Tuesday 31 March 2015

Dear parents and students,

Term one is nearly at an end and I would like to congratulate all student, staff and parents for such a positive start to the learning year. I think the term has passed so quickly as a result of the positive and engaging learning activities that are happening every day at Chester Hill. I would also like to thank our P&C for their support this term. The new executives have been on a steep learning curve but are enjoying supporting our school community. I am working closely with them to again try and have crossing supervisor assigned to our school.

Staff Movements Term Two

I am very happy to say that both Mr Schou and Mrs Lowe will be returning to Chester Hill next term. Both have been given a complete clean bill of health by their doctors and are looking forward to resuming their teaching. Mr Schou will be back on year five/six and Mrs Lowe will be teaching in a Relief From Face to Face teaching position.

As a result of their return we will be losing both Mrs Liz Daher and Miss Alyce Boustani. I would like to thank both teachers for their hard work and effort over the term and I am sure we will be seeing them again during the year. Mrs Macey (Webb) will now be the year two intervention teacher supporting our Early Action For Success K-2 initiative.

Staff Development Day

Day one next term all staff will be attending a professional development conference at Chester Hill High School. As always no students are to attend on that day. The first day of classes for students in term two will be Tuesday 21st April.

I would like to wish all students, staff and parents a relaxing Autumn break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

B. Kunkler
Principal

Are you moving?

If moving during the school holidays or anytime and your child will be attending another school, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

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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Dance 2bfit

The dance program Dance2bfit begins Monday week 2 for all students K – 4. A note has been sent home regarding all details. Please send the signed permission note and $25 in an envelope to the school office ASAP.

School Notes

Please remember replacement notes are no longer available from the office. Notes can be printed at home from the CHPS website by following the below link.
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 Early Childhood and Care

Starting early term 2, the community hub will begin running a Diploma of Early Childhood and Care. The course will run each Monday during school term from 9:30am-1:30pm for 12 months. If you are interested in enrolling or for any questions please call Lina on 96441286 or 0403433212.

P&C

Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting last week. Amongst many topics discussed our main topic was the issue of traffic around the school and student safety. The P&C is hoping to have our school block audited so that we can see if we are eligible for a crossing supervisor.

Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to bring in your raffle tickets to the box outside the canteen. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Assembly on this Thursday 2nd April.

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.

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

On Monday 2nd March, 5 students attended the Bankstown District Swimming carnival after qualifying at our own school carnival.

The students Taylor 3W, David An- 5A, Kyalah 6RA, Madison 5/6S and Hillary 6L represented CHPS very well in both behaviour and attitude. All students swam to the best of their ability in what was a challenging carnival.

Two students achieved outstanding results and have progressed to the next level of competition.

Taylor placed 3rd in the 50m Freestyle final and Kyalah placed 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke.

Taylor and Kyalah represented Bankstown District at the Regional Carnival on Tuesday 17th March.

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.

Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


School calendar

What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

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 (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).

ANZAC service 2015

Students and teachers will be commemorating ANZAC Day on Friday 24 April at 10.30am in the school hall.
All parents and visitors are invited to attend this service to remember the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli. The service is a special event run by the school captains and vice captains.
On the day we appreciate donations of flowers that are used as our tribute at the memorial outside our school opposite the RSL.

Easter reading

Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?

Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

April school holidays

Have you got April school holidays organised yet?
It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

In Australia, regular school attendance is compulsory between the ages of 6-17. Children of compulsory school age MUST attend school every day that school is open for instruction.

It is important to understand that the New South Wales Department of Education and Communities may prosecute parents (including carers) if children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unjustified absences from school.

If you would like to read more about compulsory school attendance, or read documents in another language please follow this link: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/language/index.php