

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony

One of the most prestigious events on the Cherrybrook Technology High School calendar is the High Achievers' Presentation Ceremony, which celebrates the HSC achievements of the previous year's Year 12 cohort. In his speech, Mr Johnson updated us on our HSC results, highlighting the outstanding achievements and consistent long term growth in CTHS's results over time. Congratulations to all students on their excellent results. As a school, we are proud of your efforts and celebrate your success with you.

Elizabeth Fuller, Alumni member from the 2013 cohort, gave a wonderful keynote address to the assembly speaking to our Year 12 graduates from 2019 and assembled guests and family members. She spoke of four things which would help them move forward in their careers and life in general. These were:

1. Maintain a curiosity and love for learning in whatever you do. Employers love to see staff who are keen to continue a path of learning.
2. Ask to be involved in opportunities which present themselves at work and which may interest you. Lizzie is a strong believer in a growth mindset approach and being open to opportunities. Rather than being worried about change, embrace it and take the leap of faith and enjoy the benefits which come from it.
3. Surround yourself with people who bring out the best in you. Lizzie spoke passionately about the people she had met through her overseas exchanges at the University of Cambridge and University of Peking and the positive role they now play in her life on so many levels.
4. 'Comparison is the thief of joy.' With so many people using social media these days it's easy to fall into the trap of comparing your life with those of others based on social media posts. It is important to be mindful, the posts you see are probably highlights from people during good times. These are not a true reflection of the ebb and flow of life. Live your life the way you want to and not by comparing yourself to others.

Four salient tips which would be useful to all in life in general. Pleasingly I had a number of students, staff and parents who spoke glowingly of Lizzie's wonderful speech after the event. We thank Lizzie for her involvement in the Ceremony. It was great to see her back and we look forward to engaging with her further in the future on some programs to attract more women into the technology field of work.

### Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder, Tuesday 25 February will be the first of our Parent/Teacher Interviews for 2020, with Year 12 parents having the opportunity to meet their child's teachers from 4pm-7pm in the MPC, to discuss their progress thus far. Year 12 students are also encouraged to attend to learn some strategies they need to implement on their HSC journey. Bookings for the night can be made on the Parent Portal. The booking window will open Saturday 15 February from 9am and close Sunday 23 February at 5pm.

### P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting was also held on Tuesday night, with Mr Johnson giving a presentation on the 2019 HSC results, which was warmly received by all in attendance. The next P&C Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. This will be held on Tuesday 10 March in the staff common room at 7.30pm. We encourage all parents to become involved in this wonderful body, which supports the staff and students in so many ways. Put the date in your diary! Guest speakers for the next meeting will be our Stage 4, 5 and 6 Head Teachers who will be speaking about their role and initiatives they oversee. The P&C Meeting minutes are available on the CTHS website <https://cths.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-citizens-association/>.

### Charlie Tchetchenian meets Michael Buble in concert!

On a bright note and a definite claim to fame, one of our own students, Charlie Tchetchenian (Year 11), was lucky enough to not only meet Michael Buble at his recent concert in Sydney, but had the opportunity to sing with him as well! Charlie sang at our end of year Graduation Ceremony in 2019 and the High Achievers Presentation Ceremony on Friday, accompanied by the CTHS Big Band. Charlie indicated it was a real thrill meeting and singing with Michael Buble and, judging by his performance, we believe he's got a great future ahead of him! If you want to catch the performance you can do so via the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3si9C6uvTK>.



### Achieving Together

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### School Photos

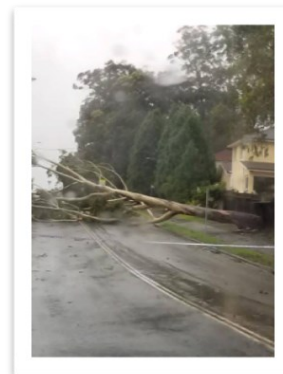
School photos took place for the entire school on Monday with a catch-up day on Wednesday. It was obvious students went to great efforts to ensure they looked their best for the day. School photo day ran extremely smoothly as a result of Mr Pathuis' and Mrs Kaur's fine organisational skills and we thank them for their efforts.

