went to Leah-Cherie Holt for a most thoughtful speech on friendship and the many different "types" of friends we may have as we make our way through life.

My sincere congratulations are extended to the winners, to all students who made the final, and to Mrs Granziera for a wonderful job organising the finals.

Year 11 Examinations

The final examinations for Year 11 commenced late last week and will continue until Friday 20 September. These tests allow staff to provide valuable feedback to students prior to their commencing the HSC course at the beginning of next term. It is important students have a balanced approach to their study program, with time for exercise and some leisure time factored into their revision schedule.

CHS Athletics

Congratulations to all students who represented Sydney North at the recent Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival.

In total we had eleven individual representatives and one relay team. All students performed with distinction, but particular mention must be made of:

- Ryan Jones, fourth in the Open Boys' 400 metre Hurdles
- Daniel De Sacadura, first in the 14 Years Boys' Discus
- Scott Chapman, second in the Open Boys' Javelin and third in the Open Boys' Pentathlon.

A more detailed report will be available from the Sports Captains in a future *Network*.

Mr Johnson

Achieving Together

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Stage 4 Public Speaking Competition Final



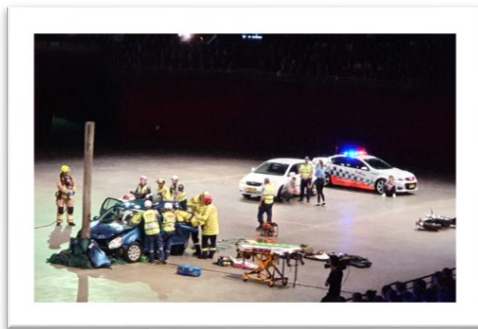
Year 10 *bstreetsmart* Youth and Road Trauma Forum

On Wednesday 11 September, Year 10 attended the *bstreetsmart* Youth and Road Trauma Forum. Westmead Hospital's trauma services designed this program to raise awareness of the need for safety, maturity and responsibility in young drivers and passengers. Held at a packed Qudos Bank Arena Homebush, our students were able to experience presentations on the arena floor, as well as interactive displays during their lunch break. All NSW Emergency Services were represented and dedicated to communicating the need for safety on the road.

The dramatisation of a car crash involving young people under the influence of alcohol and the failure to use safety devices, was thought provoking and shocking. First responders, including the fire, ambulance and police services, demonstrated their professional response to an everyday occurrence, where young drivers, passengers and third parties are seriously injured or killed. Students were also given an understanding of the experience of hospital trauma staff in assessing, rehabilitating and supporting patients, narrated by a member of the Trauma Unit. This was followed by individuals directly affected by trauma who talked about the life-changing cost of vehicle accidents. Students also heard from a mother whose life changed as a result of the loss of her child.

The clear message from the Forum was driving is to be encouraged, but in a sensible and responsible manner. To facilitate this, students were given insight into reducing risk taking behaviour through awareness of the consequences of distracted driving, inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving and driver fatigue. I would like to thank the staff who attended for their support of this excursion and also the organisers of *bstreetsmart* for their dedication to youth safety on the road.

Mr Hind



Correct Procedure When Approaching a Pedestrian Crossing

As you approach a pedestrian crossing or children's crossing where a School Crossing Supervisor is displaying a 'STOP Children Crossing' sign, you must slow down and stop. You may proceed when the School Crossing Supervisor no longer displays the sign in your direction or has indicated it is safe for you to proceed.

Stop signs may be placed at an intersection immediately after a pedestrian crossing. You must stop at the stop sign even if you have already stopped at the pedestrian crossing.

Please Note: *If the road beyond a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing is blocked, you **MUST NOT** drive onto the crossing.*

For more information, visit the RMS website:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/pedestrians.html#Children'scrossings>

Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Student Support



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Student Attendance in Government Schools

Dear Parents / Guardians

When your child is away from school it is important parents comply with the guidelines set out in the Student Attendance Policy, the *Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures*, as well as established School Procedures.

Please note the following requirements:

1. ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

- Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school **within seven days** from the first day of any period of absence.
- This explanation can take place in the form of an email, text message or written note.

2. 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.
- **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.
- The *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form can be downloaded from the Parent Portal, located under 'School Documents'. This form **must** be submitted to the student window, **two weeks prior** to the date of departure.
- **Before** applying for extended leave, **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.
- **Senior** student will also be required to submit the *Application for Leave - Senior Student Assessment Amendment Request* form.
- The *Application for Extended Leave - Travel* form **and** *Senior Student Assessment Amendment Request* form **must** be submitted to the student window, **two weeks prior** to the date of departure. Both forms are available from the Parent Portal, located under 'School Documents'.
- If travel leave is taken without prior knowledge of the Principal, the leave will be marked as **UNEXPLAINED - UNJUSTIFIED**.

3. MISSED WORK, ASSESSMENT TASKS AND MANDATORY PROGRAMS

- It is the **student's responsibility** to find out and catch up on missed work from their classroom teacher or the Faculty Head Teacher.
- Students who seek permission for leave must take into consideration the timetabling of **formal assessment tasks** and **mandatory programs** such as the Life Ready Program. Students missing a formal assessment task can be given a zero (0) result if they fail to complete the tasks at the scheduled time. Application for leave during this time may *not* be approved.
- Students taking leave during periods of **formal assessment tasks** and **mandatory programs** may be recorded as **EXPLAINED - UNJUSTIFIED**.

