

Chatswood High School

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE - ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Term 3

12 September 2017

Wk 10

Mon 18 – Wed 20 September	Senior Concert Band South Coast
Monday 18 Sept	Year 9 & 10 Tell Them From Me survey
Tuesday 19 September	Year 12 Fun Day Year 11 Music 1 assessment Year 9 Masterchef Cookoff Tell Them from Me survey
Wednesday 20 September	Year 12 Graduation assembly & Wheelchair Push
Thursday 21 September	Year 12 Graduation evening 6.30 – 8.30pm
Friday 22 September	Last day Term 3

Term 4

Wk 1

Monday 9 October	All return
Mon 9 – Friday 13 October	Music Tour Mudgee
Tuesday 10 October	Year 12 SDD assessment Major work
Wednesday 11 October	Year 10 in class test Assessment Commerce Year 8 Science in class task assessment
Thursday 12 October	P&C Meeting 7.30pm NOTE CHANGE OF DAY Year 8 Science in class task assessment
Friday 13 October	Year 8 Maths assessment (all classes) Year 8 Science in class task assessment

Wk 2

Monday 16 October	HSC begins
Wednesday 18 October	Meet the Music 2 Concert 6.15pm

Wk 3

Monday 23 October	Year 10 Electronics in class assessment
Wednesday 25 October	Year 10 Maths assessment (all classes) Chatzfest Film Festival 6-8.30pm

Wk 4

Monday 30 October	Year 12 2018 Photo Day Year 7 Science in class task assessment
Tues 31 Oct – Fri 3 Nov	Year 10 Photographic exhibition
Tuesday 31 October	Year 9 Maths assessment (all classes)
Thursday 2 November	Meet the Music One concert 6.15pm

The Next P&C Meeting is Thursday 12 October, 2017 @ 7.30pm in the IEC Common Room. NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

Our students become well-rounded, confident and compassionate young adults.

As we approach the end of term I am able to reflect on what has been another vibrant and exciting term. Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC examinations and are preparing to finish the high school component of their life as learners. This brings with it a range of emotions for the students that will come into sharp relief when they participate in a range of activities next week that mark their transition out of the school. I would like to thank all of the students for the role they have played in creating a harmonious and collegial student body.

Parents are active participants resulting in a true partnership between the school and family

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the parent body who initiated, organised and ran the recent trivia night. The core goal of this event was to build community and I think the 160 people who attended would agree that it was a great success.

Our staff are continuously updating their skills to ensure that Chatswood High School remains at the forefront of teaching and learning

The staff have been participating in after school professional learning throughout the year and the most recent event was held on Tuesday 12th September. We have been focusing on NAPLAN and in particular the writing component of NAPLAN. The aim of the professional learning was to identify the areas that we can assist students with across all Key Learning Areas. I would like to thank the staff for embracing this initiative

and adopting some ongoing modifications to their teaching and learning programs.

Our NAPLAN results for this year have indicated that the programs we have put in place have had an impact and we would like to continue this positive trend.

We have been running NAPLAN School Readiness Tests this week to ensure that our infrastructure and organisation is ready for NAPLAN online which will start next year. The recent tests are not marked or reported on and are used to fine tune our internal systems.

This morning I undertook a spot check of uniform for across Year 8 with Ms Maggio as the first step in addressing what I have observed as a slippage in the standard of uniform. The majority of issues that we identified related to footwear. If your son or daughter does not have plain black leather shoes ensure that they have them for the beginning of Term 4. If you are buying shoes please choose ones that will not allow liquid to soak through the body or tongue of the shoe. For the full summer uniform please see the school's website or the Chatswood High School P&C website. My expectation is that every student will be in full school uniform every day of the week. If there is an unavoidable problem that cannot be rectified our procedures require students to bring a signed note to the Deputy Principal responsible for their year when they arrive in the morning. The Deputy Principal will discuss the uniform issue with the student and issue a uniform pass. If any parent or carer is having difficulty purchasing the uniform due to financial hardship please contact the school and ask to speak confidentially to the principal.

