

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Literary Festival

On Monday 25 November our Year 7 students were immersed into the literary world. They were given the opportunity to work with a number of writers and authors in workshops designed to ignite their creativity and passion for reading. Our Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and learnt many skills which they can use for their own creative pursuits. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Librarians, Ms Sorensen and Ms Halder, for their organisation of such a wonderful event.

Senior Executive Planning Day

On Wednesday 27 November the Senior Executive spent most of the day discussing and mapping-out various future procedures and processes including; the school plan; our focus for the 2020 professional development; and the External Validation. The External Validation will occur in August 2020 and is a self-assessment, comparing our school's self-assessment with the Department of Education's *School Excellence Framework*. The *School Excellence Framework* is a statement of what is valued as excellence for NSW public schools, both now and into the future.

The Executive Planning Day was very productive and allowed us to plan our direction for next year.

Farewell of Staff Members

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell Mrs Melinda Bower, who will be taking up a position at Barker College and Ms Olivia Marée, who has accepted a position at Greystanes High School. Both teachers have made an outstanding contribution to Cherrybrook Technology High School in their roles and students have benefited enormously. We wish them luck in all their future endeavours.

Canteen EFTPOS Facilities

We are very pleased to announce, the school canteen now has EFTPOS facilities available for student purchases. There are two dedicated EFTPOS payment windows, one for hot food and one for cold food. These windows are clearly marked and there is a \$4 minimum spend for all EFTPOS purchases. Cash purchases will **NOT** be accepted at the EFTPOS windows.

School Uniform

As the term draws to a close, we notice some students are not wearing correct school uniform on a regular basis. As a school, we pride ourselves in our school uniform and require students to wear the correct school uniform **at all times**. Active wear, such as tights/leggings are **NOT** part of the CTHS uniform and therefore, should **not** be worn to school.

The PE uniform is allowed to be worn for the whole day on Thursdays for Years 9-11 **only**. Year 7 and 8 students are required to change into their PE uniform for PE and sport classes, then back into their full summer or winter uniform for all other lessons.

If, for any reason, your child is not able to wear full school uniform, you must provide a signed parental note explaining the reason for the variation. Students who are not in full school uniform, without an explanation note from their parents, will be issued a lunchtime detention. If students are persistently out of school uniform, parents will be notified and the child will be sent home to change into the appropriate uniform, then return to school.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Presentation Ceremonies and Major Events

As the year draws to a close, there will be a number of ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of our students. These events are scheduled at various times throughout the final weeks and this will have a direct impact on local vehicular access. Below are the details of our major events over the next few weeks:

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day:	Tuesday 3 December in the MPC from 9am until 11am
Presentation Night Ceremony:	Tuesday 10 December in the MPC from 7pm
Presentation Day Assemblies:	Wednesday 11 December in the MPC - Year 7 from 9am; Year 8 from 10.45am; Year 9 from 1.20pm
Year 10 Transition Assembly:	Thursday 12 December in the MPC from 9.00am
Sports Awards Ceremony:	Friday 13 December in the MPC from 9.20am

During Weeks 8 and 9, there will also be a number of local primary schools using our MPC for their presentation ceremonies.

Achieving Together

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Parents please note, there is very little parking in the Cherrybrook Technology High School vicinity. If possible, please use public transport, a car pool or walk to the school and **do not** park across the driveways of local residents as this is impolite, as well as illegal. **Council Rangers may be in attendance.** The boom gates will prevent parental access to the school carparks. Please allow ample time to park and make your way to the MPC (school hall) for the designated start times.

Student Attendance and end of Year Arrangements

A reminder to parents, all students are to continue attending school until Wednesday 18 December. Parents are also reminded, school will conclude at the end of period 4 on this day. Following period 4 students will attend a very brief assembly from which they will be dismissed for the summer holidays at approximately 12.30pm.

Any parent who needs their child supervised until 3.00pm on Wednesday 18 December should contact the school in writing so this may be arranged. Your support in ensuring your child attends each day, in full school uniform, up to this point will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Gatt

L'Oréal Girls in Science Excursion to the University of New South Wales

One of the major events for girls, Australian L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Forum was held at the UNSW campus, Clancy Auditorium on 13 November. Eleven girls from CTHS attended this excursion with Mrs Somasi.

The event was inaugurated by the Dean of Science, Professor Emma Johnston, who is a Marine Biologist.

The girls had the opportunity to listen to leading scientists who spoke about their scientific interests and the discoveries they had made. Each scientist gave a short presentation which was highly engaging and showcased their careers.

Other scientists who attended the event were; Dr Alisa Glukhova, a Structural Biologist from Monash University; Dr Solon, a Nutritional Biologist from University of Sydney; Dr Sung, a Paediatrician and Research Fellow from Murdoch Research Institute; and Dr Anderson, a Paediatrician Research Fellow at the University of Auckland. These scientists carried out research on proteins targeting diseases, genetic hearing loss in babies and obesity in children under five.

Our students showed great interest and passion for Science and were delighted and inspired by the many speeches about the research and experiences of these female scientists. There were discussions about how young women can pursue further study or careers in Science.

