Thank You Deloitte

A huge thank you must go to the workers from Deloitte who participated in ‘World Impact Day’ by volunteering their time to community work on Friday November 21. We had 5 very committed and enthusiastic volunteers who began preparing our new school vegetable garden. This is a job that has been on our ‘to do’ list for many months. Despite the heat the volunteers did an amazing job by removing approximately 20cm of top soil out of each garden bed. We can now bring in fertile soil, lay garden dividers and install a fence before students will be able to plant out the garden in early 2015. We are hoping that the new vegetable garden will not only be a valuable educational learning space but also provide our school canteen with fresh produce.

2015 Kinder Orientation

This week we successfully hosted the final 2 days of our Kinder 2014 orientation program (Tuesday and Thursday). We welcomed 140 students and their families to our school. In 2015 we will have 7 Kindergarten classes. Organising a well prepared and smooth running orientation program takes a lot of work and commitment. I would like to thank the many staff and community involved in ensuring our 2015 students and their families have had a positive start to their life at Castle Hill Public – THANK YOU 😊

House Prefects for 2015

The house prefect nomination and election process has been completed for 2015 house prefects. All students who stood for election could have fulfilled the role admirably. Although not all nominated can become house prefects, we know all will be leaders within our school next year. Congratulation to the following Year 5 students who have been elected as 2015 house prefects.

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Staff Professional Learning

As part of our commitment to the Focus on Reading teacher professional learning all staff are currently participating in 2 after school workshops. During these sessions staff are unpacking a DEC document ‘An Introduction to Quality Literacy Teaching’ and are analysing and reflecting on their own pedagogical practices in relation to the four literacy resource model – code-breaking, meaning-making, text-using and text-analysing. Research shows when staff effectively reflect on and modify their own teaching practice student learning increases.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Relieving Principal
What’s in your child’s bag today?

- Notes: Eldest 1-6 - Gala Day Information
  Kindergarten - Gala Day Information
  Year 1 - Gala Day Information
  Year 6 and 6/5G - Transition to High School Activities letter

- Leaflets: K-6 School Holiday Program

Mini Merit Awards

Important 2014 Dates / Information regarding mini merit system (repeated message)
- K-6 Platinum assembly - Monday December 1

Important Details Regarding Presentation Day - Friday December 12, 2014.

2014 Presentation Day assembly will be held at Castle Grand in the Pioneer Room (Cnr Castle and Pennant Streets, Castle Hill) on Friday December 12, 2014. All students will need to wear full school uniform. Recipients of an award will receive communication home to parents prior to the event and a request for RSVP to the office on 9634 3777 as to numbers for seat reservation. All members of the school community are welcome to attend, however priority seating will be given to those parents of students receiving an award on the day and who have contacted the school with the numbers of seats needing to be reserved.

The assembly times are as follows:
- Kindergarten to Year Two  9.30am to 10.30am
- Year Three and Year Four  11.00am to 11.40am
- Year Five and Year Six  12 noon to 1.45pm

Only students who have a completed signed parent permission note allowing them to walk to the event will attend.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News

Sight words for this week in class are: again, ask, best, bring, far, find, give, how, kind, left, man, mother, own, room, say, step, there, too, walk, wish. These are known as the purple sight words.

Our Kindergarten students for 2015 have now had three visits to school. Their last visit is tomorrow, Thursday November 27, from 9.30-10.30am. They have settled in well and enjoyed their visit.

Traditionally each year the children from Years K - 6 hold a fundraising day where the proceeds go entirely to Stewart House, an organisation which provides support for children and families in need. Gala Day will be held this year on Thursday December 11 from 12-2pm. Children are able to wear mufti clothes and sensible shoes (no thongs). They still need to wear a hat. We would like each child from Kindergarten to donate a bag of wrapped lollies and $1 to cover the cost of our activities.

This is the last week for home reading. From next Monday we will start to collect all home readers. Please return them to school next week. Thank you.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers
YEAR 6 FAREWELL ASSISTANCE

If you have a child in Year 6 there are a couple of ways that you could assist to make the farewell a special evening.

The hall will need to be set up on the day (Wednesday December 10) from 11:00am. If you have some time to spare, your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the committee. Shortly before the students enter the hall there is also a simple task that will be quite quick if we have about 15 volunteers. We will be asking about 5:45pm, in time for the job to be completed before the official welcome and beginning of the farewell, for volunteers. Please bear both of these tasks in mind when you are planning your day and evening.

Thank you. Many hands make light work! 

Kim Dudgeon (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

NEW BOOKS! BOOK COVERING WORKING BEE

We have recently purchased a large number of new books to support the teaching of literacy across the school. We were able to make these purchases with funds received as reward for our whole school involvement in the annual Scholastic Book Fair along with school funds allocated to English. The books are from the list of recommended texts to support the implementation of the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum English K-6.