Recently we have been experiencing very slow data traffic across our network. In an effort to track down the issue it was suggested that we turn off the 2.4 GHz option on our Wireless Access Points. Last week we turned off the 2.4 GHz option to enable some modelling of the impact of this change. The improvement in data speed across our entire network was immediately noticeable. At the recent P&C meeting I raised this issue and sought feedback on the timing of a permanent change to our wireless infrastructure. Approximately 5% of the student population who bring a BYOD device to school will be impacted by this change. I have requested the IT department to maintain the 2.4GHz option until the end of the year to enable families to prepare for the change. Starting from the first day of school in 2018 the school will no longer support devices that only use the 2.4 GHz standard for wireless data transfer. The simplest option to convert existing devices is to purchase a 5 GHz wireless dongle.

The introduction of new courses in Mathematics, English, Science and History for Year 11, 2018 will require the purchase of new textbooks and resource material in a number of courses. We will endeavour to continue our policy of providing either a hard copy or digital copy of a textbook in all courses that are changing. In some cases the textbooks have not been completed and therefore the staff are unable to make a decision on which textbook would be appropriate. If this is the case we will be purchasing multiple class sets and allowing students to have access to them as needed until a final decision has been made. Some families in the past have requested a list of textbooks that they could purchase to support students while they are studying at home. We will continue this practice when providing information to parents.

The school continues to have maintenance carried out on a regular basis with the next round starting this coming weekend. The roof on blocks E and F will be replaced to prevent the ongoing water damage that is currently evident. This will require students who normally have timetabled classes on the top floor of these blocks to move classes. The work will be completed by the end of the first week of Term 4 at the latest.

David Osland Principal

Year 12 Charity Walk 2017

On Wednesday 20 September 2017 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, our Year 12 students will be participating in their traditional 'Charity Walk to Royal North Shore Hospital'. This fundraiser will raise money for The Paediatric Unit at the Royal North Shore Hospital and the Kolling Foundation.

If you would like to donate towards a great cause, that would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. You can donate by contributing to the collection buckets on the day of the event or, alternatively <https://royalnorthshore.everydayhero.com.au/chatswood-highschool-year-12-muck-up-day-charity-walk-2017>

Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Year 12 final week

Monday 18 September Normal lessons and school uniform
Tuesday 19 September School, activities – appropriate casual clothing
Wednesday 20 September Morning assemblies, wheelchair push
Thursday 21 September Revision lessons during the day. Graduation 6.30pm in school hall – all parents and caregivers are welcome at our graduation ceremony. Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Our P&C: Term 3 Highlights

Our school is at the heart of the community and values open and cooperative relationships with parents.

We've had an exciting term 3 with several key outcomes delivered to our school & community. Here are the highlights:



- **Trivia Night Success** The P&C hosted a trivia night on Saturday, September 2. This was our premier social event for the year and we were thrilled when the event SOLD OUT with over 180 people attending.
- Everyone had fun - with students, parents and teachers all enjoying the paper plane, nearest to the pin and putt-putt golf competitions.
- A senior jazz ensemble set the vibe early. And it was great to see yr 11 prefects (who came 3rd place overall) support the night as well as 2 tables of teachers representing the high school and IEC (overall runners up). The victorious parent table were rewarded with chocolates, chocolates and more chocolates.
- Whilst it wasn't originally designed to be a fund raiser, when some local businesses generously provided prizes we decided to raise funds via extra voluntary games and to donate any profits to the band US 2018 tour.
- Local businesses & parents who generously donated prizes were:
 - o Forestry Tools
 - o Imagine Creative Learning
 - o Birdwood Cafe (Lane Cove)
 - o The Italian pizza restaurant (Willoughby)
 - o GPK pizza (Chatswood)
 - o Nespresso (Chatswood)
 - o Radiance and Toni & Guy hairdressing salons
 - o Fitness First (platinum) gym
 - o Crunch Gym- Chatswood.

A night like this doesn't happen without help behind the scenes. **Special thanks** to our wonderful parents - especially Wendy Claxton who organised our Trivia host Michael (from InnQUIZitive Quiz) & some prizes; Alex Hudson for coordinating band raffle, cake and drink stand, Andrew Stergio for providing acoustic guitar music between question rounds; Julie Farquar and Carol Stables for managing Trybooking and money matters and Andrew Stergio for performing on his acoustic guitar during breaks **Also a big thank you** to: Jeremy Cardew (Yr. 10 student) who capably managed all the audio-visual technical operations on the night; Peter Meyer (CHS school GA) and Sue Ward & CAPA students for helping set up the hall and Clare Morcombe from the Office for her help in advertising the event.

