

# Castle Hill Public School



# NEWSLETTER

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## ***From the Principal...***

### ***NEW PARENT BBQ***

This Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> February) the P&C will be holding the new parent barbecue. It commences at noon and concludes at 2.00 p.m. Invitations are extended to all new families in the school and to families of Kindergarten students. The day is always relaxed and the sausage sandwiches are second-to-none. We look forward to seeing our new families at this event.

### ***PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS***

Thank you to all the parents of students in Kindergarten, and Years One, Three and Four who joined us last night for the first Parent Information Evening of the year. We hope that you found the sessions informative. We appreciate your commitment to your children's learning and look forward to working with you to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for your child. We look forward to seeing parents from the other three grades on Wednesday evening.

### ***SCHOOL FACILITIES***

Thank you to those parents who have provided their input on the priority for the proposed Commonwealth Government expenditure to developing school facilities. The staff and parents have both indicated that the highest priority is the provision of a dedicated technology room. We will be investigating options for construction in this area pending finalisation of the Commonwealth Government program and Department of Education requirements for funding.

### ***HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING***

We will be hosting a visit tonight from the Principal and staff of Castle Hill High School. They will be conducting an information session about High School for parents of students from Year Four to Six. Parents of students in other years are also welcome to attend. While the night will focus on our local High School, the information is transferable to other secondary schools and can assist in the critical decision of where to send your child for the final six years of school education.

**The session commences at 6.30 p.m and will conclude by 8.00pm.**

### ***VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES***

Our children and their families were outstanding in their generosity to the mufti day held last week for the children affected by the bushfires in Victoria. A total of \$1930 will be given to SchoolAid to assist children continue their schooling with the resources that are needed. Thank you for your support of this project.

### ***COSTS 2009***

Thank you to those parents who have made their payments for workbooks, excursions and activities. The majority of payments have now been made. The decision of the parliament to approve the Stimulus Package including \$950 for every school child will be of assistance to

those families who meet criteria for the benefit. If you are experiencing difficulty making payments pending the arrival of the government payment, please speak with Miss Lockrey, Mrs Gibbons or me to make arrangements for you child to receive text books.

### ***TAX BENEFIT***

Some of the costs you have paid are an eligible tax deduction for the current tax year. If you have retained the receipt we issued, it should suffice for taxation purposes if it is attached to the original costs sheet (additional copies are available from the school office). If you paid by card, your statement should suffice as a record of payment.

Payments made for stationery may also be deductible. If you purchased a back-to-school pack from News Express, those costs may also be tax deductible.

### ***P&C ASSOCIATION***

It was good to see a number of new parents at the P&C meeting last week. The P&C Association is a key group in the school community. They are responsible for, and manage, a number of important programs in the school and form a link between staff and parents that guides many school decisions. Meetings are held on the evening of the second Wednesday of the month in school term. All are welcome to attend.

### ***CASTLE HILL SHOW***

Students from Years Two to Six will be attending the Castle Hill Show on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Students are encouraged to submit work to the show. Miss Lockrey has included information in this newsletter on the areas children can submit works.

### ***BACK-TO-SCHOOL PACKS***

This year is the second year we have worked with News Express to offer back-to-school packs to make the purchase of stationery items for your child's school year. We would like your feedback on the packs. I would be grateful if you could send your feedback to me addressed "Attention Mr Mullan".

### ***MORE JAM***

Last year we hosted a lunch time group offered by staff and volunteers from St Paul's Anglican Church called JAM ("Jesus and Me"). The group was available for Years Three and Four one lunch hour each week. Students were allowed to attend once to see what happened at JAM but were required to have parental permission for further attendance. Parental feedback on the group has been positive and it will be offered again this term to Years Three and Four on Mondays. The materials and activities used are provided by the Scripture Union. Students in Years Three and Four will receive materials about the program on Thursday. Your child will still require your written permission to attend a second or subsequent time.

