Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to another busy term at Chester Hill. I hope all our students and families had a safe and relaxing holiday.

The TICL-E Program

Our school has been very fortunate to be asked to be involved in the TICL-E program. Several of our classroom, ESL and Learning and Support (LAS) teachers are involved as well as Lina our Community Hub Leader. A brief outline of the program follows:

The TICL-E (Training in Interaction Communication and Literacy – Enhanced) program is implemented by BCRG speech pathologists (Adina Levy and Suzanne Howitt). Their role is to work with the school to facilitate how the skills of teachers can be shared with families to support talking, listening, reading and writing. The vision of this program is to support families to support their children with language and literacy working in partnership and with skills of teachers.

The Training in Interaction, Communication Literacy Enhancement (TICL-E) program is implemented by BCRG in partnership with The University of Sydney. The program is currently funded by The Smith Family as the facilitating partner of the Communities for Children initiative (Dept of Social Services).

The teachers involved have agreed to participate even though their workloads are already very large. I very much appreciate their involvement as by participating they will be supporting our focus of an increased shared partnership between school and home.

Annual School Report

Our 2013 Annual School Report is now available for you to read on our school website. If you are unable to access our website please contact the office and a copy will be forwarded to you through your child’s teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the ASR they will be answered at our next P&C meeting which is taking place on Wednesday 28th May beginning at 9.00am in our community hub room. If you are unavailable at that time please make an appointment to see me through the school office.

NAPLAN 2014

Thank you to all those parents who made the time to attend our NAPLAN information session last week. For those of you who could not attend please read the following:

All students in either year 3 or year 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) beginning the week of May 12th. This is a one off test that compares your child to all children at the same stage of schooling across Australia. Later in the year you will receive the test results. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NAPLAN testing program please speak with either your child’s classroom teacher or myself.

B.Kunkler
Principal
Welcome to Term 2

English Course for Parents

TAFE Outreach will begin an English Course for parents this week. The course is for beginners and will run every Thursday from 9-12pm in the community hub. If you are interested but have not yet registered, you can enrol on the day. The course starts on Thursday 8th May.

Bankstown Community Showcase

Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre and Bankstown Council will be holding a community showcase at our school on Saturday 17th May. There will be rides, performances, food stalls, and community stalls on the day. The event will be on from 11am-3pm. Ride wristbands can be purchased from our school office for $15 per child to be used for unlimited rides on the day. Our P&C and Community Hub will also be running a stall on the day. This is a community event and not run by our school.

QuickSmart

Parent and community volunteers have been busy in the library working on the Quicksmart program with years 4 & 5. Our students are very lucky to have volunteers coming in to work with them on enhancing their numeracy skills. Volunteers were trained in the program last term and will tutor students until the end of 2014.

Naplan Workshops

Parent of students in years 3 & 5 attended a NAPLAN workshop last Wednesday in the community hub. Parents were informed about the assessment and were able to take home an information pack with sample tests. If you could not make it and would like an information pack, please see Lina in the community hub.

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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P&C News

Our next meeting will be on May 28th at 9am in the community hub.

Mother’s Day Stall

The mother’s day stall is on this Friday 8th May. Items will be priced between $2 and $10. Students can view items in the canteen all week.

Like us on Facebook

The school has a Facebook page where you can find up to date information about school events and important reminders. Like us to stay up to date.
Antarctic visit Year 6

Antarctic adventurer Chris Olsen, who has been to Antarctica three times, came to visit Year 6 on Tuesday 1 April. He gave the students the extraordinary opportunities to touch ice from an Antarctic glacier, wear real Antarctic multi-layered clothing and even use an ice pick to chop up a huge block of ice. We were also able to touch rocks from Antarctica and a piece of wood from Mawson’s hut! He set up 6RA to look like a campsite from his trip to Commonwealth Bay. He taught us about the human impact on Antarctica including showing us pictures of the thousands of rabbits that used to be on Macquarie Island.

By Daniel P, Alex B and Tarjan A (year 6)

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 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.


Sport in Schools Australia

Once again the school is participating in the wonderful sport program Sport in Schools Australia. It is a 10 session program where students have the opportunity to experience equipment that otherwise they would not. All activities are run by qualified teachers. The cost of the 10 session program is $45. More details have been sent home.

Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)

Friday 4 April Week 10

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Save the Children would like to take this opportunity to thank Chester Hill Public School for its ongoing support to our ‘Stability through Support’ mentoring program; part of the Australian Government's Communities for Children initiative funded by the Department of Social Services and facilitated by The Smith Family in Bankstown. A number of Chester Hill Public School students have been attending the program which incorporates a range of activities based around positive lifestyle choices, excursions to youth based services in the Bankstown area and the fostering of mentor relationships with positive adult role models.

A big congratulations and thank you to Jessie who has been part of the program for two terms now. Jessie has been setting a very positive example for young people in the Bankstown community and from all reports has been making an effort at school this year too.

There are also a number of past Chester Hill Public School students from the mentoring program including Tyrone and Angelus. These boys have been showing some great peer support to the younger generation in the program and are all excelling in high school.

It was also great to have Preston involved in the mentoring program last term.

If you’d like to know more about the program or might be interested in volunteering as a mentor, please don’t hesitate to contact Dominic Davis from Save the Children - dominic.davis@savethechildren.org.au
A love of learning begins at our school

Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre presents:

**Bankstown Community Showcase**

The best of the community on show

Saturday 17th May 2014
11:00am to 3:00pm

Chester Hill Primary School
Proctor Parade, Chester Hill

FREE Entertainment

FOOD (Halal available)

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FREE Children’s Activities

Community Stalls

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