Thanks to David Osland & Evelyn Manson from the School leadership team, all the Chatswood High School & Intensive English Centre teachers and everyone who came and supported the event. *It was a fun community night.* ☺

• **New Landscaping and seating in Quadrangle**

I'm sure you've seen the new landscaping and bench seating in the lower quadrangle in front of the Learning Space that was installed in July. The project was organised and managed by Nigel Justins and George Dragoi from the P&C, with support from Deputy Principal Mr Milenkovic. Funding for the \$60,000 project was jointly shared between the CHS P&C and a NSW State Government grant. The P&C is now funding some extra bench seating to be erected in coming weeks.



• **Chatswood RSL funds P&C and The High Resolves program.**

The Chatswood RSL continues to be a generous supporter of CHS. Last month it provided the CHS P&C with a cheque for \$17,000, via the NSW ClubGRANTS program. This money will be used to help fund student leadership initiatives programs such as the High Resolves Program for CHS students in junior and middle years. The P&C would like to sincerely thank Chatswood RSL for this ongoing support of our local community.



Chatswood High School P&C representatives Sarah Boyd and Carol Stables gratefully receiving the cheque from the Chatswood RSL President, P. Barry M Fisher (CHS old boy), along with Willoughby Mayor Ms Giles- Gidney on 30 August.

• **MacqLit Literacy Program funding**

The P&C is funding a new Macquarie University Literacy program aimed to support selected year 7 & 8 students lift their core literacy skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

The \$5000 will provide for a 2 day professional development workshop, two literacy kits and one additional teacher training. Thanks to Nicola Hoffman (Literacy coordinator) for bringing this proposal to the attention of the P&C.

- Many thanks for your ongoing support.
- **Your suggestions for 2018 welcomed**

We'd love to hear if you have any suggestions for new P&C initiatives.

Please contact our Secretary (secretary@chspandc.org.au) if you have any ideas - we're starting to plan for 2018!

Lynn Donohue P&C

Uniform Shop

New Year 7 Students – 2018

We encourage parents with children coming into our school next year, to come and buy the CHS uniform **before** Orientation Day.

If you would like to avoid the queues, please book an appointment for a school uniform fitting using the following link: <https://signup.zone/fitting-newstudent-2018>

The fitting will take place at the CHS Uniform shop in Room 25.

Year 9 Students

Year 9 students will move to senior school next year and will be required to wear the CHS Senior Uniform. The CHS Uniform Shop will have the Senior Uniform for sale in **October, 2017**.

We encourage all year 9 students returning to CHS in 2018, to purchase their uniform **during this month**. This will be the final month second hand uniforms are available for sale until February 2018.

CHS Uniform Shop has an appointment booking system for fitting the Senior Uniform.

Please use the following link to book a fitting appointment for your student: <https://signup.zone/fitting-year10-2018>

The fitting will take place at the CHS Uniform shop in Room 25.

Senior Boys Uniform	Senior Girl's Uniform
Senior Boys Shirt	Senior Girls' Blouse
Senior Knitwear (terracotta colour)	Senior Girls' Skirt
Senior Tie (optional)	Senior Knitwear (terracotta colour)

The boys' shorts and trousers, girls' navy trousers and the PE Uniform remain the same for junior and senior school. Senior Blazers (optional) are available on specified dates during the year in 2018.

Uniforms can be ordered online at <http://www.chspandc.org.au/sub-committees/uniform-shop>.

Measure your child at home and select the appropriate size using the online measurement charts.

Pick up is at the school office or at the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Students needing special sizing in CHS uniform for example: extra small garments (size 8 and below) or extra-large garments (size 20 and above). Please come in early to place your order.

Thank you,

Uniform Shop Committee

The wealth and diversity of learning opportunities at Chatswood High School allows students to enrich their learning and exceed their expectations

Robotics Club 2017

On Tuesday 22 August, the robotics club five Year 7 boys and Mr Bugden went to UNSW to participate in the Robocup Junior competition. The boys really enjoyed the day, having the opportunity to learn and develop their programming skills. One of the students James Walker (7C), explains what they have been doing in robotics club this semester.



