Dear parents and students,

Congratulations to those students who represented Chester Hill at yesterday’s Bankstown District PSSA Swimming Carnival. They were wonderful competitors who tried their hardest and were also excellent ambassadors for the school. Special mention must be made of Mrs Eccles and Mr Brown who were the district swimming carnival conveners. Their exceptional organization and attention to detail enabled many students from all the schools in the Bankstown district to experience a fantastic carnival.

Traffic Audit

Several parents have spoken and written to me regarding the dangerous traffic situation each morning and afternoon around our school. I totally agree with their observations that it is our own parents who selfishly disregard road and parking rules so that their own children can be dropped or picked up closer to the school gates. Parents and the school have complained to the council resulting in the Bankstown Council parking Ranger recently being at our school. I am also approaching our P&C to again begin the process through the RTA for a traffic audit. Hopefully with our increasing students numbers the audit will this time be successful and the school receive permission to employ a crossing guard.

Duty of Care

I have written in previous newsletters about parents not approaching other students in the school playground. If an issue has occurred within school between students it will be dealt with by the teachers through our discipline policy. If it is an incident that happened outside of school then it is to be dealt with outside of school. So again I say that no parent is allowed to approach or chastise another student within the school grounds. If you have an issue see the classroom teacher, an Assistant Principal or myself.

School Play Equipment

All students in Kinder to Year Three have been given a note asking parental permission to play on our fixed equipment. All of those classes will have completed their safety training lessons this week and therefore we can open the equipment next week. For your child to be able to use the play equipment at lunch time they must return the signed permission note.

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
QuickSmart Training for Parents

Would you like to be trained in a numeracy program and gain experience volunteering in the classroom? In the coming weeks parents will be invited to be trained with the skills needed to assist our students with a numeracy program called QuickSmart, whilst also being able to help their children at home. For more information contact Lina on 96441286.

Resume Writing Workshop

Are you looking to update your resume? Or maybe you do not have one and would like to create your own? Join other parents in our school computer room on either 12th March or 19th March from 11:30-12:30. You will need to bring along with you any educational certificates you have completed. A note will be sent out with your child this week with more info.

Free Child Restraint Safety Check

Did you know that all children under 7 years of age must be secured in a child restraint or booster seat when travelling in a vehicle? You can have your car child restraint harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit at our school. A qualified engineer will be visiting our school on Wednesday 19th March from 10-11am. There will be short workshop, free morning tea, and if need be the engineer will check your car to ensure seats are installed correctly.

P&C NEWS

New P&C Members Elected

Thank you to all the parents who attended our annual general meeting last week. A new P&C committee has been elected for the year and the positions are as follows:

- **President:** Lina Mourad
- **Vice President:** Sera Cavu
- **Secretary:** Laila Sayed
- **Treasurer:** Ronda Lozi

Our next meeting will be on March 26th at 9am in the community hub.

Uniform Shop

Winter uniforms have arrived. Uniforms may be purchased on Thursday and Friday mornings between 8:30-9:30am.

Canteen

Would you take items from Woolworths and tell the cashier you will pay later? Probably not! The canteen is no different from shops in the community and unfortunately students are unable to take items and pay at a later time. We appreciate parents reminding children of this!

Find us on Facebook!

Keep up to date with what is on at our school by liking the Chester Hill Public School Facebook page.

Office Hours

Office hours are **8.30am – 3.00pm**. To ensure that you receive an answer to your enquiries, please visit or telephone the office staff between these hours.
**School Traffic**

A reminder to all parents, family and friends who drop off and collect children by car each day:

- Please be considerate of other drivers, residents and students.
- Please do not park or stop in the “NO STOPPING” zones and do not double park.
- Observe the 40K speed limit in the school zone.
- Please do not park in residents’ driveways.

**Please help to keep our children safe.**

**School Canteen**

Our school canteen, managed by Mrs Kazanis, will continue to provide lunches, drinks and healthy snacks at reasonable prices. All profits made by the school canteen are used to provide resources for our school and improve its facilities. **To continue to do this we need parent helpers. A few hours of your time once a month would be greatly appreciated.** Mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles and grandparents are welcome to help in the school canteen. There is a form attached to this newsletter. If you are able to help please complete it and return it to the school canteen as soon as possible. At the moment there have been only 2 parents volunteer.

**2014 homework planner**

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.


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**Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)**

**Friday 21 February Week 4**

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**Maths A to Z**

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.


**Great books for tweens to read**

Favourite books from the Premier’s Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!


**Science assignment starters**

Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters.

Canteen helpers

Yes, I can help in the canteen (name)..........................................................
(child’s class).............

I am available on the following days (please circle)  Mon   Tues   Wed   Thurs   Fri

Contact phone numbers (mob).......................................................... (home)..................................................

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CANTEEN