

# Castle Hill Public School



# NEWSLETTER

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## *From the Principal...*

### **WELCOME BACK**

It was wonderful to welcome back so many of our students after the vacation. It was also very pleasing to have our ninety-five new Kindergarten students settle quickly to their new life in school. We welcome new families and look forward to your involvement in your child's school life.

### **ENROLMENTS 2009**

We have commenced the school year with twenty-nine classes. We currently have insufficient students to retain that level of staff. Our enrolments are being reviewed and it may be necessary to reduce the number of classes to twenty-eight. I will provide you with advice about any changes as soon as I am advised by the Department of Education.

This has a number of implications for your child:

- The teacher your child has now may not be your child's teacher for the year.
- Books, bags and belongings should be labelled with your child's grade and not your child's class.
- If classes are changed, almost all class sizes will increase.

It is impossible at this time to project which grades will be affected by the change. We will, of course, be working to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

### **STAFF CHANGES**

We have had a few changes in staff this year. Mrs Storey left to take a permanent position at Carlingford West Public School and Miss Jameson left us for a permanent position at Baulkham Hills North Public School. Both of these teachers made a significant contribution to the school and will be greatly missed.

Mrs Elizabeth Ambler has been appointed for 2009 as a teacher of Kindergarten. Mrs Rebecca Bradley will be taking up duty one day each week on Year Three. I will advise you of the roles of staff when they are finalised. We also welcome back Mrs Holloway after an extended period of leave.

### **COSTS 2009**

This newsletter is accompanied by an information note advising school costs for 2009. We will be arranging collection dates and times for payment of costs in the next two weeks. You will be advised of dates and times as soon as possible. We welcome payment for the year or the term.

### **HEAT POLICY**

We are extremely fortunate to have air conditioning units in classrooms that make learning more effective for our students in hot and cold weather. We have a policy to cover periods of extreme heat. When it is too hot for children to spend extended periods of time in the heat we keep them in the air conditioned comfort of the classroom. Thank you for your contribution to the air conditioning of the school which was installed and is maintained by the P&C Association.

We are very fortunate to have teachers who are prepared to give up their time to ensure the welfare of our students.

### **EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

If we have your email address you will have received a copy of this newsletter by email on Tuesday. It was also uploaded to the school website on Tuesday. This is our preferred method of delivery as it reduces our environmental footprint and reduces costs at school. This enables us to re-direct that money to classrooms and students. If we do not have your email address we cannot send the newsletter in this way.

For the month of February, you will receive both versions. We will then invite you to "opt out" of the paper copy of the newsletter. We hope that you will be able to help us reduce our environmental impact.

- Mr Bryan Mullan, Principal

### **Student Welfare...**

#### ***Message from Ms Lockrey and Mrs Gibbons***

This year we are very excited to be teaching  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day library each. Mrs Gibbons will be teaching Kindergarten classes and Ms Lockrey will be teaching Year 1 classes for part of their Library RFF. We are looking forward to getting to know these students throughout the year.

#### ***Premier's Reading Challenge - 2009***

The 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge has started. If your child would like to participate they can download a paper reading log and the new reading list from the Premier's Reading Challenge Website (please see the link below). There are different reading lists for each Stage. All students from K-6 can participate. Students in K-2 can participate with parental help. Each student will be required to enter their reading log on line. <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

-Mrs Megan Gibbons Deputy Principal

### **Coming Events...**

Please see calendar at the end of this Newsletter.

### **From the Classroom...**

#### ***KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Week 1***

Welcome everyone. The children and teachers are settling well into the routines of Kindergarten.

The children are learning these words: I, am, is, boy, girl and the sound 'a' as in apple and ambulance.

Thank you to Mrs McCombe for making playdough for all the classes.

- Kindergarten Teachers

### **Parent News...**

#### ***CANTEEN NEWS***

Sushi orders will start next week.

Volunteer forms will be sent home with next week's newsletter. If current volunteers would like to confirm their days with Carol, please call the Canteen on 9634 4306.

## Community News...

**StarTime HIP HOP** at Castle Hill Public is BACK!!!

- Tuesday's 4pm-4.45pm Jnrs / 4.45-5.45pm Academy Class / 5.45-6.45pm Snr
- All ages and levels of ability
- Work towards end of term performance and gala night
- Latest music and cutting edge choreography
- Build physical confidence and creativity
- Be guided by World Class Hip Hop Coach and mentor Yolanda Thomas

Hurry Places filling fast call StarTime on 9516 1411

**Hip Hop Classes** are now available at Castle Hill Primary School hall taught by Yolanda Thomas who is one of the longest standing hip hop teachers for Sydney Dance Company. Her choreography has been seen on various film clips and live performances on Video Hits, Channel V, Rage, M.T.V and Music Max.

