

Cherrybrook Technology High School P&C General Meeting

Tuesday 11.2.20

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Attendance as per book

Apologies – Helen and Neelam

Last meeting minutes proposed by Ron and Sarika.

Principal, Gary Johnson presented an informative slideshow of 2019 HSC results. A very pleasing results of 294 students who sat the 2019 HSC. We thank Gary for presenting graphs which illustrated student and school growth over the past 16 years. An analysis of students' ATARs, which the school has been able to gather, revealed at least seven students scored ATARs greater than 99 and at least 75 students scored ATARs greater than 90. In total 134 students from the class of 2019 were recognised on NESA's Honour Roll for a total of 292 credits. Big congrats to Daniel Montiero, ATAR of 99.85 and Tszwing (Tina) Seto ATAR of 99.75. Also, congratulations to those 14 students' who made it on the all-rounders list, as well as 76 students receiving over 90.

Principal's report to P&C 11.2.20

Curriculum and Administration

- The school has enjoyed a very settled start to the year with students quickly settling into work. Year 7 students are particularly settled and seem to have made the transition from primary to secondary very comfortably.
- Student numbers for 2020 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 2029 students, slightly greater than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 8 with 364 students.
- At the present moment the school has a number of unfilled positions being filled by very competent casual staff. We are in the process of filling these in a permanent capacity and hopefully all new staff will be on the team by the start of next term. A full list of new staff was published in the first Network of term.
- The senior executive has held a number of planning sessions to prepare for External validation and plan and clarify the school goals for 2020. The work the P&C completed last year on the SWOT analysis proved to be valuable in aiding our task. Focus for the year will continue to be on improving student learning, student wellbeing and community engagement.
Refined initiatives will see a further evaluation of our wellbeing initiatives, a close review of test results and teaching methods in the light of some quite substantial syllabus changes particularly as students prepare for the HSC in new courses and come to terms with different HSC exams and assessment practice.

- **Outstanding 2019 HSC Results**

A review of the 2019 HSC revealed many, many outstanding results. Chief among the many excellent performers are the fourteen students who achieved results, which led to each of them being recognised in the all-rounders' awards. These students are: Nika Bredenhann, Eleanor Edstrom, Su Ha Hwang, Charlene Jee, Justin Kam, Abina Kirubaharan, Morgan McDonagh, Gabriella Monardo, Daniel Monteiro, Toan Nguyen, Tina Seto, He Chuan Tee, Keshmira Vijayan, Naina Wahi, who each scored a band six (or equivalent) in each of their courses of study.

- Finally, a number of students who achieved a top ten place in at least one course of study, these are: Eleanor Edstrom achieving first place in Dance, Alexander Briggs, second in Aboriginal Studies, Daniel Montiero eighth in Physics and fifth in Science extension and Alli-Rose Becirevic, eighth in Business Studies.

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- Presentation of graphs showing student and school growth over the past 16 years.
- I hope all families received a copy of Network via email this week. If you haven't please check with the school that your email address is up to date.
- BYOD Program - My thanks to the community for the support of this initiative. The vast bulk of students are now connected and staff have begun using these in class.
- School photographs were commenced yesterday and will be completed tomorrow. All seemed to go very well.
- Corona Virus – impact on school has been minimal. My sincere thanks to all families who have been travelling for the cooperation with the quarantine period.
- Storm damage – a number of demountable classrooms were water damaged and several trees will have to be taken down or heavily pruned to ensure students safety.
- Thank you to the P&C in supporting the second momentary prize at High achievers' assembly.

Welfare

- Valentine's day roses Friday 14 Feb
- **Year 12 High Achievers' assembly** will take place this Friday 14 February
- The Year 7 swimming carnival will take place this Friday 14 February
- Year 12 P&T interviews Tuesday 25 Feb
- Year 7 Camp 19 Feb to 21 Feb inclusive

Important dates

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday 03 March.
- Zone swimming Monday 24 February
- Visit from Kanagawa Sogo Sangyo – Japanese HS (near Tokyo) commences on Friday 13 March for four school days.

Other matters

- Payment of school fees. Invoices will soon be sent to all families in Years 7, 8, 11 & 12. Stage 5 will follow a little later. It is most important that these fees be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.

Gary Johnston, Principal.

Federation report:

- Nothing to report at present. However, a Federation General Manager is presently being sought after.

Alumni:

- Erin's last year for Alumni, and therefore we need to start thinking about who will be replacing her and start training this new person up in 2020! Alumni has over 1000 members! It is a privilege to have one of our Alumni members, 'Elizabeth Fuller' to be our guest speaker at this Friday's (14.2.20) High Achiever's Assembly. Alumni aids in the school's mentoring program and is an excellent resource.
- Off the back of last year's alumni, we have tried to reach out to a few cohorts to support potential reunions for them - as yet, no success but will continue to try.
- We are working to find a person with a marketing / UI / comms background to assist with enhancing the website and communication with alumni. Our next newsletter is being compiled.
- We are working on creating a website and transferring data which is currently stored on a free google account to a GSuite paid account.

Canteen Report – We are now accredited as a 'healthy eating canteen'!

- Eftpos going extremely well, however there is a need for more machines – at least 2 more. The committee voted for a third machine and this will be on trial for Term 1. We will closely monitor the financials and costings/transaction fees on these machines over the term. Cost benefit analysis will take place at the end of term 1. Students have a \$4.00 limit to spend to use machine.

- Jane Bish has moved from the canteen into the library. Thankyou Jane, for all your hard work in the canteen over the years. We thank Judy for her dedicated service over the past 24 year. She will be retiring at the end of the month. P&C will present her with a gift next month to thank her for her wonderful contribution over the past 24 years. New canteen staff settling in well.
- Friday – biggest lunch order day! Window/s problem (still) – first 20 mins these lines are for lunch orders only. The students who have ordered their lunch MUST have priority. Doug will be asked for some sort of portable bollards to make lines very clear! Gary will need to speak with CTHS staff and inform them of the possible canteen ‘window’ changes.
- WHS – student and parent volunteers and staff to sign the responsibility sheets. P&C executive members and site manager (Gary Johnson) all need to sign.
- Book packs were down from last year and we have some extras in the canteen.

Treasurer’s report

- Cheques books and accounts need to be signed off and closed – Helen, Tim, Atuhla and Stephen need to meet at the bank ASAP.
 - Healthy surplus for last financial year.
 - Calculators payment – part of the book packs – that will go into 2020 payments.
 - Gary to send some budget details to Helen prior to next week’s budget meeting.
 - Bank accounts for the canteen used the school ABN’s number not P&C. This needs to be rectified.
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- Highest ATARS;
 - \$500 -1st place – Daniel Monteiro – 99.85 – We thank the Commonwealth Bank for generously sponsoring this award
 - \$300 2nd place – Tszwing (Tina) Seto 99.75 - We thank CTHS P&C for generously sponsoring this award.

Next P&C meeting, special guest from Welfare. School community welcome.

General Business – None

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting – 10/3/20 @ 7.30pm