Dear parents and students,

**Safety First**

I have written many times about the school’s duty of care towards every student. Once a student enters our gates one of my main roles as Principal is to ensure that they are happy and safe in class and in the playground. Outside the school gates I rely on all our parents to ensure that not just their children are safe but all our children. Unfortunately some parents are parking and driving in a very unsafe manner around our school. One of our students was nearly hit by a car while crossing our crossing last week. The driver was not a parent but the car that was illegally parked and therefore blocking the view of the crossing was a parent. Our P&C and I have tried on many occasions through the Roads and Maritime Authority to have a crossing supervisor at our school. So far we have been unsuccessful. We will try again but I hope in the meantime all parents obey the road and parking rules around our school. It would be horrific if the reason we were given a crossing supervisor was because of a fatality.

**School Procedure on Refunds**

Each year teachers plan a number of excursions, guest speakers and various activities which enhance the educational programs being offered in classrooms. These activities usually have a cost associated with them. Occasionally children are disappointed when they are unable to participate in the activity because they are sick on the day etc. In such cases parents often request a refund of the fees that have been paid. In making a decision regarding a refund one issue has to be considered: Has the school already spent money for the student to participate in the activity? If the school has already had to pay for the activity then a refund cannot be given. For example in the case of a live show, the seats had to be booked and pre-paid. In this case this money could not be refunded. When buses are used to transport children the total cost of the bus is divided by the total number of children expected to attend. It is therefore not possible to give refunds on bus travel. However some visiting performances charge on the basis of the children present on the day. Therefore, the school did not have to outlay any money and a refund would be possible. Refunds cannot be issued in cash and a request for a refund needs to be made in writing to the office. I am happy to answer any questions.

**New Playground**

Both our synthetic grass playgrounds are in operation and being thoroughly enjoyed by our students. The next stage of our playground renewal strategy is to cover the play equipment. Funding will again be a joint venture between the school and the P&C. Therefore for the students I do hope that all parents can support our P&C when it has a fundraising event - starting with our Easter raffle. Even if you do not win, in the long run all the students win.

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.

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Mosaic Art for Parents

Parents have been enjoying the mosaic art program at the Chester Hill community garden. This weekly program will run for 3 more sessions from 12:30-2:30pm on Tuesdays. It is never too late to join, if you are interested you can meet us at the community garden located on the corner of Hector St and Waldron Road.

English Conversation Classes

Parents and carers have been making the most of their time through the English conversation class run every Thursday in the hub. This course has been based around cooking dishes from different cultures. Parents create conversation about the dishes being cooked, ingredients used and method to cook dish.

School Readiness Program

Give your child the best start to school next year 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 runs on Tuesdays during school term from 9am-11:30. To enrol please contact Lina on 0403433212 or 96441286.

Diploma of Business

The Diploma of Business course will no longer be run in the community hub due to the number of parents enrolled. Stay tuned for different courses coming soon.

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th March in the community hub from 9am. One of the issues to be discussed at this meeting will be concerns about parking and traffic around the school. We hope you can join us.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open during school term on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am and on Fridays from 8:30-11:30am. Please note that the uniform shop is run by volunteers and uniforms cannot be purchased at any other time.

Uniform Shop

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

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 no parking in staff car parking areas.

Please help to keep our children safe.
Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)

Friday 6 March Week 6

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Harmony Day Performance: Mana - The Spirit of Polynesia

With an exciting and educational show in the lead up to Harmony Day, Polynesian performer Tony Mason took our school on a journey to celebrate different cultures and encouraged children to persevere towards their goals. After presenting a mindboggling hoop dance from the Native American culture, Tony showed us the traditional dances of our Polynesian neighbours including a light hearted Humpty Dumpty Haka. The message of accepting and understanding other cultures and reaching your goals was heard loud and clear by all who attended with some students even inspired to get their own hoops!

Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.


The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge began on March 2nd.

To complete the challenge:
K-2 teachers will be reading 30 books in their classrooms.
3-6 students need to read 20 books, including at least 15 from the Reading Challenge list and up to 5 personal choice books.

Each student who completes the challenge will receive a certificate in recognition of this achievement.
Students will need to use their school username and password when logging their books at [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc) (search Google for NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge)

Make sure you complete the challenge by August 21st 2015.
If you have any questions please see the coordinator of the Premier’s Reading Challenge Mrs Vergara (teacher of 1T).

Book Club

Issue 2 Book Club orders are due back to school by next Friday 20th March.
Please remember that orders take at least a week to be processed and then handed out.

Why is arriving at school on time important?

Arriving at school on time:
- Ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert.
- Helps your child to learn the important of punctuality and routine.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016

Completed Expression of Interest form should be returned to your primary school no later than Friday 20 March 2015.
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.

Facts about fractions

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


Getting your child to school: 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.

Unleash Your Talent!

Qualified Teachers, 8. Music, Con Music, MIA, UMT
- Piano
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Violin
- Drums
- Singing
- Flute
- Music Theory
- Musicianship
- AMEB Exams
- HSC Exams
- Piano Tuning & Repairing & much more...

1 Keenan Lane, Chester Hill NSW 2162
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Der-Huy Chinese School

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 358 300 Email: derhuy@hotmail.com Website: www.derhuy.com.au