### Year 7 Swimming Carnival

Year 7 students and Year 12 Sports Executives were lucky to enjoy a great day for their Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Aquatic Centre on Friday. This Carnival was well attended, with many students participating in a range of events. It was great to see the enjoyment of all students as they competed in their first high school Carnival for 2020. A big thank you goes to the Year 12 Sports Executives, who encouraged Year 7 students on the day, as well as the PE staff for their organisation of the event.

### Storm Damage

Many families in the local area wore the brunt of the wet and windy weather last weekend, which resulted in a number of areas without power for an extended period of time. The school was not immune from damage either with a number of our trees suffering major limb damage, requiring immediate attention to make safe, with some, unfortunately, requiring removal. Within the vicinity of the school we had a major tree come down blocking Purchase Road and bringing down power lines which led to traffic lights at the busy intersection of Purchase and New Line Roads being non-operational for almost the entire week. A big thank you to a number of staff including, Mr Fisher, Mr Townsend and Ms Donoghue, who took it upon themselves to run point duty, in the absence of Police, down at this busy intersection ensuring the safety of our students who needed to cross the road to get home.



I received a phone call late Thursday afternoon with good news from our Local Area Command at Eastwood. After many phone calls from a whole range of people and with much pressure applied to local members of State Government, the Education Department and the Police Department, common sense has prevailed. A generator was installed at the intersection to ensure the traffic lights were working on Friday. We hope the power lines will be repaired soon and things return to normal. Thank you to all of our concerned parents who may have played a role in expressing their dismay at the situation and brought pressure to bear for a suitable solution to this problem.

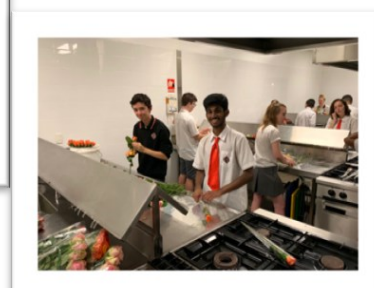
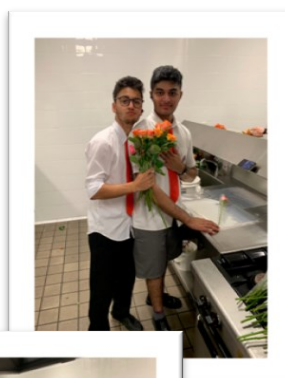
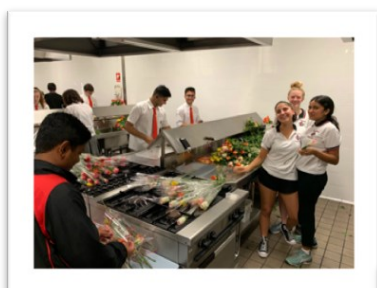
### Year 7 Camp

A reminder to parents the Year 7 Camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen, is fast approaching. Students will be leaving on Wednesday 19 February and returning Friday 21 February. Activities at the camp seek to test comfort zones, develop teamwork, build leadership and develop friendships along the way. The camp also provides an excellent opportunity for students to get to know other students, staff and their Peer Support Leaders.

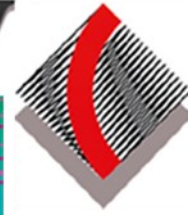
### Valentine's Day

A Happy Valentine's Day for many was spent on Friday, as they received roses at school. Our SRC worked tirelessly this week to sell, organise and wrap many, many roses to make this the special day it is. Money raised will be donated to the Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. A big thank you must go to Mrs Fletcher, Ms Johnson and the entire SRC team for their incredible efforts this week.