8 week hip hop courses \$120.00(paid in cash upfront) for 15years to age 50. There are 3 levels; "Absolute Beginners"- 6:30pm, "Advanced Beginners"-7:30pm and "Intermediate"-8.30pm every Wednesday night.

Next 8 week course starts Wednesday 4th February.

email [info@yolandathomas.com](mailto:info@yolandathomas.com) for bookings and enquiries or just turn up on the night. Check out [www.youtube.com/yolandathomas](http://www.youtube.com/yolandathomas)

**Australian Dance and Music Company Pty Ltd** is holding dance lessons at Castle Hill Public School. **Registration day Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced all welcome as students will learn a variety of Bollywood, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Jazz. Lessons will be held every Wednesday in the School Hall from 3.15pm - 4.15pm Infants and 4.15pm - 5.15pm Primary students for \$13.75 each lesson. Registration is \$25.00 per child. All qualified teachers at 18 locations across Sydney. For more information go to [www.austdancemusic.com.au](http://www.austdancemusic.com.au)

**Beecroft Cherrybrook Junior Rugby Union** is holding registrations for the Winter 2009 competition for U6 to U17. For more information please go to the website [www.beecroftjuniors.rugbynet.com.au](http://www.beecroftjuniors.rugbynet.com.au)

**The Mighty Bulls.** Hills District Junior Rugby League Club Under 6 to A Grade. Serving the Community for over 40 Years. Registrations for 2009 at Crestwood Oval on Saturday 7 February, 10am to 3pm Wednesday 11 February, 6pm to 8pm Sunday 15 February, 10am to 3pm. Pay by cash, cheque, credit card & eftpos. For more information please contact Sue Lock, Secretary, 0412 347 338.

**Hills Hawks Junior Rugby League Club** in conjunction with the North Sydney Bears and the Australian Rugby League Development are conducting a Free Come and Try Rugby League Clinic in preparation for season 2009. It will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at James Henty Reserve, James Henty Drive, Dural from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The Hills Hawks will run a free sausage sizzle. Every child who participates in the clinic will go into the draw to win a Bears Pack which includes a North Sydney Bears cap, football, player socks, wristband and a 2009 North Sydney Oval family season pass! For more information please contact Jessica Palmer on 9245 3069 or 0411 159 428. Check out [www.arldevelopment.com.au/northsydney](http://www.arldevelopment.com.au/northsydney) for weather updates.

**Castle Hill Rockets** soccer club is holding a registration day at Castle Towers Shopping Centre (top level near Jacqui-E store) on Saturday 7 February from 9am to 3pm. For more information please call the Registrar Sal Maresca on 0421 135 498 or visit the website: [www.rockets.net.au](http://www.rockets.net.au)

*Galston Swim Club Registration 2009.* Galston SC caters for all ages and abilities in our indoor 25m pool. The club meets every Friday evening for a BBQ and a fun night of racing which includes 25m, 50m, 100m and 200m events. While some of our swimmers compete at the highest levels, others come along for fun and fitness too. Galston is a friendly, family oriented club where the emphasis is on participation and personal achievement. For more information, see our website: [www.galstonswimclub.com.au](http://www.galstonswimclub.com.au)

## Term 1 Overview

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Wk 1	26 Jan <b>Australia Day</b>	27 Staff Development Day	28 Yr 1-6 Start	29 Kinder Starts	30	31
						1 Feb
Wk 2	2	3 Yr 2-6 Swimming Carnival	4	5	6	7
						8
Wk 3	9	10 SCC Meeting 9.15am Staffroom	11	12	13	14
						15
Wk 4	16	17 Yr 4 Historic Homes Excur CHHS Info for parents yrs 4-6 @ CHPS 6.30pm	18	19 Yr 4 Historic Homes Excur  Essere Yr 5	20	21
						22
Wk 5	23	24 CHHS Info Night @ CHHS	25	26 Essere Yr 5	27	28
						1 March
Wk 6	2	3 CHHS G&T Info Night @ CHHS 7pm	4	5 Essere Yr 5	6	7
						8
Wk 7	9	10 Yr 5 Planetarium Visit	11 P&C Meeting	12 Essere Yr 5	13	14
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Wk 8	16	17 Yr 2 Transport Excursion	18	19 Yr 2 Transport Excursion <i>Selective HS Test</i>	20 Castle Hill Show Yr 2-6	21
						22
Wk 9	23	24	25	26 Yr 5/6 Team Sport Challenge	27	28
				<b>LIFE EDUCATION</b>		29
Wk 10	30	31	1 April	2	3	4
	<b>LIFE EDUCATION</b>					5
Wk 11	6	7	8 P&C Meeting	9 ANZAC Service 9.30am	10 <b>Good Friday</b>	11
	<b>LIFE EDUCATION</b>					12

