Tuesday 28 April 2015

Dear parents and students,

Welcome back to term two and I hope all families had a fun and relaxing holiday. Term two will again be full of class, stage and whole school activities for all the children. Please be sure to read our newsletter each fortnight or visit our website or Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening each week at Chester Hill Public School.

Annual School Report

Our 2014 Annual School Report will be available for you to read on our school website from the beginning of week three. If you are unable to access our website please contact the office and a copy will be forwarded to you through your child’s teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the ASR they will be answered at our next P&C meeting which is taking place on Wednesday 27th May, beginning at 9.00am in our community hub room. If you are unavailable at that time and have some questions relating to the Annual School Report please make an appointment to see me through the school office.

Chester Hill Showcase

On Saturday 16th May, Chester Hill Public School and Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre are combining to present a Chester Hill Showcase event. On the day many and varied community associations, community groups and community programs will be on site. The school P&C will also have food and rides on the day. The showcase was a very successful event last year with many of our school community attending. To support the event and the school I hope that you will pre order a rides band for the day. All money raised by the P&C will go towards erecting a sun cover over our junior play equipment.

ANZAC Day Assembly

Congratulations to all staff and students who were involved in our wonderful and moving ANZAC Day assembly last week. From the stage I was able to witness how attentive and involved all students were and how the meaning of the day was communicated to all present. Our special guests remarked how wonderful the assembly was and how wonderfully behaved our students were. Thank you to all the parents and families who donated flowers on the day and for those parents and friends who were able to attend the assembly.

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 your 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. To 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
Welcome to Term 2!

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 runs on Tuesdays during school term from 9:00 - 11:30 am. To enrol please contact Lina on 0403433212 or 96441286.

NAPLAN Parent Info Sessions

In week 4 this term students in years 3 & 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment. An information session about this assessment has been organised for parents. Join us on Thursday 30th April from 2-3pm to find out more and for any questions you may have.

Health & Wellbeing Program in Vietnamese Language

Vietnamese speaking parents and carers are invited to take part in a 4 week program on health and well-being. The 4 sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 9.15-11.15am in the community hub starting on April 29th & ending on May 20th.

P&C

Term 2 Fundraisers

Cross Country Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle for all students in K-6 on Tuesday 5th May. Sausages will need to be pre-ordered. Please complete the note and return to the canteen.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 7th May. Items will be priced between $2-$10 and students will come out in their classes during the day to make a purchase.

Chester Hill Community Showcase

In partnership with the Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre, our P&C will be running the Chester Hill Community Showcase. This event is similar to the fete we have held in previous years, with rides, stalls, entertainment and more for everyone to enjoy. It will be held on Saturday 16th May from 11am-3pm. Purchase your wristbands today and you can have unlimited turns on the rides all day. The pre-purchase price is $25 or $30 on the day.

Uniform Shop

Winter Uniforms are on the way. There has been a further delay in delivery due to the weather we have had. Uniforms should be in by Thursday.

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

Book Club

Issue 3 orders are due back to school by Thursday 7th May. Please remember that orders then take at least a week to be processed and handed out.

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 began on Monday 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 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.

How can you help promote regular attendance of your child?

- Send your child to school as much as possible.
- Getting to school on time is really important. The first 20 minutes of class is where children learn important skills and get used to routine. Also, being late can make a child feel behind and left out for the rest of the day.
- If your child has been absent, please send a note to explain this absence within 7 days.
- Be organised. It’s not always easy when your child springs the permission slip on you on the morning it’s due, but a good way to avoid problems like this is to ask your child to show you any notes or homework when they get home from school. You may also need to check their bags yourself!
- Sports carnivals, excursions and other special event days are just the same as regular school days. Attendance is compulsory.

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).

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 importance 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 or absence.
Rewards System

All awards count towards the attainment of the next award on the system. That means a child may take 2 terms or 2 years or longer as a guide to reach an award. So please make sure you don’t lose an award as they will not be replaced. The ultimate award is the Principal’s Trophy which is expected to take a student several years to attain. All the other awards are attainable within one school year.

- **Class Award**
  - Teachers hand out
  - Assembly awards = 2 class awards

- **Teacher’s Award**
  - Teacher’s Award = 15 Class Awards
  - Presented at Stage Assemblies

- **Excellence Award**
  - Excellence Award = 2 Teacher’s Awards
  - Presented at Assembly under COLA

- **Principal’s Award**
  - Principal’s Award = 2 Excellence Awards
  - Presented at Whole School Assembly in hall
  - All winners of a Principal’s Award in a year attend the Principal’s Picnic

- **Principal’s Trophy**
  - Principal’s Trophy = 5 Principal’s Awards
  - Presented at Whole School Assembly in hall
  - All winners of a Principal’s Trophy in a year attend the Principal’s Morning Tea with parents.

If you have any questions talk to your child’s teacher.

FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit www.go4fun.com.au where you can also register.