Mr Clements



# CTHS Library



Hopefully you appreciate the great value of reading and enjoy reading many different books in whichever form you like most. Two warnings before you proceed:

Lemony Snickett: "All the secrets of the world are contained in books. Read at your own risk."  
Anonymous: "Reading can seriously damage ignorance."

With this in mind, you should nevertheless fearlessly continue reading for that inexplicable thrill it offers. The library is running a Book Bingo Reading Challenge.

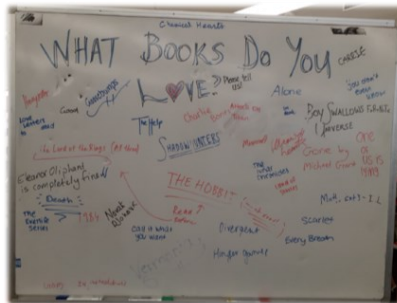
Here is the information from <https://www.instagram.com/cherrybrooktechslibrary/>

"Intrigued by the contents of a good book? CTHS library is hosting Book Bingo; read a book from each of the categories, write a review on *Oliver* and go into the draw to win a prize. Entries close Friday 18 September. The winner will be drawn and notified the following Monday."

Come and see us at the circulation desk in the library to pick up an entry form.

Year 7s have been eagerly visiting our library and enthusiastically borrowing. That is wonderful and we hope this habit is nourished and thrives. The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge starts in March, but readings since last year's close can be counted. Friday 14 February is here, as is Library Lovers Day/Month (although this is actually a permanent event). We have an alternative Valentine's Day display and our whiteboard is waiting for your declaration of love to a memorable, wonderful, challenging, unforgettable or beautifully frustrating read or author. Be brave and add your title to the board; bring fame to the book/author!

Ms Halder and Ms Sorenson



## Canteen News

NSW Healthy Schools - We are officially operating as a Healthy School Canteen.

Flexi Schools - You are able to pre order and pay online your child's lunch by simply downloading the Flexi School's App and following the simple instructions.

Please note the cut off time is 9.30am. No orders will be made after that time.

Please can you ensure that your child's current school year is updated on Flexi.

EFTPOS - You can now pay for food with EFTPOS at the Canteen. Minimum spend \$4.

Volunteers - We are always looking for new volunteers to help out in the Canteen. Please call the school on 9484 2144 and asked to be put through to the canteen.

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Patterson

# Careers Update

## University Visiting Speakers - Wednesday Lunchtimes

To enable senior students to make informed decisions regarding their university courses and preferences, the careers staff organise visiting speakers from universities and other tertiary institutions throughout the year. Encounter Careers runs on Wednesday lunchtimes in C2.1. Bring your lunch and your friends to hear what the latest is, from each university. The schedule of speakers is advertised in the Daily News, via student email and posted in the Year 12 study room, library and sign on.

## Your Questions Answered

To assist you in navigating post school pathways, CTHS has subscriptions to the following websites available for both parents and students to access. These websites provide the most up-to-date information regarding universities, scholarships, work experience, apprenticeships, career pathways etc. You can access them as follows:

Cthscareers.com	Students can use their school email and password to access student secure area
<a href="https://studyworkgrow.com.au/school/cherrybrook-technology-high-school/">https://studyworkgrow.com.au/school/cherrybrook-technology-high-school/</a>	When prompted password is CHERRY19
Jobjump.com.au	Register by clicking 'I'm New'. When prompted enter Cherrybrook Technology High School and password is fox

## Morrisby Career Profiling

On Wednesday 4 March students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are able to participate in the comprehensive career assessment, 'The Morrisby Report'. The intention is to provide an objective assessment of your son/daughter's strengths (to be viewed alongside their attainment at school). The results could prove helpful in understanding the direction of your son/daughter's talents and in making subject, course and eventually, career decisions. Further information and permission note can be found here.