- Mr Bryan Mullan, Principal

## **Student Welfare...**

### ***MINI MERITS -Term One, Week 3***

Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits over the last week:

**Rainbow:-** Seth (1P), Sebastiaan (1E), Alayna (1E), Sylvia (1C), Jared (1C), Justin (1C), Sam (2G), Connor (2P), Lilly (3H) 2 sets, Zara (3/2K), Adam (3/2K), Stacey (3W), Celina (3W) 2 sets, Claire (3W), Tia (3W), Alanis (3C), Max (4Y), Madison (4M), Simiran (4T), Kyah (4T) 3 sets, Michelle (4Y) 4 sets, Oliver (4Y) 2 sets, Charlotte (4Y) 2 sets, Sarah (4Y), Marco (4Y), Jessica (4Y), Yasmin (5P) 5 sets, Chelsea (5P) 3 sets, Alysia (6G) 3 sets, Caitlin (6G), Neda (6/5A) 5 sets, Kimberley (6/5A), Phoebe (6R), Amy (6R), Aydin (6R) 2 sets.

**Citizenship:-** Jared (1C), Neusha G (5C), Diya (2G), Neave (3W), Nathan (3C), Alanis (3C), Adam (3/2K), Zara (3/2K), Phoenix (3H), Kyah (4T), Amy (6R), Charlotte (4Y), Max (4Y).

**English:-** Jemma (1P), Anjali (1C), Chris (1C), Daniil (2P), Cooper (3C), Maddison (3H), Amal (3S), Charlotte (4M), Aaron (4C), Kyah (4T), Neusha (5P), Neda (6/5A), Michelle (6/5A), Kaitlyn (6R), Phoebe (6R).

**Maths:-** Harry (1C), Connor (2P), Phoenix (3H), Travis (4C), Deion (5P), Alysia (6G), Neda (6/5A), Michelle (6/5A).

**Creative Arts:-** Kalpana (2B), Connor (2G), Cooper (3C), Nathan (3W), Alanis (3C), Phoenix (3H), Pheebe (4M), Honore (4M), Adam (3/2K), Oliver (4Y) 2 sets, Michelle (6/5A).

**PDHPE:-** Amal (3S), Nathan (3W), Bryce (3S), Alanis (3C), Phoenix (3H), Charlotte (4Y), Yasmin (5P) 2 sets, Neda (6/5A), Michelle (6/5A), Alysia (6G) 2 sets, Kaitlyn (6R), James (6R).

**Science and Technology:-** Adam (3/2K), Madison (4M), Pheebe (4M), James (6R), Michelle (6/5A), Neda (6/5A).

**HSIE:-** Sylvie (1C), Antonia (2G), Adam (3/2K), Alex (3/2K), Yasmin (5P) 2 sets, Kaitlyn (6R), James (6R).

Congratulations!

### **Bronze Awards**

Bronze awards are given when a student achieves 10 mini merit certificates. These 10 certificates are then brought in to the Deputy Principal and a lovely Bronze Award certificate with a digital photo of the student incorporated into the certificate is awarded and each student receives a special school pen. Our Bronze certificate students awarded this week were

Marcus (2P) and Alex (3/2K)

**Well done, we are very proud of your sustained efforts in your learning. Congratulations!**

### **Silver Awards**

Silver awards are given when a student achieves 20 mini merit certificates. These 20 certificates are then brought in to the Deputy Principal and a lovely Silver Award certificate with a digital photo of the student incorporated into the certificate is awarded along with a fantastic silver badge which they can wear proudly on their uniform daily! Each term a special Silver Award morning / afternoon tea with the Principal will be conducted as another part of the Silver Award package! Our Silver certificate student awarded this week were -

Gemma (5W), Jacob (4M) and Stacey (3W)

Have achieved **20** mini merit certificates and we are very proud of their commitment to learning. Well done!

