

Castle Hill Public School



NEWSLETTER

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ROBYN CAMPION

Robyn Campion is retiring as Centre Manager of Castle Hill After School Care after 20 years of service, and we would like to invite any families who have had the privilege of Robyn caring for their children to attend a celebration of this amazing achievement. The details are:

Date: Friday, 27th March

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Castle Hill After School Care

RSVP required by Wednesday, 25th March (chasc30@bigpond.com.au or 9680 3361)

We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Principal...

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

The installation of our twenty-two Smartboards (Interactive whiteboards) has been completed. There are some issues to be resolved in terms of computer access to the Internet in their new locations, but the staff and students are enjoying the new range of learning opportunities being opened up to them through this new technology. Thank you for your contribution to the cost of this project which has again placed our school at the forefront of technology learning.

CASTLE HILL SHOW

Congratulations to those who encouraged their children to enter the Castle Hill Show competitions. We are looking forward to seeing their work on display at the Show on Friday when Years Two to Six attend School's Day. It is wonderful to see the range of skills demonstrated by our students in many areas.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Thanks you to those parents who have already elected to stop delivery of their newsletter in a paper copy. This process is helping us to reduce our environmental footprint and to give positive messages to our students about protecting the environment.

You can withdraw from the paper copy at any time. Simply send an email to the school address at castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will remove your name from the paper delivery.

If we do not have your email address, you can join our email list by sending it to the school office.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)

Last week I submitted funding applications to the Department of Education for the following projects under the Commonwealth Government's "Building the Education Revolution" package. The applications were made in two separate areas. One area is for maintenance programs and the other for capital works.

Under capital works, I have applied for:

Construction of an additional Special Programs Room for technology education,

Construction of an additional toilet block,

Replacement of our demountable classrooms with permanent rooms, and

Construction of shade over our new playground development.

Under the maintenance program, I have applied for:

Replacement of the fall area under the fixed equipment in the playground with a permanent rubber surface,

Tiering of the area between the games court and tennis court to prevent further erosion, and

Returfing of bare areas in the playground and installation of synthetic grass in the high-wear area near the soccer goalposts.

I cannot offer any assurance that any of these programs will eventuate from the application. I will continue to keep you informed about the progress of our applications.

BER 2

We are seeing some of the flow on effects of the program at this early stage with an increased number of minor maintenance programs in the school. Short time-frames in the BER program mean that there will be some disruption to the school's normal activities as we manage several programs during term time that would normally be conducted in school holidays. Early advice includes the carpeting of one demountable classroom, the widening of the pathway from the back gate to allow wet weather access for emergency vehicles and painting in the school.

The safety of our students will always be the first priority in the management of these programs, but there will inevitably be minor disruptions to some school programs and activities.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our students competed well in both the heats and finals of the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Unfortunately the finals of the carnival were disrupted by a blackout just as we were about to begin the final event of the night. Our students are to be congratulated on the spirit of sportsmanship they demonstrated throughout the two days in competing to the best of their ability and in acknowledging the efforts of their team members and competitors.

TRIVIA NIGHT

You are invited to set aside the evening of Friday, 8th May to attend a trivia night at the school. The night will be conducted to support the walk I will be taking the following week from Orange to Castle Hill. All funds raised through the walk will be donated to the Cancer Council through the Hills Relay for Life. Details of how to purchase your tickets or a table will be published in a coming newsletter.

- Mr Bryan Mullan, Principal

Student Welfare...

MINI MERITS -Term One, Week 7

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

Rainbow:- Alayna (1E), David (1S), Daniel (1S), Daria (3S), Patrick (2B), Jordan (2B), Cherry (2B), Cassandra (2B), Ryan (2G), Adi (3/2K) 3 sets, Sally (3/2K) 2 sets, Noah (3/2K) 2 sets, Effie (3/2K), Connor (3S) 2 sets, Daria (3S), Taylor (3S), Lachlan (3S), Hayley (4M) 2 sets, Shantelle (4M), Liam (4C) 2 sets, Mason (4C) Grace (4C), Paloma (4C), Marianne (5W) 2 sets, Flora (5W), Mitchell (5W), Luke (5W) 3 sets, Ivan (5W), Jacob (6G) 4 sets, Audrey (6G) 2 sets, Hayley (6G) 2 sets, Chelsea (6G) 4 sets, Whitney (5W), George (2P), Gemma (2M) Taline (2M), Lachlan (2M), Dion (2M) Daniella (2M) 2 sets, Hayley (2M).

Citizenship:- Brendan (2M), Bill (4C), Emily (6F), Sally (3/2K), Dion (2M), Ethan (2M).

English:- Holly (2P), Eve (2G), Sally (3/2K), Rachel (3/2K), Aneesha (3W), Annie (3W), Kiara (4C), Angus (4C), Jessica (4C).

