Dear parents and students,
Welcome back to third term. As with all other terms this will be a busy and exciting learning period for your children. There are many different activities that will be happening this term where parents and relatives will be invited to attend, participate, support or all three. Please ensure that you read the newsletter, visit our website or our Facebook page to be fully informed and up to date with what is happening at our school.

**Education Week 2015**

*“Celebrating Local Heroes”*

Education Week is in Week 3 (27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July). Education Week is held during week three of term three in every public school in New South Wales. The week is held to give parents the opportunity to visit their children’s school and to become more aware of the many and diverse educational experiences our students are challenged with each day. Please make time to be a part of at least one of the activities planned. Demonstrate to your children through your attendance the emphasis you place on their education. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during Education Week.

**Anaphylaxis - Students at Risk**

Many of you would have heard of the word Anaphylaxis. If a person is anaphylactic they suffer from a very adverse allergic reaction to one or more things, the most common being nuts. In many cases this reaction may result in death.

We have several students at school who suffer from anaphylaxis. To help support and protect them while they are at school all staff must complete special training each year. To support these very vulnerable students I ask that if at all possible you do not send food to school which is made from nuts or may contain traces of nuts. Many foods that you think are nut free are not so please check the labels. To help support the safety of all students parents are reminded that our school with the support of our P&C has a policy of no birthday cakes (or birthday food) being brought to school to share with other students. As Principal it is my duty of care to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. In this case I and the school cannot do it without the community supporting the school in this matter.

**Kindergarten Students 2016**

Though we are just beginning the second half of our 2015 school year planning is well under way for 2016. In two weeks time I have to submit my anticipated student numbers for 2016. These numbers drive the staffing and funding of the school. Therefore I would like to get it as right as possible and to help with that I need to know the following as soon as possible:

1. **If you are intending to enrol a child in kindergarten for 2016 and have not yet done so;**

2. **If your family will not be attending Chester Hill P.S. in 2016**

If either of those points above apply to you could you contact the school office as soon as possible. Even if you are not 100% sure please let the office know.

**Job Assistance Program**

Our school has been fortunate to have had both our applications for the new Federal governments job assistance program given the go ahead. The first project will involve landscaping the large garden bed along Wellington Road. The second project is to design and install a sensory garden in the bush area adjacent to the Kindergarten rooms. Both projects were given an initial six months funding and will be starting in the very near future.

**Community Pre School**

At last after three years of planning the lease has been signed to construct a pre-school on our school site. It will be constructed fronting Wellington Street behind our staff carpark and adjacent to the cricket nets. BCRG is the organisation who will be running the pre school. They have a pencilled in opening date of January 2016. I will give updates of its progress through the newsletter as they become available.

So as always many great and positive things are happening at our school. Finally, a reminder that if you have any issues regarding your child’s academic progress the class teacher is always the best and first port of call.

B.Kunkler
Principal
Welcome to term 3!
Hope you all had a relaxing break and Happy Eid to all the Muslim families who completed the annual fast of Ramadan last week.

What’s on this term?

Learning through Play Workshops
Starting on Wednesday 26th August for 8 weeks from 9:30-11:30am, parents and carers are invited to a series of workshops that will focus on learning through play. These workshops will target 0-4 year olds and will be run by an early childhood specialist. Child minding will be provided and all participants will receive activities to keep and use at home. A flyer will be sent home soon for you to register your interest. For more information, contact Lina on 0403 433 212.

Budgeting Workshops
Learn more about how to manage your money when there is not much money to spend through workshops run in our hub. 3 workshops will be run this term by specialists from the Creating Links financial wellbeing unit. These free workshops will be run on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3pm on 11th, 18th & 25th August. More information will be coming out soon.

English Classes for Parents Term 3
English classes due to start this term will begin on Thursday 13th August. The class will run from 9.15-11:15 and will continue until the end of term. Contact Lina on 0403 433 212 to register or for more information.

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.

Next P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd July at 9am in the community hub.

School Banking
School banking will resume this Friday 25th July as per usual.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is currently awaiting the delivery of polo shirts in sizes 10 & 12 and some winter stock items. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Navy coloured hijabs/headscarves are now available for purchase from the uniform shop for $6 to support the school’s uniform policy.

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.

Starting this term you can make payments to your child’s school online?
A new online payment portal linked to the school’s website will be launched to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

When?
This payment method will go live in Term 3 2015

How?
Log onto School website at www.chesterhills.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on ‘Make a Payment’ and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

More information?
Further information will be sent home closer to launch date and a parent information session will be held soon to answer any questions you may have regarding this new payment option.

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.

| Wk 2 | Wed 22 Jul | OC placement test |
| Wk 2 | Wed 22 Jul | Crazy Hair Day |
| Wk 2 | Thur 23 Jul | Year 6 taster lessons at Bass HS |

Week 3

| Wk 3 | Mon 27 Jul | Parents invited to Dance2bFit |
| Wk 3 | Thur 30 Jul | Open Day – Parents and friends invited to attend |
| Wk 4 | Tues 4 Aug | Look at Big School (LABS) Day |
| Wk 4 | Thur 6 Aug | School Athletics Carnival |
| Wk 5 | Wed 12 Aug | Yr 6 excursion to Science Fair at Australian Museum |
| Wk 6 | Tues 18 Aug | Carnival Day |
| Wk 6 | Wed 19 Aug | Yr 5 & 6 to Riverside Theatre |

**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:

- Jenny 1/2P
- Katelyn 5/6S
- Kevin 5/6S

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) to place on your child’s sticker card. Sticker cards are available from the canteen. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, either at the school canteen or at your local Woolworths.

So let’s start collecting

**Child Protection lessons K - 6**

As required by the Department of Education 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.

**Book Club**

Issue 5 orders due back to school by Thursday 30 July.

Please remember that orders then take at least a week to be processed and handed out.
Kindergarten 2016? ENROL NOW!

If your child is turning 5 years old before 31 July 2016 they are eligible to start Kindergarten next year. Please come to the school office to collect enrolment forms as soon as possible. We are about to start organising classes.

If you know of any friend or relatives’ child that should be enrolling please let them know. Orientation to school program will be held this term.

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Location and time
Chester Hill Public School (Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm)

Phone: 0405 318 300 Email: derhuy@hotmail.com Website: www.derhuy.com.au

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Chester Hill Carramar RSL Youth Club
Ballroom Dancing

Calling all Boys and Girls

Cost: $4
Venue: Chester Hill Carramar RSL
20 Chester Hill Rd, Chester Hill
When: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 6pm to 7pm
Contact Anna Cozma 0401 350 641

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