

# Castle Hill Public School



# NEWSLETTER

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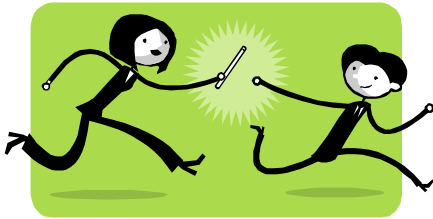
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## *From the Principal...*

### **TEAMWORK**



Last Friday we completed the Zone Athletics Carnival field event. We also competed in the Teams Carnival. There were some outstanding individual performances in the field events and we are looking forward to finding out the final results of the carnival. Castle Hill won the Teams Carnival trophy with excellent results in tunnel ball, captain ball and shuttle relays.

The school has won this trophy eight times since 2001. No

other school in any sport has a record of success that compares with this.

The success is built on teamwork. It is built on the knowledge each child has that they are making a contribution to an outcome for all of their team-mates. Cooperation is a value we emphasise constantly in the classroom and the evidence is shown to us every day in our work as students support each other to achieve goals they cannot achieve on their own. Congratulations to all the competitors in the Teams Carnival and field events for their achievements last week.

### **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

Our Book Week Parade today was a celebration of the students' love of literature. We had to move it inside due to the high winds. Thanks to the flexibility of the staff, particularly our Teacher-Librarians, we were able to enjoy the creative costumes made by you and the children were able to enjoy their parade. The students who made displays and posters are also to be congratulated for the creativity of their work. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came to celebrate Book Week with us.



### **RAMADAN**

The Muslim holy month of Ramadan commenced on Saturday. Many members of our community will be undertaking observances and celebrations during the next month. If you would like to know a little more about what Ramadan is, and what these observances are, useful information is available at <http://www.ramadan.com.au>. This site also has a section for children.

If you have a child who is choosing to fast during Ramadan, please inform his/her teacher so provision can be made for your child if necessary.

### **VALUES**

I received a copy of a letter of thanks sent to KA and two other students last week by a charity. Rubens in KA celebrated his birthday recently. He asked that his guests (most of whom were in his class) make a donation to a nominated charity instead of spending money on a gift. His party guests donated three hundred dollars to Ronald McDonald House. We cannot claim to have taught Rubens

to be unselfish and to care for others, his family gets the credit for that, but we can celebrate his generosity and care and also that of the other children who attended his birthday party.



Until this time I have failed to advise you of the outcome of the process for the appointment of a new class teacher to replace Mr Sheridan who was promoted to the position of Assistant Principal at Normanhurst Public School. Miss Julie Speth was the successful applicant for the position. She won the position on a competitive application and interview process. Congratulations to Miss Speth. We are delighted to have her at the school as a permanent member of staff. Miss Speth will remain with 1S, the class she has had since the commencement of the school year, for the remainder of 2009.

### ***INTERRELATE INFORMATION SESSION***

Last week I advised that Ms Lockrey and Mrs Gibbons would be conducting an Interrelate information session for parents of Year Five students in June. The correct date was today Tuesday, 25 August from 3.15 to 4.15 in the school library. Please accept my apologies to anyone who missed the session as a result of publishing the correct date.

- Mr Bryan Mullan, Principal

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

#### ***MINI MERITS -Term Three, Week 4***

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

**Rainbow:-** Finn (KM), Christian (KK), Matthew (1C), Daanial (1E), Marcus (2P), Connor (2G), Maria (2G), Rachel (2G), Brendon (2M), Aisha (2M) 2 sets, Jack (3W), Jeremy (3W), Sally (3/2K), Alex (3H), Harrison (3S) 2 sets, Charlotte (4M), Akarima (4T), Grace (4C), Paige (4Y), Joy (4Y), Hannah (5W) 2 sets, Whitney (5W), Aydin (6R).

**Citizenship:-** Merlin (1S), Krupali (2B), Edwin (2G), Harrison (3S), Abhishek (3H), Joy (4Y), Emad (4T), Tiffany (4C), Hannah (5W).

