Dear parents and students,

Educational Excursions

Over the last several weeks many of our students have been involved in educational excursions. Every excursion that has been organised by the school relates in some way to the learning that has or will be happening in the classroom. In many instances the excursion will act as a stimulus for learning as is the case of our theatre and Sydney Writers Festival visits. For many students the opportunities that are offered through school excursions may be the only time they get to experience, visit or engage different learning environments. Though an excursion may seem expensive in truth by going with a school it is usually far better value than by doing it independently. So the next time an excursion or visiting performer / experience is offered please ensure that your child is able to participate. Quality learning takes many forms of which excursions are one.

Crossing Supervisor

The P&C and the school applied several weeks ago to have a traffic audit through the Roads and Maritime Services to determine whether we were eligible for a school crossing supervisor at Proctor Parade, Wellington Road or both. The audit happened and I received the results at the end of last week. Unfortunately we were again unsuccessful. Though the school passed four of the five requirements it was the major requirement of the minimum use by students of the crossing and the number of cars using the road during the morning and afternoon school zone times. We are able to re-apply for another traffic assessment in twelve months’ time or earlier if circumstances change.

Therefore, it is very important that all parents obey the road and parking rules around the school at those peak morning and afternoon times. It would be devastating for the school if the change in circumstance for an audit is as a result of a child being badly hurt being hit by a car doing the wrong thing.

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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Student Achievement

Excellence Award

Students who have been awarded 2 Teacher’s Awards (30 class awards) receive an Excellence Award for excellent application to learning. Congratulations to the following students who have received an Excellence Award:

- Jana 3P
- Christopher 5/6S
- Reem 6L
- Sean 4W
- Jasmine 5/6S
- Sarah 5/6S
- Faezeh 3P
- Sean 4W
Health & Wellbeing Program in Vietnamese Language

The Vietnamese health program will begin this week. The sessions will 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.

Family Energy Rebate: Get money back on your electricity bill.

Receive up to $250 credit on your electricity bill simply by applying for the Family Energy Rebate on the NSW Department of Resources and Energy website. Logon to: http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/ and click on family energy rebate.

Chester Hill Community Showcase

Thank you to all the families who joined us at the Chester Hill Community Showcase. It was a great event with many people attending. Many parents supported the P&C on the day by helping run the sausage sizzle and canteen stall. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time on the day.

Next P&C Meeting

Agenda Items Suggestion Box

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th May at 9am in the school library. 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.

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.

Like us on Facebook

The school has a Facebook page where you can find up to date information about school events and important reminders. Like us to stay up to date.
Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA)

Friday 15 May Week 4

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Child Protection lessons K - 6

As required by the Department of Education and Communities all students will participate in age appropriate child protection lessons which are part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus at school. These lessons will cover the subject matter of safe living, personal health choices, interpersonal relationships and growth and development where the skills of communicating, decision making, interacting and problem solving will be developed. If you have any enquiries please arrange an interview with your child’s teacher.

Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

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.

Office Hours

Office hours are 8.30am – 3.00pm. To ensure that you receive an answer to your enquiries, please visit or telephone the office staff between these hours.

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

School calendar

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

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Do the maths!

This might have happened to you: You have a paying job. You get sick and use up a sick day here, a couple more there and suddenly you’re out of sick days. At work, the pay check reminds us of our limits, but with school attendance it’s easy to let it slide. Here’s some maths to help you keep it in perspective.

There are 200 school days in a year.
There are 50 school days in a term.

10 days missed per term = 40 days missed per year *(That’s almost an entire term)*

8 days missed per term, over 7 years of primary school = 1 entire year missed

If your child is 30 minutes late, 2 times a week, after a term they will have missed over a day’s worth of school.