Our students also participated in the discussion forum. After the forum, students went on a tour around the UNSW campus, guided by current Science students and were each given sample bags. They also had the chance to participate in activities hosted by UNSW Science.

Students learnt about various careers and university courses after Year 12. These ranged from Data Sciences, Computer Science, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Physics. This excursion is open to girls from Years 9-11, hopefully next year it will be even more popular.

Mrs Somasi



Sick Bay is not a Medical Clinic



If your child is unwell or injured, our First Aid trained staff will administer first aid and care for your child, but our school Sick Bay is **not** a Medical Clinic. CTHS does not have nursing staff or doctors, and with over 2,000 students attending, we do not have the facilities to monitor unwell students for long periods.

Your child's wellbeing is of the utmost importance to us, it is expected that you can make arrangements for your sick child to remain at home or be collected from the school Sick Bay as soon as practicable when contacted.



YEAR 10 GATS VISUAL ARTS PRESENTS

DUENDE

*"A work of art's mysterious power to
deeply move a person."*

Monday 9th December

LOCATION: J1.7 SHARED Learning Area

OFFICIAL OPENING: 3PM-5PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION: 4:30PM

CTHS VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION 2019

Careers Update

The power of volunteering in your job search

Volunteering has a host of benefits, one of which is the positive impact it will have on your job search. So how does volunteering impact your employability and what are some of the benefits you'll receive?

Helps you to explore industries you're interested in

It sounds simple, but volunteering can help you to quickly understand if a job or industry is for you, without the commitment of having to lock into a long-term role. If you haven't had the chance to explore an industry, but think it could be a good fit for you volunteering is a great way to scope it out.

Gives you practical experience to add to your resume

Freely offering to give your time to an organisation provides a strong reflection for future employers on what you value and provides evidence of your work ethic. If you haven't yet had a job and find it difficult to put experience on your resume, volunteering is a great way to get some professional experience onto your resume.

Develop transferable skills

As you volunteer, you will be developing important skills that can be transferred into other job roles. For example, you might be working with clients or other volunteers and developing your conversation or negotiation skills. You could be working with their social media or logistics team and getting an understanding of how to work spreadsheets or help to design a new social media campaign. Don't underestimate how much you can learn in a short time when volunteering if you are enthusiastic and curious to learn more about the organisations systems and processes.

Develop professional references

If you have a really positive volunteering experience, you will also likely develop a mentor who could be your referee for your next job application. Remember to always ask the person if they are happy to be your reference, but if this is the only professional experience you have on your resume this could make a huge difference during the interview process.

This list doesn't even consider the broader benefits to volunteering...

These are just some of the benefits of volunteering for your job search. This isn't even close to a comprehensive list of the full benefits, in particular the wider social aspects of volunteering and its impact on society. We just hope it's given you enough inspiration to get started and to find somewhere where you can volunteer and share your knowledge and skills.

If you're interested in other article on how to get a job, you can follow this link: <https://blog.careerhq.com.au/tag/getting-a-job/>

Mrs Bower and Mrs Key





Service of Remembrance

for families whose children have died or are missing

Tuesday 3 December 7:30pm

St Matthews Anglican Church
cnr New Line and Castle Hill Roads, West Pennant Hills

www.stmatts.org.au/events/remember

This service, open to families (and friends) who've lost a child (of any age), seeks to ease that pain a little by offering a means of acknowledging and remembering a deeply loved and missed family member.

During the service those present are invited to place a flower at the front of the church, in memory of the child who has died, or is missing. If you'd like to bring your own flower, please do. Flowers will also be available.

With a brief message from Rev. Allen Cook

Carols by Candlelight

Friday
20 December 2019

5.30-7.30pm Family Festival
7.45pm Carols by Candlelight

West Pennant Hills Public School Oval
cnr of Church Street and Cardinal Avenue

Bring the family and join the festive activities!
Jumping castle, carnival games, food and drink stalls,
glow sticks, coffee cart, live camels, and heaps more!

For additional information please call 9479 3700

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CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 8B

Monday 2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Studies Canberra Excursion • HSC Assessment Task - Mathematics Extension 1 • Market Day • HSC Assessment Task - Ancient History • Year 10 Writers in Residence
Tuesday 3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Standard English • Aboriginal Studies Canberra Excursion • Presentation Night Rehearsal Pds 5,6 • No Year 11/12 Assessment Tasks P0-4 • Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day • Year 10 Writers in Residence
Wednesday 4 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Standard English • Aboriginal Studies Canberra Excursion • Year 11/12 Geography Excursion • CPS Workshop - Big Band • STEM Excursion • Year 10 Writers in Residence • HSC Japanese Continuers Task 1
Thursday 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Standard English • HSC Assessment Task - Advanced English • Making History Incursion • Year 10 Writers in Residence
Friday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Standard English • HSC Assessment Task - Advanced English • HSC Assessment Task - Software Design • High Performance Cricket Incursion • HSC Assessment Task - Japanese Continuers cont. • Year 10 Writers in Residence