The 2020 Morrisby permission note is now available on the CTHS website via the following link:  
<https://cths.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/careers/>

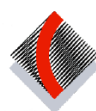
## Women In Science Symposium - Friday 6 March

The symposium's aim is to encourage girls in Year 10 and 11 to 'look beyond the lab coats' and see the many varied possibilities available for careers in Science and STEM. Girls who are interested in attending this free excursion at the Australian Maritime Museum on Friday 6 March, please register your interest at the Careers Staffroom in the library.

## CTHS Careers Advisers

Currently the Careers staff at CTHS consists of Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Key and Mrs van der Merwe. These staff members are available to students and parents for career advice and post school pathway planning. Please phone the school to contact them. Students can visit the careers staffroom in the library at any time to talk with the careers staff.

Mrs Key, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs van der Merwe



**Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**Tuesday 25 February 2020**  
**4pm - 7pm**  
**MPC**

Bookings can be made via the CTHS Parent Portal  
<https://web1.cherrybrook-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>  
from 9am, Saturday 15 February until 5pm, Sunday 23 February 2020.

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### The Galston Concerts 2020 series ..... to start Sunday 22 March



Happy New (Musical) Year to friends of our concerts in Galston.

A year perhaps needing a little extra happiness, so we've planned five very enjoyable programs. We hope that you will be able to join us for all (or at least some) concerts ... and we ask the added favour please, of your telling your friends about the pleasures of our Sunday afternoon musicales - and afternoon teas!

While greater detail is available on our [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) website listing (search Galston) and from our series brochure (please advise us if you'd like an emailed copy) we hope that you'll be tempted by these musical highlights .....

- our customary balance of easy-listening 'Classical and Contrasts' styles;
- music by great composers across the ages, around the world;
- a spectrum of sounds: instrumental/keyboard/vocal plus a hint of jazz & folk;
- Beethoven cameos in each program to celebrate his 250<sup>th</sup> birthday year;
- a new feature of pre-concert preludes with our historic pipe organ

and other benefits .....

- leading Australian professional performers of international attainment;
- cameos by their talented student proteges & other young performers;
- relaxed conversational presentation style;
- no change to series and single concert ticket costs (still at 2016 prices);
- inclusive of a delicious post-concert meet-the-performers afternoon tea.

**Three's Company** starts our series on **22 March** with soprano, clarinet & piano plus cameo strings; **Cellissimo** offers a cello feast plus piano and organ on **24 May**; a **World of Music** on **26 July** includes harp, piano, and Latin American flair; **Beethoven & The Blue Danube** take centre stage **20 September**; the series finale includes rising stars in an **International Gala** on **22 November**.

More details in future newsletters. Until then please join us - and spread the word to friends to help our audience grow in another successful year of concerts.

The Galston Concerts team ...

*Elizabeth Garlick, Robert Harris, Dorit Herskovits, Kathleen Michael, Geoff Smith*

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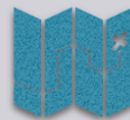
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Girls Come Play Football/Soccer


- With the success of our National Female Football Team “The Matildas” and Sam Kerr becoming a household name after being named the Young Australian of the Year.
- Plus the added incentive of the Government’s Active Kids Rebate Scheme, which means every school aged child from 4.5 -18 years can receive \$100 off their chosen sports registration fees, it’s perfect time for girls to enrol in football.
- Our club has teams from Under 6 to Under 18.
- All girls’ games are played on Sundays.

If you would like to find a team and play football, become more active, make new friends and have fun, please call Connie Wheeler on 0427560497 or email

WPHFCWomens@outlook

Better still, go to <https://wphcfc.com.au/season-info/registration/>

We have mum’s teams too!! Plus all abilities teams.

**PROCEDURES FOR SICK STUDENTS**

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 1 Week 4A**

Monday 17 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 Drama Incursion</li> <li>• Term 1 Barista Training (Year 10)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P&amp;C Budget Meeting</li> <li>• Opens Boys' Basketball Knockout</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> </ul>
Friday 21 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - IPT</li> <li>• HSC Assessment Task - Mathematics Standard 2 AT1</li> </ul>