Maths:- Mitchell (3S), Adam (3/2K), Sally (3/2K), Angela (5W), Marianne (5W), Chelsea (6G).

Creative Arts:- Alayna (1E), Antonia (2G), Jordan (2B), Noah (3/2K), Ryan (3/2K), Neave (3W), Emily (6F), Chelsea (6G), Geoge (2P), Archie (3W).

PDHPE:- Aneesha (3W), Noah (3/2K), Ryan (3/2K), Angus (4C), Zaid (5W), Chelsea (6G), Aydin (6R) 2 sets, Archie (3W).

Science and Technology:- Shantelle (4M), Marianne (5W).

HSIE:- Alex (1E), Mitchell (3S), Daria (3S).

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

Areeb (2M), Jack (4C), Kiara (4C), Ryan (2G) and Cooper (3C)

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 students awarded this week were -

Niki (6G), Matty (4Y) and Aaron (4C)

have achieved **20** mini merit certificates. We are very proud of their commitment to learning.
Well done!

Gold Awards

***** ☺ **WE HAVE OUR FIRST GOLD AWARD STUDENTS FOR 2009 !** ☺ *****

Gold awards are given when a student achieves 40 mini merit certificates and includes a Peer Support leader's certificate in the package. These 40 certificates are then brought in to the Deputy Principal and a lovely Gold Award certificate with a digital photo of the student incorporated into the certificate is awarded along with a sensational gold badge which they can

wear proudly on their uniform daily! Each term a special Gold Award lunch with the Principal & non-teaching executive will be conducted as another part of the Award package!

Our first Gold Award recipients for 2009 are Zac (6/5A) and Alysia (6G)
Congratulations on your outstanding efforts over many years Zac and Alysia! ☺

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

Thank you to all the parents who have given of their time and assisted in processing entries/ delivering entries for the Castle Hill Show. Your participation has been greatly valued! ☺

A reminder... we have a 'no pay / no go' and a 'no note / no go' policy. We will not be phoning parents on Friday if children have not returned signed permission notes by Thursday March 19.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal



Premier's Reading Challenge

70 students have now logged on and started using the online reading log to record their participation in the challenge this year. Remember you can include any book from the reading list you have read since October 2008. Each student who completes the challenge receives a certificate. Students in Years 2-6 have them presented at the certificate assemblies held at the end of the year. Kindergarten and Year 1 have their certificates presented at a K-2 assembly.

Congratulations to Madison 3H, Akarima 4T, Paul 4M, Hayley 6G, Ashleigh 6/5A and Eleanor 6F for completing this year's challenge!

SRC

There is no SRC meeting this week. The SRC voted and decided to help charities that will support students who have vision impairment and students / children living with type II diabetes. The SRC will also be promoting and supporting Mr Mullan in his walk from Orange to Castle Hill to raise awareness of and funds for the Hills Relay for Life.

School Disco

Our first school disco for 2009 will be held on Friday 27th March. There will be three session times as follows;

1. Kinder and Year 1 - 4.15pm-5.15pm
2. Year 2 and Year 3 - 5.30pm- 6.45pm
3. Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 7.00pm-8.30pm



Tickets (\$2.00) are on sale each morning and recess outside Mrs Thompson's office. Students must purchase their tickets from school as there will be no tickets sold at the door. At the end of the disco each child will receive a packet of chips and a drink (provided by the School Community Club).

ANZAC Day Service

Our school's Anzac Day service will be held on Thursday 9th April. If there are any CHPS families who have members who are in the armed forces or in the reserve forces who would like to attend our ANZAC Day service please forward your contact details to the front office. The school will send you a formal invitation to attend the school service.

Kellyville High School Gifted and Talented Class

We have received application forms students who wish to apply to sit for the Year 7 gifted and talented class at Kellyville High School. Any student can apply however first preference is given to students who live in the Kellyville High School drawing area. If you would like an application form please see Mrs Gibbons.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

From the Classroom...

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Week 7

The stars of the week are O'felia KK, Murdoch KG, Ben KM, Samuel KL and Armaan from KA. The sound of the week is 'd' for dolphin and dog.

For the past six weeks the children have been learning 'First 30 Sight Words.' A sheet containing the words was sent home. Please go over those words with your child.

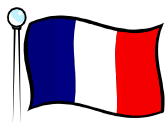
This week kindergarten will be starting to learn the Magic 100 Words. This week the words are **a, and, be** and **I**. (Some words will be repeated from the sight words taught previously.)

Thank you to all the children who wore their sports shoes to school on Monday. They participated well in the AFL clinic.

