Dear parents and students,

**Meet the Teacher**

This is a final reminder that our “Meet the Teacher” sessions are on again this Wednesday afternoon. Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 at 3.15pm and Years 5, Year 3, Year 1 and Kindergarten at 4.15pm. Each meeting will be held in your child’s classroom. (See the school map on the back of last week’s Meet the Teacher note). Remember the meetings are not about individual students but whole class information.

**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 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 and/or school notes are given 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.

**Home & School Communication**

Home and school communication is essential in assisting our school’s children with the best possible academic and social development. Parents are always encouraged to support their child’s school life through making regular contact with the school.

It is also very important to communicate with the best person to help solve your questions. Often our teachers will not be available for a lengthy meeting without it being scheduled. When you deliver your child to school in the morning is not always the best time to catch a teacher for an interview unless it is a welfare issue. All parents are encouraged to negotiate an appointment time with their child’s teacher, the Assistant/Deputy Principals or Principal through our administration office or via our school email.

The following is our current school practice and will give you some direction.

**Classroom Teacher:** is always the first and best professional person with whom to speak regarding academic progress, social or behavioural concerns, class policy and procedures.

**Assistant Principals:** If the question relates to a specific issue that is outside the classroom, any questions regarding specific grade or department programs, issues relating to discipline / bullying, concerns that have not been resolved by speaking with the classroom teacher or queries relating to teaching and learning within the classroom.

Assistant Principal Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten):  
Ms Jann Baird

Assistant Principal Stage 1 (Yrs 1 and 2):  
Mrs Suzanne Barrett

Assistant Principal Stage 2 (Yrs 3 and 4):  
Ms Susan Weeks

Assistant Principal Stage 3 (Yrs 5 and 6):  
Mr Peter Lawson

Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning 3-6  
Miss Penny Stavrinos
Administration and Finance:  
Mrs Alison Dennerley (School Admin. Manager) 

Deputy Principal (Instructional Leader):  
Mr Matthew Jones 
Any Issues relating to learning programs and learning intervention in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Specifically those relating to Literacy and Numeracy.

Deputy Principal:  
Mr Lance Condon 
Any issue relating to student welfare, the school’s behaviour policy, student learning and support needs. Please note the classroom teacher and Assistant Principal must have been contacted prior to arranging a meeting with the Deputy Principal on any issue relating to an individual student. The Deputy Principal is also responsible for those areas below if the Principal is absent.

Principal:  
Mr Brent Kunkler 
Any issues that relate to the whole school, child protection and student welfare, legal issues, governance and management, financial and budgeting, community, concerns relating to teachers and issues that have not been resolved through discussions with the classroom teacher, Assistant Principal and/or Deputy Principal.

Welcome to 2015!

Mosaic Art for Parents

Learn to do mosaic art and work with clay and ceramic tiles. This project will be run every Tuesday for 6 weeks starting on 24th February from 12:30-2:30pm. It will be held down the road from the school at the Chester Hill Community Garden (Cnr of Hector St & Waldron Rd).
To register your interest or for more info contact Lina on 0403433212.

English Conversation Classes

Improve your English skills by enrolling in our English Conversation class to be held on Thursdays for 5 weeks starting on 26th February. This program will run from 9:30-11:30 in the community hub, and free child minding is available for 0-4 year olds. Register now by calling Lina on 0403433212.

School Readiness Program

Give your child the best start to school in 2015 through the school readiness program held in our hall. This program is open to children starting school next year along with any younger siblings and an adult. The program will be run on Tuesdays during school term from 9am-11:30. To enrol please contact Lina on 0403433212 or 96441286.

Playgroup

Unfortunately the playgroup that usually runs on Wednesday mornings will not be run until further notice.
Welcome Breakfast for Parents

Thank you to all the parents who attended the welcome breakfast in the community hub. We all enjoyed a very filling breakfast and it was great to see so many parents.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th February at 9am. To ensure the canteen, uniform shop, school banking and other P&C initiatives keep running it is crucial that we have a board of members elected. The current P&C members are available to support any parent willing to give up some time each term to help with running the P&C. Being a member has many benefits including gaining new skills and experience, volunteering in your child’s school and the most fun part is the social aspect where you get to meet other parents and build relationships with our school community. The P&C meets twice a term for about an hour. We hope many parents will come to our first meeting to find out what it’s all about.

P&C topics for upcoming meeting

- Fundraiser's
- P&C duties
- Staffing & classes
- Instructional leader K-2
- UNSW- Aspire Program

Hats for students wearing hijabs

As of this term, all girls wearing the hijab/headscarf are required to wear a hat also. This is a new rule introduced into all schools in NSW. Hats can be purchased from the uniform shop

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 and Fridays 8:30-11:30.

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

Find us on Facebook!

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 | Wed | 18 Feb | Leadership Investiture Assembly |
| Wk 4 | Wed | 18 Feb | Meet the Teacher |
| Wk 4 | Fri | 20 Feb | PSSA commences |
| Wk 5 | Mon | 23 Feb | School Swimming Carnival Yrs 3 - 6 |
| Wk 5 | Wed | 25 Feb | P & C AGM 9am in Community Hub room |
| Wk 5 | Wed | 25 Feb | Scripture classes commence |
| Wk 7 | Tues | 10 Mar | Harmony Day Performance – Mana – The Spirit of Polynesia |
| Wk 7 | Thur | 12 Mar | Selective High School Placement Test |
| Wk 10 | Wed | 1 April | Parent Teacher Interviews |

Mobile Phones

A reminder about students and mobile phones. If a student brings a mobile phone to school the following rules apply:

- The phone is not to be used during school hours, that is, from entry onto school grounds to exit out of school grounds after 3.00 pm;
- The phone is to be kept in the child’s bag throughout the school day and must be turned off - it is not to be carried by the student, particularly during lunch and recess;
- The phone is the responsibility of the child. The school does not take responsibility if the phone is lost, damaged or stolen;
- Children are not to use the phone camera to take photos of other students or staff;
- If a child is found to be carrying or using a phone during school hours the phone will be confiscated and kept by the Principal.

The phone can be collected by parents only.
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.

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more:

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more:

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

Der-Huy Chinese School  
德慧中文學校

Give your children a head start in life

Australia is a multicultural country. Having a second language like Mandarin will be an advantage for your children especially in business and social aspects.

Benefits in studying with Der-Huy:
- Teachers who teach both the Traditional & Simplified characters
- Emphasis not only on language skill training but also in cultural and ethical principles

Location and time
Chester Hill Public School ( Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm )
Phone: 0405 318 300  Email: derhuy@hotmail.com  Website: www.derhuy.com.au