Dear parents and students,

School Cross Country

We were blessed to have a beautiful day last Tuesday to hold our school cross – country carnival. All students in years one to six ran a special course around the school. Students in years three to six were running to gain selection in our school cross country team which will represent the school at the Bankstown District Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) cross country carnival to be held later this term.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Probert and Mrs Wiles for all their hard work in organising the day. They did the entire organisation in their own time and along with help from our fabulous staff did a fantastic job. A huge thank you to our P&C which organised a sausage sizzle on the day. I am sure the sausages helped our students run faster and longer. Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who came to cheer the runners on and finally well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the day. Win or lose you are all champions for giving it a go.

Community Showcase

As you have been informed the Chester Hill Community Showcase is being held at our school on Saturday 16th May. Though it is a joint presentation with the Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre our school will be doing fundraising on the day. We are coordinating the rides and the food. Therefore the more ride bands we sell before and on the day and the more food that is eaten on the day the quicker we can get the shade cover for our junior play equipment. So please do not delay buy a rides band for your children and visit the showcase on the day.

Annual School Report and School Management Plan

Both our 2014 Annual School Report and the 2015 – 2017 School Management Plan can now be found on the school website. If you are unable to access the internet a hard copy of each can be requested from the school office. I am available if you have any questions regarding either document. Please make an appointment time through the school office. Another opportunity to ask a question will be at our next P&C meeting on the 27th May.

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

Find us on Facebook!
Community Hub at our school

How can the hub assist you?
In addition to the different programs and workshops held for parents in the hub, you can also make the most of other services provided. The hub also aims to support families’ with referrals to health, community and settlement services. Assistance with employment and educational pathways for parents is also available. Please contact Lina on 96441286 or 0403433212 for more information or drop in to the hub.

Diploma of Early Education

15 parents are attending a 12 month course in our community hub. Parents will be attending each Monday and will eventually achieve a qualification allowing them to work in early childhood services. Good luck to all the parents involved.

Health & Wellbeing Program in Vietnamese Language

The Vietnamese health program has been rescheduled to begin later in the term. The sessions will still be held on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:15am on the following dates: 27th May, 3rd, 10th & 17th June.

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 9am-11:30. To enrol please contact Lina on 0403433212 or 96441286.

P&C News

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. The P&C will also be running the sausage sizzle and canteen stall on the day. If you can help with the P&C stall on the day please see Ronda or Laila in the canteen this week.

Next P&C Meeting

Agenda Items Suggestion Box

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 9am. If you would like to contribute to the meeting but cannot attend, an agenda items suggestion box is now available in the canteen for you to place your suggestions in. Items placed in the suggestion box will be discussed at the meeting that follows.

Cross Country Sausage Sizzle & Mother’s Day Stall

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time during our fundraisers last week. Both events were a success and would not have been possible without the help of parents.

Uniform Shop

Apologies for the delay in winter uniforms; most items have now been delivered. The uniform shop is open on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30am and Fridays from 8:30-11:30am.
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.

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.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more:
http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning.

Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more:

When is being away OK?

Sometimes it’s hard to decide when it is acceptable to keep your child home from school.

Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable examples:

Acceptable
- Unavoidable medical, specialist or dental appointments (Try to encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time.)
- Religious holidays
- Urgent family situation (E.g. funerals)
- Sick or infectious disease (E.g. conjunctivitis)

Unacceptable
- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding siblings/other children/older relatives
- Minor family events (birthdays)
- Hair cuts
- Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/Hot
- Frequent car problems
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.