Dear parents and students,

**Life Education Program**

This week will see the Life Education van parked in our school playground for the last two weeks of term. The information regarding the program has been distributed and I hope as many students as possible will attend their class session. The program focuses on the Key Learning Areas of Health and Personal Development and it complements the work that students will be completing in class during the year.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:**

- Yr 3 – Yr 6 + 2B: Tuesday 9th April (last interview at 6.45pm)
- K – Yr 2: Wednesday 10th April (last interview at 6.45pm)

All interviews in your child’s classroom unless otherwise stated.

Information has been sent home inviting parents to attend a formal interview with their child’s class teacher. This is the only scheduled interview for 2013, however teachers are always available by appointment to discuss any topic or concern about a student.

As the interviews must be kept to a strict 15 minutes I suggest that prior to your interview you take the time to think about and write down in priority order a set of questions to ask the classroom teacher. This will help to maximise the effectiveness of the time and the interview.

Parent / teacher interviews are held at the end of term one to allow early intervention and communication of any issues relating to your child. It may be in the areas of learning, application or behaviour. It is very important that you make the time to attend. Formal written reports are sent home to parents at the end of terms two and four.

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**Medication in Schools**

Though our ladies in the school office are very caring of all our students it is not their role to administer medication to students. Nor is it the role of the classroom teacher.

If your child is well enough to return to school after a sickness but is still taking a course of medication please ensure that the medication is to be taken morning and night and not during the day. Most antibiotics now have eight hour effectiveness. This also includes eye & eardrops. I thank you for your support.

**Earn & Learn**

Last year our fabulous school community raised just over $10,000 for our school by participating in Woolworths “Earn & Learn “ promotion. Well it is on again now. I have re-registered our school and have high hopes of bettering last year’s amount. More information will be in our next newsletter.

As this is our last newsletter for term one I would like to thank all parents for their support this term and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

A reminder that there are two staff development days at the beginning of next term for all students and so the first day for classes will be Wednesday the 1st May.

B.Kunkler
Principal
**Community Chatter**
*Echoes from the Community Engagement Officer*

**Fete Meeting**

Join us in the community room on Wednesday 3rd April to find out about the upcoming fete to be held on May 19th.

The meeting will discuss stall hire, food and beverage stalls, rides and amusement activities and other fundraising activities. Your suggestions and ideas are welcomed on the day, join us from 9am.

**Reading with students**

Would you like to help enhance our students’ ability to read?

Do you have a spare half an hour each week to spend in our classrooms?

Would you like to be trained on how to read effectively by Mrs Nerida Palombi (an assistant principal at our school)

Are you willing to commit to reading each week in our classrooms starting from term 2?

If you answered yes to all these questions, you are invited to join other parents and Mrs Nerida Palombi for a one off training session on reading with students.

The session will be held on Thursday 4th April in the community room at 12:30pm and will run for about 45minutes.

**Naplan Information Sessions**

The Naplan information sessions for parents kicked off last week, with the English session held last Thursday. Parents who attended the session benefited from the information presented, took part in sample tests and had the opportunity to ask questions. This Thursday 4th April, the Arabic session will be held from 2-3pm in the community room, followed by the Mandarin session on Monday 8th April from 2-3pm.

**Coming Events**

This calendar of events will be updated in each edition of the newsletter. Dates are accurate at the time of publication but can be changed for various reasons.

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**School calendar**

What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryId=2&viewType=yearView](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryId=2&viewType=yearView)

**Like us on Facebook**

Are you one of the 11 million Australians on Facebook? Chester Hill Public School has joined you with our own Facebook page. We are trialling use of Facebook in 2013 as another way of providing you with up to date information about what is going on at school. It is not intended as a discussion forum.
School zone safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.

Find out more:

April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more:

Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

Find out more:

Pick Up Time

School finishes at 3pm. Please ensure that you have organised plans for the pickup of your child at 3pm every day.

If required please contact and organise a place for your child at the “Before and After School Care” on either 9743 8089 or 0407 227 059.

Safety locks

Between 2011 and the end of 2012, 39 children aged nine or younger were hospitalised in NSW as a result of window falls. New lock laws in apartment buildings will soon help to keep our kids safe. Child safety locks are now required to be installed on apartment windows.


Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

The Salvation Army provides services without prejudice each year to more than 1.2 million Australians – that’s one member of our community helped every 20 seconds.

Maintaining their services to the community takes a great deal of money. You can consider donating to the 2013 Red Shield Appeal on the weekend of Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th May.

Looking for something for the kids to do in the school holidays? Yagoona Anglican would love to invite you to our kids holiday club - all welcome!