If you would like further information, you can find the *School Attendance in Government Schools - Procedures* at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/att_proc.pdf

Mrs Navarro, HT Student Programs

13 September 2019



STAGE 5 DRAMA PERFORMANCE NIGHT



Tues 17 Sept 2019
@7pm C1.1

CTHS Library

Art in the Library

Public libraries are enjoying something of a renaissance and consolidating their value as community hubs with multi-purpose spaces. In the spirit of this, we currently have three mini pop-up galleries. Many students have gathered to admire and discuss these artefacts. If you have not seen them, come along!

Year 7 had a unit called *Fish as a Dish*. Fish are not only delicious, but many are wonderfully vibrant and colourful. It is therefore not surprising these dishes are exotically varied. You can see the ceramics displayed on top of the fiction shelves.

Year 8 created ceramic sculptures of an endangered species, so gathered in the library for an annual convention are numerous members of these species. They wish their plight to be acknowledged, so please visit and admire their quirky attributes and expressive features.

Saturday 7 September was National Threatened Species Day. Get more information about the plight of our plants and animals at: <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/animals-and-plants/threatened-species/saving-our-species-news/threatened-species-day>

On the library windows you will see some charcoal drawings which Stage 5 students have drawn for Drawing and Illustration 2. Admire the beautiful elliptical shape of the wondrously lustrous eggs and the jagged peaks and shadows of crumpled paper.

Ms Sorensen and Ms Halder



Careers Update

Year 12 UAC Applications

As the end of term is not far away this is just a reminder, ATARs will be released on the same day as the HSC results this year, 1pm on Tuesday 17 December 2019. To avoid a significant late fee, ensure you apply for your **UAC preferences** by **Monday 30 September**. Early applications will be \$70. However, after 1 October the fee will increase to \$200. You can still change your preferences after this date. <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants>

UNSW Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS)

FEAS is an alternative pathway for students who want to study Engineering at UNSW but might not meet the Guaranteed Entry Rank (GE) of 93. **APPLY NOW**

Interested in becoming a Physiotherapist?

Physiotherapy Career Information Evening (appropriate for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents). Wednesday 18 September, 6.45pm, Arrow Physiotherapy, 2/31 Terminus Street, Castle Hill. Join us for an information evening covering everything you need to know about being a physiotherapist and how to become one.

The presentation will address the following:

- How do you become a physio?
- What to expect from university studies in physiotherapy
- Options if you don't get into physiotherapy courses straight from school
- What do physios do?
- Where do physios work?
- Career pathways for physios
- What it is like being a physio.

The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for Q&As.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/thinking-of-being-a-physio-tickets-70584948481?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Career Mentoring Program

The Year 11 Career Mentoring Program will conclude at the end of this term and interested Year 10 students will be invited to apply for the 2020 program in Term 4. As part of this program, students have the opportunity to attend a shadowing day with their mentor and immerse themselves in this career field.

Mrs Bower and Mrs Ferguson



Career Mentoring Shadowing Days

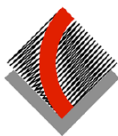


CLOTHING POOL

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, the First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience, through kind donations from the CTHS community.

For more information please email uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com



For details of opening times, please go to
<https://cherrybrookscouts.com/cths-uniforms/>

First Cherrybrook Scout Hall, Appletree Drive, Cherrybrook



YOUTH FUTURE FORUM

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX:

HOW DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

• FRIENDS

\$20 Westfield
gift card for each
participant

• PRIZES • FOOD • LIVE MUSIC •



Creative thinkers of the future, join your peers to develop the Statement from the Next Generation – a call to action that will help guide long term planning for the future of Hornsby Shire across housing, jobs, education, environment and transport.

At the Youth Future Forum, high school students will be challenged to collaborate with peers to create a bold vision for the future. Along with other engagement events, this will directly inform Hornsby Shire Council's most ambitious planning project to date – the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Enjoy finger food and live music from 4.30pm before the fun begins at 5pm.
Be here to win lucky door prizes!

Tickets are limited so make sure your parents book today!

Date: Thursday, 19 September 2019
Time: 4.30pm to 7pm
Venue: Hornsby Park
(outside Hornsby Aquatic Centre)
Cost: Free

How to register – information for parents:
Parents are asked to register their child and provide consent via Council's project page: future.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/youthforum
Parents are welcome to drop off (the event is safe, supervised and welcoming), or to stay and observe.

This forum is presented by:
Hornsby Shire Council hornsby.nsw.gov.au
and JOC Consulting jocconsulting.com.au



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CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 9A	
Monday 16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP2 Examinations (all week) • Excursion: U15 Knockout Netball
Tuesday 17 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 5 Drama Performance Evening - 7pm, C1.1
Wednesday 18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal - P3 & 4
Thursday 19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Gala Day
Friday 20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LendLease Business Careers Excursion • Year 11 AP2 Exams End