Chester Hill Public School
Quality education in a caring learning environment

Tuesday 5 August 2014

Dear parents and students,

Education Week 2014

Thank you to all those parents, relatives and friends of our school community who were able to visit the school last week. Education Week provides all school community members the opportunity to visit classrooms and see first-hand what life is like at a modern public school. Congratulations to Mr Lawson for his organisation of the week’s events and to our wonderful teaching staff for their input.

I would like to also thank all who visited and bought books from our library book fair. Even in this digital age there is nothing quite like the feel and smell of a new book. Mrs Hume was very appreciative of the support and I would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Hume for her efforts in organising the book fair.

Tree Maintenance Program

Those of you who are able to visit the school regularly will have noticed that all areas of the school have now reopened. A team of workmen were on site over last weekend carrying out the removal and dead wooding of trees that had been identified as high risk. The remaining work relating to the tree audit results will be carried out over the next 12 months. Replanting of new trees will also take place during that time.

Although I am very sad to see so many trees removed the safety of our students always takes the top priority.

School Uniform / Lost Property

As a result of the cooler weather student’s uniform can become a mismatch of stockings, jumpers and jackets. Please remember that students should only be wearing full school uniform when attending school. This includes black shoes (unless it is sports day), navy blue track suit, navy blue headscarf and the correct jumpers and jackets. If you need clarification as to our uniform please visit our uniform shop or our school office. If in extreme cold weather you need to wear extra clothing it must only be, for example, a navy blue skivvy or navy blue stockings (no tights).

Again, resulting from the cooler weather our lost property is overflowing with jumpers and jackets. Please constantly check that there is a legible name printed on all school uniform. If your child has lost a piece of clothing you can check in the lost property bin which is located outside the teacher’s staffroom. Please only take clothing that you are sure belongs to your child from the lost property.

Student Assistance

Student assistance funds are provided by the school to support the families facing genuine financial hardship meet the cost of attending school. These may include uniform, school excursion and sport costs. Though not essential, when applying for student assistance proof of other government assistance is desirable (e.g. pension card).

The funding is not large and must be used to support all the school community. Parents are still expected to pay up to 50% of the cost, with this percentage increasing if multiple applications for assistance are made. Parents who apply and are granted financial assistance cannot reapply if they have not paid for their balance of the cost.

To apply for assistance an appointment to meet with me is made through the school office. It is a quick process and meetings are usually scheduled for morning or afternoon. If you have any other questions please make an appointment to speak to me through our office.

B. Kunkler
Principal
Diploma of Business at our school

Are you required to complete at least 15 hours of work or study? Or maybe you would like to enhance your skills. If so, enrol in the Diploma of Business course due to start at our school in the next few weeks. The course will run on Mondays and Fridays from 9am-3pm during school term. You need to be an Australian citizen to enrol, and the course will run for 6 months. To enrol or for any questions please call Lina on 96441286 or 0403433212. Only a few spots left!

English Conversation Class

This term parents and carers will have the opportunity to participate in an English conversation class. This class will give you the skills needed to communicate in English through speaking. The class will start on Thursday 14th August from 9.15-11.15am in the community hub. FREE CHILD MINDING will be provided for the first 5 children to enrol. The program will run until the end of the term. For more information or to enrol please contact Lina on 96441286.

Early Childhood Programs

If you have a child aged 0-4 you can give them the best start to learning by participating in one of our early childhood programs. For children starting school next year, our school readiness program is the perfect place to get your child ready for kindergarten. This program runs on Thursdays during school term in the school hall from 9:30-11:30am.

We also have a playgroup run on Wednesday mornings for children aged 0-4 years old. This program is run from 9:30-11am on the lawn outside the office.

L.A.B.S Day

Do you have a child starting school next year? Bring them along to our annual Look at Big School day and let them have a look at a big school. The event will be held from 10-11am on Thursday 4th September. Please call the office on 96441286 to register your child.

Arabic Story Time at Chester Hill Library

A free program offering stories, songs and craft in Arabic has started at Chester Hill Library. The program is run in Arabic and is held on Fridays at 11am at 12 Chester Hill Rd Chester Hill. For bookings please call 9707 9740.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th August from 1:30-3pm. This meeting is different to other meetings as Mr Kunkler will be discussing important information about school planning. We hope that you will join this meeting, as it will give you an opportunity to be up to date on the running of the school. Save the date!

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.

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.
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.

| Wk 4 | Thur 7 Aug | Athletics Carnival |
| Wk 5 | Tues 12 Aug | Carnival Day |
| Wk 5 | Wed 13 Aug | Maths Competition |
| Wk 5 | Thur 14 Aug | Yr 6 ASPIRE excursion to Australian Museum |
| Wk 5 | Thur 14 Aug | Whole School Assembly KB & 3B |
| Week 6 | | Book Week |
| Wk 6 | Tues 19 Aug | Premiers Spelling Bee |
| Wk 6 | Thur 21 Aug | Book Parade 9:30am |
| Wk 6 | Thur 21 Aug | Author Talk Lesley Vemos |
| Wk 6 | Fri 22 Aug | K – 6 Author Talk Tina Matthews |
| Wk 6 | Sat 23 Aug | TOM Presentations |
| Wk 7 | Mon 25 Aug | Yr 4 excursion to Maritime Museum |
| Wk 7 | Mon 25 Aug | Yr 6 excursion to State Parliament |
| Wk 7 | Tues 26 Aug | Yr 5 excursion to State Library & Police Museum |
| Wk 8 | Tues 2 Sept | School Photo Day |

Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)

| Friday 1 August Week 3 |
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| **Team** | **Opposition** | **Score** | **Result** |
| Junior Netball | Condell Park | 33-2 | Won |
| Senior Newcombe | Condell Park | 33-17 | Won |
| Junior Netball | Condell Pk | 0-6 | Lost |
| Senior Netball | Condell Pk | 0-8 | Lost |
| Junior Soccer | Malek Fahd | 1-3 | Lost |
| Senior Soccer | | 2-2 | Draw |
| Junior T/Football | Condell Park | 11-1 | Won |
| Senior T/Football | Condell Park | 16-5 | Won |

Book Fair 2014

This year’s Book Fair was held in Week 3 during Education Week to give more parents/carers the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their children.

It was a great success. Many parents/carers came and we received very positive comments about the books.

We sold approximately $3,200 worth of books and our school received 30% of that in books as commission.

A big thank you to the Chester Hill School Community for your support.

Book Club

Issue 5 orders due back to school by Thursday 14 August.
Please remember that orders then take at least a couple of weeks to be processed and handed out.

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Anaphylaxis - Students at Risk

Many of you would have heard of the word Anaphylaxis. If a person is anaphylactic they suffer from a very adverse allergic reaction to one or more things, the most common being nuts. In many cases this reaction may result in death.

We have several students at school who suffer from anaphylaxis. To help support and protect them while they are at school all staff must complete special training each year. From parents I ask that if at all possible to not send food to school which is made from nuts or may contain traces of nuts. Many foods that you think are nut free are not so please check the labels.

As Principal it is my duty of care to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. In this case I and the school cannot do it without the communities support in this matter.

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.chesterhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ or Google: Chester Hill Public School.

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.