### **Castle Hill Show - Friday March 20, 2009 (Years 2 -6)**

Students in Years 2 -6 will be attending the show on Friday 20th March. Opportunities for the students to enter their exhibits will again be possible this year and more information will come regarding logistics.

**I am hoping I can have some assistance from parents:** to help in processing student entry forms / collect money, deliver entry forms to Castle Hill Show Office, transport exhibits to the venue and pick up exhibits at the conclusion of the Show. Any time available would be valued. Please call Ms Lockrey on 9634 3777. Thanks

The dates I will need assistance are:

Thursday March 5 - processing of entries at CHPS (8.15 -9.15am)

Friday March 6 - processing of entries at CHPS (8.15 -9.15am)

Friday March 6 and Saturday March 7 - Entry delivery - papers & moneys to Showground (times can be negotiated)

Tuesday March 10 & Wednesday March 11 - Exhibit processing at CHPS as students bring in to school (8.15 -9.30am)

Friday March 13 - Delivery of student exhibits to Showground (9 - 10am)

Monday March 16 - Delivery of student exhibits to Showground (9-10am)

Monday March 23 - Pick up of all student exhibits from Showground (time to be negotiated)

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

### ***Fruit Break***



Research has shown that eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help with concentration throughout the day. Good concentration helps students maximise their learning. It is for this reason we encourage students to participate in Fruit Break each day at 10am. Fruit Break also helps students to develop or maintain healthy eating habits.

To help maximise success of this program we ask parents to provide their children with a **small** amount of cut up fruit or vegetables each day **in addition** to their recess and lunch.



### ***Does your child have a raincoat?***

Every primary school-aged child should have a raincoat with a hood. It should be unnecessary to have to cancel or limit school activities because of light rain. Umbrellas are not suitable for children when they are at school. Children do not have a strong sense of personal space; as a consequence, injuries can often occur through proximity. It is also important for your child to arrive at school dry and ready to start the school day. Over the last week numerous students have arrived at school very wet. This does not begin their school day in a positive way.



If your child does not have a raincoat with a hood (not a spray jacket) please consider purchasing one to keep in their school bag. Yellow raincoats are strongly recommended, particularly for children in their early years of school.

### ***Semester 1 SRC***

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their classes for the Semester 1 SRC;

2P George Berry, 2G Peter Litsas, 2B Holly Gillett, 2M Aisha Abdu, 3/2K Bradley Hayes, 3C Abhishek Kapadia, 3S Ruben Laubscher, 3H Thomas Newell, 3W Stacey Pratama, 4M Natalie Warwick, 4Y Brendon Symes, 4T Ana Bujak, 4C Travis Donaldson, 5W Angela Echevarria, 5C Matthew Ambler, 5P Chelsea Elliot, 6/5A Zahin Chowdhury, 6G Dean Rassios, 6F Danielle McGrath and 6R Jaydan Stokes.

We will have our first SRC meeting this Thursday 19 February in the school library at 8.30am. Mr Sheridan will also be joining me in coordinating the SRC this year. We look forward to a productive and rewarding Semester.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

**PLEASE GO TO THE NEWSLETTER ON OUR WEBSITE FOR  
TERM ONE CALENDAR**

## From the Classroom...

### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Week 3**

The stars of the week are Joel KK, Josie KG, Lisa KM, Jake KL and Declan from KA.

The sound of the week is 's' for sun and surfboard.

The sight words for this week are **home, school, it, can** and **will**.

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Parent Information Evening.

- Kindergarten Teachers

### **CHESS CLUB**

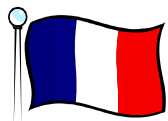
The chess club is open to all girls and boys in grades 2-6.

We meet every Monday at lunchtime in my room (3S) and students of all skill levels are welcome.

A school chess competition will be starting soon. Stay tuned for more information.



