

Castle Hill Public School



NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal...

SHORT MESSAGE

The Principal's message is a little shorter this week due to lack of time. The lack of time is mainly due to the good news below. There will be more detail in next week's newsletter.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Our first ten interactive whiteboards (IWB) have now been installed. Several classes have had the software installed and are already using them. I am being stopped by students in the playground who are saying thank you for the boards. Their great excitement is very infectious. I would like to thank you for your contribution to this, a most significant improvement in the technology that supports student learning. You can see the boards in action at the next P&C meeting.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

The rubber for the fall area in our new playground is being laid today. If the workers are able to finish today the students will be able to use the area from Friday. If the work carries over until tomorrow, students will have access from Monday. Thanks go to the previous Commonwealth Government for the construction of the retaining wall and gardens and to the Uniform Shop for the wonderful safe play space created below.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Next week you will be given the opportunity to opt out of the delivery of the paper copy of the newsletter. If you are happy to receive your copy by email or read it on our website, you can help us reduce our environmental impact.

If you receive your newsletter by email, you will still be receiving two copies. Sadly our software suppliers are still trying to sort out the problem that has it delivered twice to each address. Hopefully we can solve the problem soon!

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday, 11th March. It will be held in a classroom with an interactive whiteboard so you can use the technology and see where your money is going. All parents are invited to attend P&C meetings.

KOREAN TRANSLATION

A parent in the school has kindly offered to translate the Principal's message in the newsletter into the Korean language. Korean is now the third largest language group in the school after English and Mandarin. The Korean translation will be placed on the school website on Thursday each week. It will join the Chinese translations that have been there for some time now thanks to another very generous parent. We are grateful to these two members of our community for their work to facilitate communication with those who have a language background other than English.

- Mr Bryan Mullan, Principal

Student Welfare...

MINI MERITS -Term One, Week 5

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

Rainbow:- Woojin (1E), Katelyn (1S), Fred (1S), Daniel (1S), Hayley (2M), Sherry (2M), Annabella (2M), Dion (2M), Kaitlyn (3S), Laura (4M), Paul (4M), Vivian (3C), Matthew (3C), Hannah (3C), Eliza (4Y), Steffany (5S), Jennifer (5W), Angela (5W) 2 sets, Denzel (5P), Jeol (5P) 7 sets, Kaitlyn (6G) 3 sets, Savannah (6R), Phoebe (6R), Ana (4T) 2 sets, Althea (4T), Joel (4Y).

Citizenship:- Brennan (3L), Chloe (3/2K), Kaitlyn (3S), Candy (3S), Jordan (3H), Joel (5P), Paul (4M).

Maths:- Daniel (1S), Jordan (3H), Bryce (3S), Taylor (3S), Hayden (3W).

Creative Arts:- Cooper (1E), Hayley (3C), Candy (3S), Kaitlyn (3S), Brennan (3L) 3 sets, Ece (4T), Savannah (6R).

PDHPE:- Brennan (3L), Taylor (3S), Ryan (4T), Jessie (6R).

Science and Technology:- Brennan (3L), Ece (3C), Jazmin (4Y).

HSIE:- Cooper (1E), Adam (1S), Jordan (1C), Ryan (4T), Jazmin (4Y), Joel (5P), Savannah (6R).
Congratulations!

Monday 'Walk In Music' Thank You

Thank you to the students so far this term that have played for the school in the hall of a Monday morning. It is so positive to see the students perform and provide such a positive tone to the start of our school week. Thank you.☺

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 still need assistance from parents to help collect exhibits at the conclusion of the Show on Monday March 23. Any time available would be valued. Please call Ms Lockrey on 9634 3777. Thanks.

Processing of entry forms and collection of moneys is in the school hall this Thursday (March 5) and Friday (March 6) ONLY. No late entries will be processed!

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

Student Behaviour & School Toilets



Dear Parents,

It is with some disappointment that the subject of toilets needs to be addressed in the newsletter; however we believe it is necessary. Throughout this term, teachers have needed to remind children about appropriate behaviour that is expected when utilising the school toilets. These conversations have needed to occur on **many occasions** and we are now asking for your assistance in reinforcing appropriate behaviours when children use school toilets. The P&C have spent a large amount of funds on the toilets by providing toilet paper dispensers that hold more

toilet paper rolls - ensuring there is always a supply in a given day for your children and for brightening up the toilet environment with nicely painted walls.

