Dear parents and students,

A school is a very busy place and Chester Hill is no exception. During last week and this week we have the Life Education van at school working with all classes supporting our student’s learning in Health and Personal Development.

Beginning next week one hundred and twenty of our students will be attending the Special Swimming Scheme initiative. Learning to swim is one of the most important skills a child can have. We are very lucky to be able to attend this scheme. Last Thursday many of our 2015 Kindergarten students attended, along with their parents, the first Kindergarten Orientation morning. I always enjoy these mornings as it introduces me to many new families who will be attending Chester Hill P.S. in 2015 and it is always wonderful to see the look of anticipation and excitement on the majority of our new kinder.

All of the above do not just happen. I would like to acknowledge and thank Miss Alexander (life Ed), Mr Condon (Special Swimming) and Ms Baird (Kinder orientation) for all their organisational efforts.

**Multicultural Experience**

Thursday 30th October saw the fruition of much planning and preparation from both The P&C and the school in relation to our whole school multicultural assembly and lunch.

The activity was a wonderful way to showcase the many different nationalities that are a part of our school community. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all those parents who either ensured their children came in national dress or prepared and cooked such wonderful cultural foods. I am constantly in awe of the gratitude and supportive nature of our parents when it comes to activities such as these. I will not thank people individually as there are far too many and they do not do it for the thanks. They do it to see the smiles and hear the laughter of a strengthening school community.

B.Kunkler
Principal

### 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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Welcome to Term 4!

**FREE First Aid and CPR Course for Parents**

Parents and carers are invited to take part in a free First Aid and CPR course at our school. The course will be run in our community hub on Thursday 27th November from 12:30-3pm. Mrs Evelyn Wiles, a qualified nurse and teacher at our school, will be running the course. For more information or to register your name please contact Lina on 96441286 or 0403 433 212 or complete the form sent out with students this week.

**P&C News**

**Family Portrait Day Fundraiser**

Families are invited to come and have their family portrait taken for only $20. This opportunity is only open for parents who missed out earlier this year. The portrait day will be held on Saturday 22nd November between 9am-6pm.

**P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th November from 9am.

**Multicultural Day**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Multicultural Day. The students looked great in their cultural outfits and the food shared by parents left us on very full. The day was a success for the P&C, with just over $1500 raised. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to make this event possible.

**Uniform Shop**

If you would like to prepare for next year, we have plenty of stock available at the uniform shop. Please note that we do not have EFTPOS facilities and our trading hours are Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30am and Fridays 8:30 - 11:30am.

**New Hat Policy for Muslim Girls**

Starting term 1 2015, all girls who wear a hijab/headscarf will be required to wear a hat as well. This policy is being introduced now so that parents have time to purchase hats from our uniform shop and discuss this change with their daughters. This policy has been set by the Department of Education and Communities, and is applicable to all schools in NSW. Our school takes sun safety seriously and hopes to ensure that all students are protected from the damaging effects of the sun.

**School Notes**

From Term 4, students will receive one copy of any notes that are relevant to them. If there is a need for a replacement note they can be printed from the school website. The reason why this is being done is because students are not taking care of the notes and then expect another one. For example, the Athletics Carnival the school had to print an extra 400 notes for students who lost notes.

**School Website**

Have you visited our school Website? The school website is a great place to go if you are looking for information about the school. It contains general information as well as a calendar of upcoming events. Copies of all of our notes and newsletters can also be found on the website. Class pages will be added soon. Go to [http://www.chesterhil-schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.chesterhil-schools.nsw.edu.au/) or Google: Chester Hill Public School.

**Modification to student expectations**

Parents are asked that if their child requires any modifications to their learning environment or physical adjustments such as sitting on chairs at assemblies or when class sitting on floor, not playing sport or no dancing they need to make a written request with appropriate supporting documentation. The principal will then consider the request.
Like us on Facebook

We are happy to see that our Facebook page is taking off, with over 240 'likers' at last count. We have had some positive feedback, with many people enjoying seeing pictures of our students participating in a variety of school activities.

While we enjoy using Facebook to share your child's school experiences with you, it needs to be understood that pictures cannot always be provided. It is important to us that we respect parents' wishes not to have their child's images posted in public forums such as Facebook. As a result, all images need to be closely checked to ensure parental permission prior to publishing. This can be quite time consuming. As well as this, only a few staff have the ability to upload images to the school Facebook page, meaning that despite our best efforts, on some occasions, pictures will not be available.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to being able to continue to share our great school opportunities with you when we can.

Like us on Facebook

Selective high schools


Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.


Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be

Future Leaders Program

An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential. To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling.


Little Aussie Songsters competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster.

The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school

Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages. Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php