On the 25th of March we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promotes the benefits of cultural diversity. The key message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Children are encouraged to wear their national costume. Those children who are not wearing national costume are encouraged to wear something orange. e.g. orange socks, ribbons etc. The children may also wish to bring in items from different countries. It will be wonderful to talk about all the different countries that the children come from.

Parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten Celebration on Friday 3 April, 2009 from 2:00pm to 2:45pm in the school. Children are permitted to wear casual clothes on this day, although they must wear enclosed shoes and their school hat.

- Kindergarten Teachers



Congratulations to the Term 1 Week 7 French Award winners

Kindergarten Monsieur Taureau Award - Rafaella KG, Samuel KG

Year 1 Les Jolies Fleurs Award - Jeanni 1P, Nicholas 1P

Year 2 Chiot Award - Georgia 2G, Peter 2G

Prize Box Recipients: Taylor 3S, Mitchell 3S, Vivian 3C, Chloe 3/2K

C'est Fantastique!

- Madame Fowler

Parent News...

VACATION CARE

The After School Care Centre is now taking bookings for the Easter Vacation break. Please phone 9680 3361 for further information. All bookings must include a CRN number for each child.

- Robyn Campion, OOSH Centre

P & C NEWS

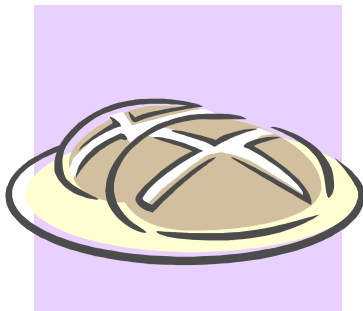
The P&C held its March meeting last week. At the meeting we had a demonstration of a new Smartboard. What a revelation! Both children and teachers should find them stimulating and engaging.

Thank you so much to all the families who have given so generously to the voluntary contribution. We have collected almost \$40,000 this year. For those remaining families any amount would be gratefully accepted. Despite the global financial crisis we have managed to maintain similar levels of contributions. You may well be aware from previous years that the funds are used to maintain air conditioning in classrooms, purchase Smartboards, install communications systems and enhance play areas.

- Paul Singh, President. 0431 109 819
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COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER



The School Community Club will be participating in a Hot Cross Bun fundraiser with Coles. For each pack of buns sold \$1 will be donated to the school. Packs of 6 Hot Cross Buns with fruit will be available for \$4. Orders need to be placed before Friday 27th March with delivery on Friday 3rd April.

Please fill in an order form which can be found at the end of this Newsletter and return to school with correct payment (change will not be given). Cheques must be made payable to "Castle Hill Public School Community Club". Thanks for your support.

- Belinda McCombe, President, Community Club and Committee
Ph: 9659 0856 or email: bmccombe@bigpond.net.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to the Castle Hill Show on Friday this week, we will not require the volunteers in the Canteen - enjoy your day off.

ROSTER:

Wednesday 18 th March	Vicki Payne, Julie Botelho, Sheree Townsend
Thursday 19 th March	Wendy Newman, Rachel Simpson
Friday 20 th March	Castle Hill Show - Volunteers not needed - thank you
Monday 16 th March	Annie Randell, Marisa Giorgi
Tuesday 17 th March	Caroline Smith, Ivana Amico, Soeun Kwon, Sarah Lee

- Canteen Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Volunteer Roster : Thursday 19th March - Emilia Susanto, Aneke Iontoh, Helen Kotevski
Monday 23rd March - Jeanette Berry, Elizabeth Gordon, Sue Obhrai

Afternoon/Night trading - The uniform will be open on **Thursday 2nd April 5.00pm -7.00pm**.
If any **volunteers** are able to help out for this night please contact me by phone or e-mail.

Boys grey trousers in all sizes are now available.

Dr Shoe will be available for the purchase of shoes on Monday 30th March.

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

Community News...

Castle Hill United Soccer Club is looking for recruits - girls under 10 and 12. Have fun, exercise, helps coordination and build team spirit. Training on Tuesday and/or Wednesday evening from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Fred Caterson Reserve, Gilbert Rd, Castle Hill. Games are played on Sunday morning. Please call Andre on 0408 488 011.

Term 1 Overview

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
Wk 8	16	17	18	19 <i>Selective HS Test</i>	20 Castle Hill Show Yr 2-6	21
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Wk 9	23	24	25	26 Yr 5/6 Team Sport Challenge	27	28
				LIFE EDUCATION		29
Wk 10	30	31	1 April	2	3	4
	LIFE EDUCATION					5
Wk 11	6	7 SCC meeting	8 P&C Meeting	9 ANZAC Service 9.30am	10 Good Friday	11
	LIFE EDUCATION					12



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

I would like to order _____ packs of hot cross buns @ \$4 per pack.

I have enclosed \$ _____ cheque/cash