The types of behaviours that have needed to be addressed during Term 1 are:

- Using toilets properly (ie. not standing on seats, not placing toilet paper on seats and leaving a mess in the cubicles, flushing after use, for boys - actually using urinals correctly)
- Wasting toilet paper (by taking off large amounts and deliberately leaving on the ground)
- Wasting the liquid soap and using it like finger paint - the soap is there to share
- Using toilet areas as play areas - many students have needed to be reminded about treating the toilet areas and the people using them at any given time with respect - they are **NOT** play areas
- Hygiene practices - eg. Not taking food/eating food in the toilet areas. (We have visuals placed at the entry to the toilet blocks as reminders for the children)

Whilst our cleaners carry out their duties and toilet block cleaning maintenance effectively, the state in which the children leave the toilets for them to clean is, quite frankly, very embarrassing!

We would appreciate your support by having discussions about appropriate toilet behaviour and the need to be mindful that a school of nearly 750 children requires people to be considerate and thoughtful when utilising the toilet areas within the school!. We hope Term 1 and beyond sees a **significant improvement in appropriate** toilet behaviour!

(Non-Teaching Executive)

Premier's Reading Challenge

Online records are now available for students to use. Follow the link to the 2009 homepage - <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> On the left hand menu click **logon**. Each student will be able to logon using their DET username and password (username - firstname.lastname Password - your child has their own password). Once you have logged in click on **Student Reading Records**. To add a book to your reading list type in the PRC book ID number. The book title will appear automatically. Click the **Add** button. Once the students have completed the challenge I can validate their reading log.

SRC

There will be an SRC meeting this week in the school Library at 8.30am. SRC reps are to bring ideas for charities to support. We will also be creating a roster to sell disco tickets. The school disco will be held on Friday 27 March. Times will be in next week's newsletter.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

High School Open Days

Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from these up-coming Open Days.

Galston high School
Wednesday 4 March 2009
9.00-11.30am



Northmead High School
Tuesday 10 March 2009
Morning session 9.15 - 1pm
Evening session 7 - 9pm

Kellyville High School
Tuesday 3 March 2009
5.30-7.00pm

For more information please see Mrs Gibbons

From the Classroom...

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Week 5

The stars of the week are Cristian KK, Annelise KG, Ella KM, Patrick KL and Samuel from KA.

The sound of the week is 'i' for igloo and inside .

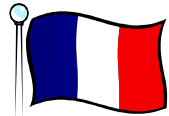
The sight words for this week are **baby, he, she, me** and **said**.

A sheet containing 'My First 30 Sight Words' will be sent home. We encourage all children to revise the sight words at home. Don't forget to revise the sounds learnt so far. (a m s t i).

Sport commences on Wednesday. Please let your child's teacher know whether you can assist with sport.

- Kindergarten Teachers

Congratulations to the Term 1 Week 5 French Award winners



Kindergarten Monsieur Taureau Award - Lauren KM, Alessio KM

Year 1 Les Jolies Fleurs Award - Sharon 1E, Alex 1E

Year 2 Chiot Award - Cassandra 2B, Ivan 2B

Prize Box Recipients: Zac 3H, Daria 3S, Abhishek 3C, Joonseok 3C

Très bien tout le monde!

- Madame Fowler

SENIOR CHOIR

Help Wanted!!

The Senior Choir and I would love an accompanist to help with choir each Thursday morning. If you are a parent or grandparent who can play the piano and you are available from 11:20 am until 11:50 am on Thursday mornings, we would love to hear from you!

- Beverley Moth, Choir Co-Ordinator

Parent News...

P & C NEWS

The P&C Association membership is open to all parents and local citizens. We welcome new members. The P&C is the primary parent body responsible for liaising with the school executive. We seek your input either by email or phone contact. We can only be truly representative if people tell us their views.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7:30pm.

All welcome and supper is on the agenda.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

Please look in your children's bag today for the Canteen Roster.

ROSTER:

Wednesday 4 th March	Julie Botelho, Vicki Payne, Julie Wilkins
Thursday 5 th March	Carolina Zurueta, Fiona Foote, Alice White
Friday 6 th March	John Payne, Olivia Grant, Lynda Syme, Bayzer Wah
Monday 9 th March	Leanne Roach, Daniela Fattoretto, Grace Lee,
Tuesday 10 th March	Belinda McCombe, Lynelle Inkster, Margaret Laing

- Canteen Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Volunteer Roster: Thursday 5th March - Lisa Ruiz, Lisa Hayres, Zita Mensana
Monday 9th March - Lisa Echevarria, Natalie Tuitupou

Hats Size - Medium are now in stock.

