



26th March 2020

## Principals Report

We are certainly facing uncertain and unknown territory at the moment.

COVID-19 is a world-wide pandemic – which means it is prevalent over the whole country and across the world. Whilst I am not writing about this to scare members of our school community or to cause anxiety, I am writing about it because it is a very serious situation that we all have responsibility to do our bit to limit the risks.

Our practices have changed at CTDHS. Based on the best advice available to us at this time we have implemented tight hygiene and social distancing practices. I cannot thank our staff and students enough for the way in which they have stepped up at this time to do the right thing and provide the safest environment for all at our school.

Respect is one of our values. Through following our tight hygiene and social distancing practices we are showing respect for ourselves, others around us and more specifically the more vulnerable members of our community who are at a higher risk during this time.

Whilst many people may feel helpless as the world around us is changing so quickly – we are not helpless. By maintaining high quality hygiene practices, following the social distancing expectations outlined by the Prime Minister, each and every one of us needs to be aware that our actions do have an effect on those less strong, and those more vulnerable like the elderly and others with possible immune issues, respiratory problems or other related medical issues.

Can I remind families who have chosen to self-isolate at this time that this means restricting your movements and remaining home – except for essential activities.

Whilst we are all doing our part to ensure we flatten the curve and get on top of this virus, I am also acutely aware of the hardship many of our families are facing at this time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do – we often ask families to support us, it is now time for us to give back – please let us know if we can help.

We will send out information for students working from home by the end of the week.

Please look after yourselves, ask for help if you need it.

Cindy Johnston  
Principal



## Animal Studies visit to View Bank Cattery & Kennels at Evandale 4<sup>th</sup> March

Sally, from View Bank, kindly invited the Animal Studies class to spend a day at the Cattery & Kennels. Students were involved with some of the daily routines such as cleaning the cat pens, checking animals & hanging out the washing.

It was a privilege to be with these 7 students who listened to instructions, asked questions and worked hard to get tasks completed. Students worked in pairs with one responsible for cleaning whilst the other acted as security.

In the kennel area students learnt the importance of cleanliness throughout the area and were given the opportunity to wash a couple of the occupants. They learnt about biosecurity and how hands **MUST** be washed before handling any of the kittens to prevent the spread of possible disease. In the cattery students were involved in the worming of one litter of kittens which started with weighing each individual to determine the dose rate.

A big thanks to Sally, Sam and Jas for their expert guidance and the amazing opportunity to be part of their day.

**Jill Bennett** - VET Course Coordinator





# Secondary Science Term 1

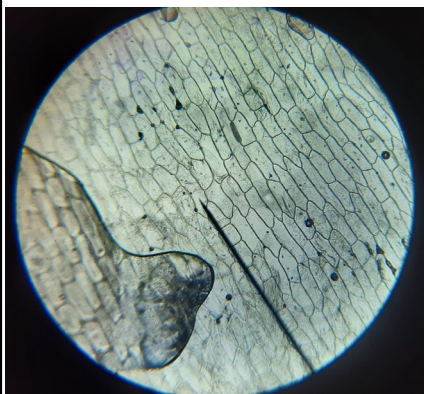
Helicopters, body organs and microscopes have been the scope of Science this term.



Year 7 Science made paper helicopters early in the term to investigate how variables altered their flight, such as size and the type of paper, length of blades and weight using paperclips. This lead into forces and learning about what a force is, contact and non-contact forces and force pairs. There have been some great conversations and students have participated well in demonstrations and practical tasks.



The characteristics of life have been investigated by Grade 8 Science. They recognise growth, reproduction, response to stimuli, and having cells as being important factors in determining whether something is alive. They followed the mishaps of Sammy and were able to justify their decision of when he was no longer alive. More recently students have been learning how to use the microscopes, making slides and discovering the amazing world of cells.



9/10 Hodge have drawn different body systems

and taught the rest of the class what they learnt in their research. They dissected different organs and learnt about their differences. Students are always keen to blow things up, so we blew up a set of sheep lungs to see just how much air they hold. A big thank you to Tas Quality Meats for the donation of animal body parts which allows us to undertake some fantastic learning. Students are presently researching the effect of conditions on the body systems they have learnt about including covid-19, ebola, HIV & footrot.



Jill Bennett  
Science Teacher

## Calendar Term 1 2020

8	<u>23rd March</u>	<u>24th March</u>	<u>25th March</u> - School Association AGM - 9.15am	<u>26th March</u> - 11/12 Parent/ Student/Teacher interviews	<u>27th March</u>
9	<u>30th March</u>	<u>31st March</u>	<u>1st April</u>	<u>2nd April</u>	<u>3rd April</u> - <b>Final Day of Term 1 for all students</b>
10	<u>6th April</u> - Student Free Day	<u>7th April</u> - Student Free Day	<u>8th April</u> - Student Free Day	<u>9th April</u> - Student Free Day	<u>10th April</u> - Good Friday - Public Holiday
	<u>27th April</u> - First Day Term 2	<u>28th April</u>	<u>29th April</u>	<u>30th April</u>	<u>1st May</u>

### Term Dates 2020

**Term 2** - Monday 27th April to Friday 3rd July

**Term 3** - Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

**Term 4** - Monday 12th October to Thursday 17th December

**Kindergarten to Grade 10**  
**Student Free/Moderation Days**  
Monday 20th July, Friday 30th October

**Grade 11/12**  
**Student Free/Moderation Days**  
Friday 4th September

Dear Parent/Guardian,

My thoughts are with you through these trying and challenging times that the COVID 19 virus presents to our families and loved ones. I am able to support you with any problems that you are experiencing whether they are social or emotional, particularly if anxiety issues arise. This is my job as your School Chaplain. Please contact me by phone or email from Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 9.00pm

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