This semester in Robotics Club we have built and programmed robots to compete in competitions (including Regionals, State and National) by following a winding black line on a series of tiles to a designated rescue area. On the way the robot could encounter obstacles, bridges and water towers that would challenge the most intrepid programmer. After negotiating the randomly selected path, the robot arrives at a green coloured area which indicates a chemical spill. While the clock is still ticking the robot must find "the victim" before pushing them out of the danger. We have had lots of fun this year in Robotics club competing at St Pius X College and UNSW.

James Walker Year 7
Mark Bugden Maths/Science

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award

Twelve Year 10 students from Chatswood High School attended a 6-day all-in-one Silver Duke of Edinburgh Hike in the Colo River region recently. The students spent chilly evenings and long days setting tents, carrying packs, cooking, navigating, river crossing, paddling and cleaning their own dishes as they experienced the adventure of hiking a significant distance. This Adventurous Journey completed the Hike component of the Silver Award.



The participants are continuing to complete Community Service, Physical Recreation and Skill hours for the Silver Award. This confident and capable group of students will finish early next year before they progress to Gold.

Bronze students are reminded that Qualifying Hike bookings are now Open through Somerset and should be completed on-line before the end of term 3 for the expedition 4-5 November.

Current Year 8 students will have the opportunity later this year to hear all about starting the Bronze Award in 2018.

For more information contact the Chatswood High School Award Leader, Vicki Busse on 0421 979 613 or via email vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au

Vicki Busse
Teacher, Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader and Project Officer
Northern Beaches Secondary College & Chatswood High School

Chinese noodle making



On Friday 25 August, two Year 9 Chinese classes and one Year 10 Chinese class made fried noodles in an incursion. Students worked in groups, each member allocated a certain role, whether chopping vegetables, making sauce or cooking noodles.

It was great fun cooking, cleaning up and sharing food with peers. Besides, students also gained a better understanding of the essence of Chinese cooking, namely, the use of wok and control of heat. Overall, it was both an entertaining and educational experience.



Forrest Liao Chinese Language Assistant

Australian Music Day Composition Workshop

On Friday 28 July our year 11 Music 2 class went to MLC School for an Australian Music Day Composition Workshop. The day consisted of 3 sessions. The first session run by Tristan Coelho, head of composition at MLC, and was focused on the idea of 'glitch': the concept that we can purposefully use sounds and musical ideas from when something goes wrong, for example when a scratched CD jumps abruptly. His piece "Short Circuits" was performed by a professional trio of tenor saxophone, alto flute and vibraphone. The workshop was a lot of fun as we were able to compose outside the normal musical conventions and create some really interesting pieces that went to musical extremes. A highlight was when in groups we rearranged the iconic Beethoven Symphony no.5 by chopping up the music into its individual bars and playing them in a different order. The three piece then played each groups piece. The second session was run by Alice Chance, a vocal composer. The Luminescence Chamber Singers, an 8 piece A Capella group, performed her piece "Infernal Women" about the discrimination women faced during times of witch burning. She first analysed her own piece for us with particular emphasis on showing us how to use harmony and rhythm to support the text you use. We then got to compose our own short vocal pieces to be performed by Luminescence, Alice encouraging us to 'not open Sibelius too soon', that is, to make sure we flesh out ideas first before putting them into notating software, ideas aren't lost while trying to put them into software. I have definitely taken this advice and many of the other pearls of wisdom she gave us and found it's really helped with my own compositions. It was a great excursion and a big thank you to Miss Sexton for taking us.

Sofia Stergio Year 11

2x3 concert

Our term three '2 x 3' concert was held on August 25th and featured students from years 10 -12. We heard six fantastic songs from 'La La Band', 'MITIS' and 'Small Im'.



Our final lunchtime concert will be on Monday 13th November. The 'Best of 2 x 3' concert is on Wednesday 29th November, commencing at 7:30 pm and should be a great night.

Briona Gill Music

Tell Them From Me – parent survey

There is a parent/ caregiver survey and up to now only 69 people have responded from a possible over 600.