- Mr Sheridan



### **Congratulations to the Term 1 Week 3 French Award winners**

Kindergarten Monsieur Taureau Award - Cristian KK, Muqi KK

Year 1 Les Jolies Fleurs Award - Adrian 1P, Jemma 1P

Year 2 Chiot Award - Sherry 2M, Areeb 2M

Excellent!

Prize Box Recipients: There are no prize box recipients this week.

- Madame Fowler

### **ESL NEWS**

INFORMATION MEETING for all parents, grandparents or carers of students who speak a language at home other than English.

It will be held in the school hall on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February from 9.15am - 11.00am. Some topics to be covered will be school organisation, Australian teaching styles and ESL support, NAPLAN testing and student support schemes, interpreter services and the Department of Education website.

There will be Korean and Chinese interpreters on site.

More detailed information is at the end of this Newsletter.

- Dawne Furze, Lynley Qureshi and Robyn Munari  
ESL Staff

## Parent News...

### **P & C NEWS**

The P&C held its first meeting for the year last Wednesday. It was lovely to see some new people. Thank you to all those who have already paid their voluntary contribution. The P&C rely on these funds to maintain air-conditioning, purchase learning resources and pay for half the new interactive whiteboards. These whiteboards will be installed in all the permanent classrooms and the library. Those children in demountable classrooms will have the opportunity to use them when other classes are on non-classroom activities.

Our annual new parent BBQ will be held at the school hall. Invitations will be sent today. Come along with your children for some fun and games and a sausage sizzle.

- Paul Singh, President. 0431 109 819  
chpspc.edu@gmail.com

**NEW PARENT BBQ**  
**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2009**  
**12 NOON TO 2.30PM**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE, GAMES**  
**COME AND HAVE FUN AND MEET SOME NEW FRIENDS**

***CANTEEN NEWS***

The Canteen is still looking for volunteers. If you are able to help, please call Carol or Robyn on 9680 3361.

**Don't forget to order your Sush!**  
**Orders must be placed Tuesday for Wednesday.**

- Canteen Committee

***UNIFORM SHOP NEWS***

Volunteer Roster :   Thursday 19th February - Ingy Shokry  
                                  Monday 23rd February - Jeanette Berry, Lisa Echevarria

**WE NEED YOU!!!!**

The Uniform Shop committee is looking for volunteers for one or two days a month on a Monday or Thursday between 8.30am and 10.30am.

Could all new and previous volunteers email, call me or drop in a form with your preferred days for the new roster which will start in March.

**Procedures for the sale of Second Hand Uniforms :**

You will receive 70% of the sale price once the item has been sold. Cheques are sent out at the end of March and October.

All uniforms need to be in a clean and good condition.

If items are not sold after two years or do not meet the outlined requirements they will be sent onto Stewart House or other like charity organisations

There is no exchange or refund on second hand items.

Please place your name, current address and contact phone number in the bag with the clothing and bring to the uniform shop.

The following is a list of uniform items that are **not accepted for re-sale**.

- Summer dress with cap sleeve
- Any uniforms that have not been purchased from the uniform shop, with the exception of the girls dresses
- Uncrested long sleeve grey shirts (these have changed to crested since winter 08)
- Girls winter tights
- Socks
- Any item that is not part of the school uniform.

-Trisha Booth-Uniform Shop Manager  
0410466363 or [trishmar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trishmar@bigpond.net.au)

**초대장**  
**학교정보의 날**

-가정에서 영어 외에 다른 언어를 사용하는  
학부모/할아버지, 할머니/보호자를 대상으로 함-

장소: Castle Hill 초등학교  
일자: 2월 19일 목요일  
시간: 오전 9시15분 - 11시

내용

제도	환영 및 NSW 공립학교	
교육부 웹사이트	Mr Bryan Mullan	교장
통역서비스		
교사가 바라는 점	Mr Qeefaa An	공보관
학교조직	Ms Denise Lockrey	교감
NAPLAN 시험 준비		
프로그램	Mrs Megan Gibbons	교감
호주식 교육 및	Mrs Dawne Furze Mrs Lynley Qureshi Mrs	
Robyn Munari		
ESL 프로그램		

한국어 및 중국어 통역이 있습니다.