**English:-** Grace (KA), Daniel (1C), Edwin (2G), Peter (2G), Phoenix (3H), Akarima (4T) 2 sets, Michelle (4Y), Tiffany (4C) 3 sets, Whitney (5W), Hannah (5W), Chaneal (6F).

**Maths:-** Samuel (KA), Antonia (2G), Phoenix (3H), Tia (3W), Simiran (4T), Akarima (4T), Tiffany (4C), Luke (5W), Whitney (5W), Hannah (5W), David (6G).

**Creative Arts:-** Flora (KL), Martin (2G), Simiran (4T).

**PDHPE:-** Krupali (2B), Sally (3/2K), Adam (3/2K), Rebecca (2P), Jeremy (2P), Martin (2G), Antonia (2G), Daniel (2M), Abhishek (3H), Akarima (4T), Tiffany (4C), Joy (4Y), Jessica (2P).

**Science and Technology:-** Phoenix (3H), Akarima (4T), Charlotte (4M), Michelle (4Y), Danit (4Y).

**HSIE:-** Jared (1C), Areeb (2M), Michelle (4Y), Simiran (4T), Akarima (4T).



#### ***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 student awarded this week is -

Michael (2P)

**Well done, we are very proud of your sustained efforts in 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 -

Lachlan (3S)  
has achieved 20 mini merit certificates and we are very proud of his commitment to learning.  
Well done!

### Year 5 Parent Opportunity to gain information about the Interrelate Program, scheduled for Term 4, 2009.

Year 5 parents are welcome to attend an information session this afternoon in the library 3.15 - 4.15pm. The session will be conducted by Ms Lockrey and Mrs Gibbons and will outline the 'Moving into the Teen Years program' that our Year 5 students participate in during Term 4. Other CHPS parents, who may be interested, are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

### ***Premier's Reading Challenge***

Only 1 week left to complete this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. All entries must be entered online by 4pm Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Congratulations to Heidi KL, Peter KM, Siun KK, Daniel 1C, Lily 1E and Haani 2B for completing this year's reading challenge!

### ***Disco***

Our next school disco will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The three session times are as follows:

Kinder & Yr 1	4.15 - 5.15pm
Yr 2 & Yr 3	5.30 - 6.45pm
Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6	7.00 - 8.30pm

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. All tickets cost \$2.00 and will be on sale before school and at recess outside the front office window.



### ***SRC***

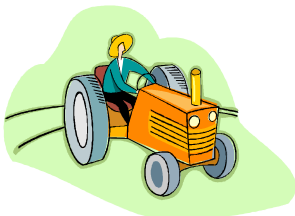
The SRC will be meeting this week in the library at 8.30am Thursday. We will be organising a roster for the disco ticket sales.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

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

### ***KINDERGARTEN NEWS - Week 5***

The sight words for this week are **back**, **been**, **came** and **down**. The sound for this week is 'w' as in wombat.



What a wonderful turn up for the K-2 Book Parade. It was great to see all the mums, dads, brothers, sisters and friends at our school. Thank you to all the parents who assisted their children with the costuming.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September we have our Golden Ridge Farm Excursion. Please ensure that the excursion note is returned by this Friday. Students should wear **full school uniform**, including the **school hat**. Students should bring **morning tea and lunch, two drinks in disposable containers** and a **raincoat**. These should be carried in a **backpack** or **school excursion bag**.

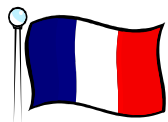
Just a reminder to all parents that peanut butter sandwiches are not to be sent to school. We have a number of children at our school with a peanut allergy. This can be life threatening.

The Kindergarten Teachers would like the children to practise writing their numbers. A number of children are still reversing their numbers. Sight words need to be revised on a daily basis.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers

### ***LIBRARY NEWS***

Book coverers are urgently needed in the library on Wednesday mornings between 9am and 10am. If you have any spare time, please come along and help out.



### **Congratulations to the Term 3 Week 4 French Award winners**

Kindergarten Monsieur Taureau Award - Vivien KL, Lucas KL

Year 1 Les Jolies Fleurs Award - Tasneem 1P, William 1P

Year 2 Chiot Award - Caitlin 2M, Ethan 2M

The French Stage 2 Stars for this week are Kaitlyn and Victor from 3C who have earned 10 minutes reward time for their class!