We ask for as many parent/caregivers to respond to the Tell them form Survey to give some feedback about our school and the community relationships and values.

Den Milenkovic Deputy Principal

The parents of the Wind Orchestra and Strings students touring the USA in April 2018 are holding a wine fundraiser with Brokenwood Wines.

If you would like to participate, go

to <http://www.brokenwood.com.au/fundraisers> and use the code "BAND TOUR" to order your wine. You receive a 30% discount, free shipping to your home and the band will benefit with every case purchased.

The Australian Mathematics Competition

This year we had 235 students participate in The Australian Mathematics Competition. Big congratulations to all of our students who participated. They have achieved outstanding results this year! 112 students received a Credit, 47 received a Distinction and 6 students received a High Distinction award. On top of this, Fredy Ye from Year 7 and Leon Shinkai from Year 10 received a Prize! Fredy Ye also received a perfect score, a fantastic achievement for him and our school!

Prize Recipients:		
Year 7	Fredy Ye (Perfect score!)	
Year 10	Leon Shinkai	
High Distinction Recipients:		
Year 7	Jayden Liu & Lilian Lin	
Year 8	Airi Sugahara	
Year 9	Julain Tyl & Dean Milne	
Year 11	Mrinaank Sinha	
Distinction Recipients		
Year 7	John Hur Henry Chen Zachary Duncan En Su Ria Kapoor Sakurako Suzuki Jaslyn Willoughby Joel Brookes	Jack Miao Raphael Yeh Danny Liu Krishneel Rao Kyna Das Christopher Hwu Seong Juny Park Mia Manji
Year 8	Jackson Mitchell-Bolton Ethan Wong Leo Le Kyle Lu Minette Zheng Elina Mamytova Nandini Rajpurohit Olexandr Kurakin	Antoine Simeon James Zheng Sunny Chick Francis Fabela Prajusha Mukhopadhaya Tahlia Lunau Samuel Wallbank Georgia Widjaja
Year 9	Justin Lee Jeffery Lee Georgia Knight Joon Lee Grace Zhao	Daniel Johnson Kenneth Lin Pranav Patki Kevin Chang
Year 10	Maya Pararajasingham William Wang	Jennifer Lee Phillip Tzioumis Evan Joo
Year 11	Lawrence Liu	

Xin Gao HT Maths (relieving)

Taiyo Harada year 10 was a competitor in the 2017 Tennis World Canberra Capital Open in Canberra last week. Taiyo won the Mens' Doubles. Congratulations

C4 Masterclass Excursion

On August 8, 6 students in the school Christian group (C4) attended a seminar called MASTERCLASS run by the Bible Society. Speakers Dan Paterson, John Dickson, and Natasha Moore spoke to us about being a Christian as a teenager and questions that we may face. The final, and my (Georgia's) favourite, speaker was Natasha Moore, explaining the concept, 'Freedom of Speech.' When someone disagrees, listen and be open to their opinion. Even if you are certain that you are correct, listen to the other side. If you do not, how will you fully understand your own side? How can you hate someone if you do not even know them? This was my favourite talk as it applied to daily life, whether you are having an argument or just trying to prove a point.

"Are we better off without Christianity?" was the question posed by John Dickson during the second talk. He held nothing back as he detailed some of Christianity's chequered history. Yet, he said, while many beautiful compositions have been performed terribly, those performances do not make the composition terrible. The same is true for Christians (the deficient performers) and Christianity (the beautiful composition). This was a stirring challenge for us as Christians to live our lives in accord with the 'beautiful composition'.

Georgia Widjaja (Year 8) and Mr Matt Pettett (RE)

Benjamin de Vries Year 11

Benjamin has been a very motivated and committed Air Force Cadet since he joined in year 7.

During the July school holidays, Benjamin did a 2 week promotion course in Wagga RAAF base, for the rank of Cadet Warrant Officer (CWOFF). The rank of CWOFF is the highest non-commissioned officer rank for a Cadet. Out of 7,000 Air Force Cadets in NSW, only 27 were accepted for the course that takes place only once a year. The failure rate for completing the course is usually around 40%. Benjamin successfully completed the course with a commendation of Credit. Benjamin is now in charge of the welfare and discipline of the 120 Cadets in his Squadron.