A Uniform Shop Committee meeting will be held on **Monday 16th March** in the Uniform Shop. All are welcome to attend.

-Trisha Booth-Uniform Shop Manager
0410466363 or trishmar@bigpond.net.au

Community News...

Gazelles Netball Club is looking for two girls turning 7 in 2009 to join a fantastic team comprised mainly of Castle Hill Public School girls. Seven year olds play Netta, which is a modified game with lower hoops and more relaxed rules to suit the age group. Training is at the netball courts in Coolong St, Castle Hill and all games are played at the netball complex on Wellgate Ave, Kellyville on Saturday mornings at 8am. Please see our website www.gazellesnetballclub.org.au for further information and for the names of the players already registered. If you would like to play please contact Jane Relyea on 9659 0714 or registrar@gazellesnetballclub.org.au as soon as possible. The season commences Saturday 28 March.

Baulkham Hills Hawks Junior AFL Club Registration Day. Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Crestwood Drive, Baulkham Hills, Thursday 12th March, 4:00pm to 5:30pm UNTIL THURSDAY THE 2ND APRIL. The cost of \$30 includes: Weekly program, AFL pack (Includes football, backpack, drink bottle, cap, DVD and much more). TO REGISTER Phone Simon Smyth on 83338021 or Email simon.smyth@aflnswact.com.au. If your call is re-directed to voicemail, please leave your child's details to complete the registration process. For direct contact for the Baulkham Hills Hawks Junior AFL Club, please call Greg Nance on 0431 288 980.

Term 1 Overview

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Wk 6	2	3 <i>SCC meeting</i> CHHS G&T Info Night @ CHHS 7pm	4	5 Essere Yr 5	6	7
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Wk 7	9	10 Yr 5 Planetarium Visit	11 P&C Meeting	12 Essere Yr 5	13	14
						15
Wk 8	16	17	18	19 <i>Selective</i> <i>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
						LIFE EDUCATION
Wk 10	30	31	1 April	2	3	4
						LIFE EDUCATION
Wk 11	6	7 <i>SCC meeting</i>	8 P&C Meeting	9 ANZAC Service 9.30am	10 Good Friday	11
						LIFE EDUCATION

The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs – for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

! Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➤ For more information:

- visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
- phone the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL - 2009 CASTLE HILL SHOW

Art & Craft Entries - Procedures

Over many years the students at our school have participated in the annual Castle Hill Show by entering items into the various craft sections of the show. Listed here is an abbreviated list of the sections in which children can enter items they have made. These are listed fully in the Show Society's Handbook, a copy of which can be obtained at the Show Society's office or accessed online via the website www.castlehillshow.com.au The students in Years 2 -6 will be attending the show on Friday March 20.

There are 4 sections that Castle Hill PS will coordinate for entry to the show. Please check the handbook or online to ensure all *entry forms and participant and waiver forms* are correctly filled in.

1. Craft: - Section 5... \$ 2.00 per entry
2. Paper & Fibre Creations - Section 16...\$3.00 per entry
3. Flat Art - Section 17...\$3.00 per entry
4. Photography - Section 18...\$3.00 per entry

Online Access: 1. Go to website www.castlehillshow.com.au 2. Click on button "Castle Hill Show' 3. Click on button "Show schedule' / then go to one of the 4 sections school can enter / download and complete entry form and participants' indemnity form. Student brings completed form and money on the dates outlined below.

Dates & procedure timeline

1. Entry Form & Money Processing at CHPS (no artwork required - just forms and money):
(LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

Thursday March 5 - processing of entries at CHPS. Location - School Hall (8.15 -9.15am)

Friday March 6 - processing of entries at CHPS. Location - School Hall (8.15 -9.15am)

2.Entry Delivery at CHPS (students to bring items to Ms Lockrey's office) (artwork / items required)

(LATE DELIVERIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)

Please ensure all entries have label completed and stuck on back of artwork/ entry.

Students can get labels from Ms Lockrey

Tuesday March 10 - Exhibit delivery processing at CHPS - 8.15- 9am

Wednesday March 11 - Exhibit delivery processing at CHPS - 8.15- 9am

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

Monday March 16 - Delivery of **CRAFT, PAPER / FIBRE & PHOTOGRAPHY student exhibits** to Showground (9-10am)

All student exhibits will be collected in a bulk collection on Monday March 23 from Showground.

**Many thanks,
Denise Lockrey
(Deputy Principal)**