Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to term four. I hope that all students had a wonderful and restful holiday and are ready to get straight back into their learning.

As we can all tell the weather is starting to warm up as we move into Summer and as such it is very important that all students are wearing their school hats every day. School hats can be purchased from our uniform shop in the canteen. Please remember that no hat or the incorrect hat will mean no play for those students as per our sun safe policy.

The final term is always full of exciting activities for our students. End of year reports, presentation day awards, final weeks class activities and the graduation of our senior Year Six students. All of these activities still depend on our students following our school rules and our expectations of behaviour. I am sure that the concluding term of 2015 will be full of learning and happiness. There are several activities during term four including PSSA participation, picnic days, school photos and Special Swimming Scheme that will involve a cost. The school does have some Student Assistance money remaining for those families who are experiencing financial hardship. If you need to apply for support please contact the school office.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

Thank you to all those parents who have already enrolled their child for our 2016 Kindergarten classes. Tuesday November 10th will see our Kindergarten orientation classes begin. It is very important that all new students and parents attend those days. If you have not enrolled your child for Kindergarten next year as yet please contact the office for enrolment forms as soon as possible so that information about the orientation days can be sent to you.

Safety & Supervision

We remind all families that the school's hours are 9:00am-3:00pm each day. Supervision of students commences at 8:35am each morning when the first teachers are on duty. We request that children not arrive at school before this time as they will be unsupervised. If you child needs supervision prior to 8.35am please see the school office for information regarding Before and After school care. (OOSH)

It is also very important that all children know exactly how they are getting home each afternoon. i.e. walk, or collected and if picked up by whom. Too many times students are left back at school because their usual afternoon routine has changed and they were not aware it had.

If collecting your child in the afternoon, parents should wait away from the entrance to the classroom. Parents are discouraged from gathering directly outside classrooms as this can be noisy and disruptive. Many important pieces of information are spoken by the teacher and or school notes are given out just prior to the afternoon bell and we need all students to be attentive to their teacher not what is going on outside the windows. I thank you for your support.

B.Kunkler
Principal

Student Achievement

Excellence Award
Students who have been awarded 2 Teacher’s Awards (30 class awards) receive an Excellence Award for excellent application to learning. Congratulations to the following students who have received an Excellence Award:

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Principal's Award
Students who have been awarded 2 Excellence Awards (60 class awards) receive a Principal’s Award for outstanding application to learning. Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal’s Award:

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Welcome to term 4!

Hope you all had a relaxing break, the school year is nearing its end and we hope everyone makes the most of the hub activities this term.

What’s on this term?

**Active After School Sports Program**

Due to popular demand, we have been fortunate enough to secure an extra weekly session of after school sport. This session will not be available to students already enrolled in the Tuesday session, only new students can take part. The new session will start on Wednesday 21st October. The extra session will run on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30pm outside the community hub. To enrol your child you must attend a registration session on Wednesday 14th October outside the community hub. If you cannot make it to the session but wish to enrol your child please contact Lina ASAP on 0403 433 212. First in best dressed!

**English Classes for Parents Term 4**

English classes will continue in the hub this term; however there has been a change in the time. Classes will run from 1-3pm on Thursdays for 5 weeks starting on October 29th. Contact Lina on 0403 433 212 to register or for more information.

**Learning through Play Workshops**

Last term parents made the most of workshops focusing on the educational, social and emotional benefits of play. Over 4 sessions held last term, participants were able to learn about how simple ideas and activities used at home can actually be a learning experience for children aged 0-4 years. The second half of the learning through play sessions will continue this term. There will be 4 sessions held on Wednesdays in the hall from 9.30-11:30am and any parent or carer is welcome to join. Unfortunately our afternoon session is full. Free child minding is available. For more information, contact Lina on 0403 433 212.

**School Readiness Program**

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2017? Give them the best start to school by enrolling them in our school readiness program. This program will commence at the beginning of the school year in 2016 and run all year round except during school holidays. The program runs on Tuesdays from 9am-11:30 in our school hall. To enrol please contact Lina on 0403433212 or 96441286.

**Next P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th October at 9am in the community hub.

**Chocolate Fundraiser**

Please return all money to the canteen as soon as possible. We still have 20 boxes available, if you are interested please come and see the ladies in the canteen.

**Canteen**

As the warmer days approach students enjoy purchasing cold products from the canteen including ice-blocks/ice-creams. Please remind your children that these items are priced between 50c and $2.

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

**Coming Events**

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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.

**Book Club**

Issue 7 orders due back to school by Tuesday 20th October.
Please remember that orders then take at least a week to be processed and handed out.

**Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)**

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**Year 6 Excursion to Canberra**

Students in Year 6 recently completed their educational tour of the national capital, Canberra. They had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of educational programs at new and old Parliament House, the War Memorial, the CSIRO, the National museum and others. These activities focussed on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of Civics and Citizenship education. To assist with this the government is contributing funding of $20 per student that reduced the cost of this trip. The rebate is paid directly to the school. We appreciate this reduction in costs to enable families to afford this valuable trip. The students greatly enjoyed the trip and were complimented on their knowledge and good behaviour.

**School Payments Online**

[Image: Image of students]
Log onto our school website at www.chesterhil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on “Make a Payment” button on the home page and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard

Check your child’s note for the payment description and cut off dates

**Remember:** The online payment facility is not available for canteen, uniform shop or P&C payments

Further information is available from the school office

**Why is regular school attendance important?**

Regular school attendance will help your child succeed later in life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child doesn’t learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

**Problems/Solutions**

- **Won’t get out of bed**
  - Have a set time to be out of bed
- **Won’t go to bed**
  - Have a set bedtime
- **Can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag**
  - Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- **School lunches are not ready**
  - Make lunches the night before
- **Slow to eat breakfast**
  - Have a set time for starting and ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- **Homework not done**
  - Set time for daily homework activities and check that it is done
- **Watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school**
  - Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
- **Test or presentations at school**
  - Provide lots of positive encouragement
- **Birthdays**
  - Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
- **Screaming and not letting go**
  - Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly, happily and confidently. You may say something like “I’ll see you this afternoon” to reassure them. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

**Getting your child to school**

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3 facts about celery

1. They are a member of the carrot family
2. Chewing on celery can help clean the teeth
3. Celery sticks are a great Crunch & Sip choice for your child!