On July 14, the day after he completed the promotion course, he flew to Holland with 12 other Air Force Cadets from the 3 Wing (NSW) and 7 staff. They were taking part in the annual International Nijmegen 4 Days Marches. This is the biggest marching event in the world, also attended by civilians in great numbers (this year they were about 40,000): 5,500 military from 34 countries were about to face a huge challenge: 40 km per day, for 4 days straight, in full uniform... They had trained for that challenge since January. They completed 166 km in those 4 days. The small contingent made Australia proud! Benjamin now has the Cross for the Four Day Marches, a Dutch decoration awarded since 1910 to all participants who successfully complete all four days, both military and civilian. A decoration that less than 40 members in the entire Australian Defence Force have.

On the last day Benjamin was officially promoted to the rank of CWOFF by the 3 Wing Commanding Officer (Commander of the NSW division of the AAFC), in a unique ceremony: a promotion outside of Australia on a AAFC activity. He is the first cadet to be field-promoted overseas in the entire history of the Australian Air Force Cadets.

Benjamin has reached his goal of getting promoted CWOFF and doing the march. A great result for a lot of very hard work.

The official flag ceremony, on the day preceding the first March. Two Australian Air Force Cadets are third on the left, about to raise the flag.



Hélène de Vries

Ski Trip 2017

The annual PDHPE ski trip saw 32 students from year 9 and 10 head to Perisher resort from 22 - 25 August. Departing on Tuesday night, the group made the overnight journey to Berridale where they were greeted with a warm breakfast and a range of ski and snowboard equipment, which they would be putting to good use later that day.



Each day began with a two hour lesson with the expert instructors from Perisher who showed our beginners the ins and outs of skiing.



As our beginner groups spent time mastering turns and stopping down the slopes of Smiggins, our experiences skiers and snowboarders were treated to adventures over at Blue Cow and even shared runs with the Japanese and American ski teams.



By the final day, all 32 students (and teachers) could be seen skiing together over at Perisher with smiles on their faces and sharing a few laughs as one another had a small tumble. As the group made their way back to Sydney, the students could be heard sharing stories of their favourite runs at Perisher and expectations of returning next year to do it all again. There is no doubt that all were treated to soft powdery snow and pearly blue skies on their three days on the slopes. A big thanks must go to Mrs Manson and Mr Gulpers for giving up their time to accompany the group for the three days.

Sean Abernethy PDHPE

Forget the about the Bledisloe Cup, Chatswood High involved in their own Trans-Tasman clash!!

In the midst of some rough results for Australian sporting teams in the last month the students at Chatswood High School were not deterred when they were chosen to play an exhibition game against Albany Junior High School from Auckland NZ on Wednesday September 6. Students in Years 7 and 8 were selected to play a series of Netball and Football games against very skilled and (significantly) taller students from Albany.



Although all three teams went down in tightly fought contests that optimised the trans-Tasman rivalry the experience and excitement of playing on Chatswood High School's new sporting fields and courts was clearly evident on the faces of all students.

It was fantastic to see not only students from all years giving up their time after school to support their peers but also a number of teachers who were cheering from the sidelines. A special mention to Ms Wagner, Mr Gulpers, Ms Galante and Mr Dowdall for offering their expertise in coaching the teams.

Sporting Success at State Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival

Two of our students recently participated in the State combined High Schools Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. **Bella Rodgers** (Year 9) came 1st in Javelin, 2nd in Discus, 3rd in Shot Put and 8th in Long Jump. Bella even managed to break the record in Javelin and Discus. **Cormac Morrison** (Year 7) came 4th in Long Jump, 6th in the 200m's and 7th in the 100m. On behalf of the Chatswood High School community I would like to congratulate both students on their fantastic performances.

Holiday Camps

Any students that are interested in a Handball or Basketball holiday camp please see Mr Abernethy in the PDHPE staffroom for a flyer.

Sean Abernethy PDHPE



2017 Girls Frisbee champions

Ashley Chew, Emily Chung, Georgia Knight, Jasmine Kwan, Chelsea Lee, Megan Lee, Audrey Nesdale, Clara Suki, Ambrosia Wildie, and Grace Zhao