Superbe!  
Ms. Rankins



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

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

On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank all those families who have made a voluntary contribution this year. We have just spent \$75 000 on interactive whiteboards for the school. Our treasurer Mrs. Allyson Cox detailed our expenditure last week. I ask all those families who have not yet made a contribution to please consider making one. There will be an additional 5 classrooms which will require air conditioning and interactive whiteboards.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

- Paul Singh, President. 0431 109 819, [chpspc.edu@gmail.com](mailto:chpspc.edu@gmail.com)

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Volunteer Roster :      Thursday 27th August - Lynelle Inkster, Lisa Stoken  
   Monday 31st August - Bronwyn Barrs, Deborah Kemp

Volunteers Needed - **4th Monday** of the month.

Dr Shoe will be available for the purchase of school shoes on **Monday 31st August, 8.30am to 9.30am.**

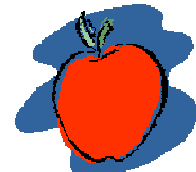
- Trisha Booth, Uniform Shop Manager,  
0410466363 or [trishmar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:trishmar@bigpond.net.au)

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

Don't forget to order Sushi on Monday or Tuesday for Wednesday.

### **ROSTER:**

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Vicki Payne, Julie Botelho, Supriya Vankadara
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Deborah Kemp, Sue Obhrai, Julie CLarke
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Julie Botelho, Elizabeth Berthon, Lynda Syme, Linda Koutsos
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Robyn Woolsey, Leanne Roach
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Molly McCrossen, Elizabeth Gordon, Olivia



-Canteen Committee

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

All Issue 5 orders have now been received. Issue 6 brochures, the last for the term, have been distributed to the classes. To enable us to receive a special early order bonus, it would be appreciated if all orders were handed to the office by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Please contact Jane Relyea on 0434 990 807 or [jrelyea@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jrelyea@optusnet.com.au) with any enquiries.

## **Community News...**

**Introduction to Volunteering Course** Hills Community Aid and Information Service are running a free, half day workshop to help volunteers get the most out of their community service work. The course includes information on where to volunteer, what to expect and the rewards of being a volunteer. Hills volunteer Cathy Rood attended the previous course and found it very worthwhile.

"It gave me a sense of what was required of a volunteer and why I wanted to become one."

"It also gave me some skills that have been useful in my volunteer work."

"I would recommend the course to anyone who was interested in becoming a volunteer" She said.

The course is being facilitated by Ute Cowley who has been training volunteers in the Hills Shire since 1991. The course is on Wednesday 26 August at the Baulkham Hills Community Centre from 12:30 to 3:30. For more information or to book call Hills Community Aid and Information Service Incorporated on 9639 8620

**Challenged by your child's asthma? 'Parenting Children with Asthma'** The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

**What does participation involve?** Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents> For more information, please contact Caroline Gregory (ph: 07 3365 9186, email: [caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au)) Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

### Term 3 Overview

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
<b>Wk 5</b>	24	25 Book Week Parade K-2 +6 <b>3.15-4.15pm</b> Parent interrelate talk	26 <b>SiSA</b>	27	28	29 30
<b>Wk 6</b>	31	1 Sept <b>SCC Meeting 9.15am</b> Music Festival	2 <b>SiSA</b>	3 Golden Ridge Farm - Kinder	4	5 6
<b>Wk 7</b>	7	8  K-6 Opera Australia	9 <b>SiSA</b>  <b>P&amp;C Meeting 7.30pm</b>	10	11 Disco	12 13
<b>Wk 8</b>	14	15 Yr 5 Antarctic visit - in hall	16 <b>SiSA</b>	17	18	19 20
<b>Wk 9</b>	21 Regional Athletics	22	23 <b>SiSA</b>	24	25	26 27
<b>Wk 10</b>	28	29	30 <b>SiSA</b> K-2 Showcase 10am-11am	1 Oct	2	3 4

***SiSA = Sport in Schools Australia***