가벼운 간식이 제공 됩니다.

INVITATION  
INFORMATION MORNING

Parents/Grandparents/Carers  
of students who speak a language at home other than English

Where: Castle Hill Public School Hall  
When: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: 9.15-11.00am

Agenda

Welcome			
NSW Public School System	Mr Bryan Mullan	Principal	
Department of School Education Website	Mr Qeefaa An	Community Information Officer	
Interpreter Services			
School Organisation	Ms Denise Lockrey	DeputyPrincipal	
NAPLAN Testing	Mrs Megan Gibbons	DeputyPrincipal	
Student Support Programme			
Australian Teaching Styles and			
ESL Support	Mrs Dawne Furze Mrs Lynley Qureshi Mrs Robyn Munari	ESL	Staff

Korean and Chinese interpreters will be in attendance.

A light morning tea will be served.

## 上午咨询座谈会邀请通知

我校特邀请非英语背景学生家长、祖父母、监护人参加一次  
上午咨询座谈会。具体时间和地点如下：

地点： Castle Hill Public School 礼堂

日期： 2月19日，周四Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February

时间： 上午 9.15-11.00am

### 座谈会议程

致欢迎词并介绍新州学校制度

校长Bryan Mullan 先生

新州教育培训部咨询网站

口译服务

教师对学生的要求和期望

社区教育咨询员工 Qeefaa An 先生

学校的组织结构

副校长 Denise Lockrey 女士

NAPLAN (全国语言数学统考)考试简介

学校的学生辅助计划

副校长Megan Gibbons 女士

澳洲的教学以及英语作为第二语言  
的教学特点

ESL 教师 Dawne Furze Lynley Qureshi Robyn Munari

届时韩国语言和中文翻译人员将临场提供口译服务。  
学校将提供早茶点心。

## Community News...

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

- MONDAY'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**

### **StarTime DRAMA at Castle Hill Public**

- 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- All ages and levels of ability
- Work towards end of term performance and gala night
- Playbuilding · Character Creation physical confidence and creativity
- Clowning and scene work.

**Hurry Places filling fast call StarTime on 9516 1411**

**Attention all Parents.** Hurry last opportunity (classes are starting now) to enrol your kids in fun **dance lessons** that will keep them happy and fit in 2009. We cater for girls and boys aged 4 - 13 years old.

We provide fun dance lessons **straight after school in the school hall** every Wednesday. Kids will have lots of fun, plenty of exercise, build up their confidence, learn new dance skills and you will have time to yourself for an extra hour a week.

Lessons are from 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm for kids aged 4 - 8 years and 4.15 pm - 5.15 pm for kids aged 9 - 13 years every Wednesday in the school hall. Students will learn the basic / intermediate technique for Jazz, Bollywood, Hip Hop and Contemporary dance.

Registration is \$25.00, lessons are \$13.75 each.

Please call Jo at the Australian Dance and Music Company Pty Ltd on 0410 234 278 for more info or you can log onto our website [www.austdancemusic.com.au](http://www.austdancemusic.com.au) Eighteen locations over Sydney, all qualified dance teachers.

## Term 1 Overview

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Wk 4	16 Parent Information Night	17 CHHS Info for parents yrs 4-6 @ CHPS 6.30pm	18 Parent Information Night	19 Essere Yr 5	20	21
						22 New parent BBQ - noon
Wk 5	23	24 Yr 4 Historic Homes Excur CHHS Info Night @ CHHS	25	26 Yr 4 Historic Homes Excur  Essere Yr 5	27	28
						1 March
Wk 6	2	3 SCC meeting 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
						15
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 SCC meeting	8 P&C Meeting	9 ANZAC Service 9.30am	10 Good Friday	11
	<b>LIFE EDUCATION</b>					12