In order to ensure the books are kept in the best possible condition, they need to be covered! We are seeking parents who are able to spare two hours to cover books with contact on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 between 9:00am and 11:00am. The working bee will take place in the hall and light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to participate, invite your friends and, for the purposes of catering, please indicate your availability via the school email (castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) marking your mail to the attention of Miss Dudgeon. We hope to see you there!

Kim Dudgeon (for the English Committee)

PSSA Sport Venues – There is NO PSSA this week. All students will take part in class sport excluding Senior Cricket who will be playing Jasper Road at Fred Caterson.

Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster:
Thursday November 27 - Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop, Abby Hui, Julia Hanson Clinnick
Monday December 1 - UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED
Thursday December 4 - Lynelle Inkster, Paulyn Tan, Julia Hanson Clinnick

The Uniform shop will be CLOSED MONDAY DECEMBER 1
All flexischool orders will be processed as normal that week.

NEW ITEM : We have a limited stock of art smocks (Size Small) $15

This year you will be able to order online through Flexischools. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au where you can place your orders, which will be delivered to the classroom. Parents are advised that Flexischool orders will be signed for by the child. Loss of orders will be the responsibility of child and their parents.

- Simone Pedler, Uniform Shop Manager simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?
Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences - whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation - then make tolerance a family trait. Here's how:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfuely remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.
P&C News

The chest freezer in the Canteen that has served us well for the past 20 years needed to be replaced after it stopped working on Friday November 21. All Worth Refrigeration not only delivered and installed the freezer on Monday November 24, the same day as we ordered it, they also gave us a substantial discount. We would like to thank All Worth Refrigeration for their prompt and friendly service! The ice-creams have been saved!!

Canteen News

ROSTER:
Thursday 27 November Tracey Anderson, Daniella Fattoretto
Friday 28 November Bayzer Wah, Toni Bray, Katherine Watson
Monday 1 December Himali Perez, Bec Pignat
Tuesday 2 December Behnoosh Khalaj, Sam
Wednesday 3 December Susie Campbell, Svetlana Prosser

We are currently working on our roster for next year. If you or anyone you know may be interested in volunteering in the canteen, please contact us for further information on 9634 4306. If you are currently on our roster and need any detail altered could you please also advise us. Many thanks from Robyn, Kylee and Tanya.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA:
We would like to invite all who have volunteered and lent an extra hand in the canteen this year to a Thank You Afternoon Tea. This will be held on Thursday 4 December at 2.00pm. Could you please let us know if you will be attending for catering purposes? We would love to see you all and have the opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation.

LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER - PRESENTATION DAY:
We would like to advise that due to Presentation Day on Friday 12 December, children from Years 5 & 6 will be unable to order lunch from the Canteen on this day.

Lunch orders will still be available to Years K-4.

CANTEEN COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS OPEN:
The Canteen Committee would like to advise that nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are now open.
Elections will be held at the December P&C AGM. Nominations can happen at this meeting or by forwarding expressions of interest to P&C President Liga Hegner.

PLEASE NOTE:
Online ordering closes at 9.30am.
Over the counter orders accepted between 8.30am - 9.00am
Our apologies, due to time constraints we are unable to accept phone orders. Students who forget their lunch will be offered the choice of a vegemite or cheese sandwich only.
Could you please ensure your children are aware that you have placed a lunch order and it will be delivered to class at the beginning of lunch in the canteen lunch baskets.

- Canteen Committee
NON-RETURN / LATE RETURN IN 2015

If you know that your child/ren are not returning to CHPS next year or will be returning after the commencement of the 2015 school year on Wednesday January 28, 2015 please complete the proforma below and return it to your classroom teacher please. If more than one child please return with your oldest child to their classroom teacher.

Non-return in 2015
The following child/ren will not be return to CHPS in 2015.

Name: _______________________________  Class: _________
Name: _______________________________  Class: _________
Name: _______________________________  Class: _________
Destination School: _________________________________
Signed: ___________________________  Parent/carer phone: ___________

Non-return in 2015
The following child/ren will be returning to CHPS after the commencement of the school year on Wednesday January 28, 2015. Please count them as returning to CHPS.

Name: _______________________________  Class: _________
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Reason for late return: _________________________________
## Term Overview as at today

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SUMMER FEST
Thursday 4th December
4pm - 8pm
Rouse Hill Town Centre
Near Bus Bay Area (Market Lane, Rouse Hill)

RIDES
Gladiator Ring / Gladiator Gauntlet.

COMPS
Street dance comp (6.30-7.30pm)
Wi comp (5.30-6.30pm)
Please register your interest for the street dance comp by sending an email to summerfest@nsw.gov.au or
GMS on 0468 301 761.

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NETBALL DIVISION

JUNIOR VACANCIES FOR SEASON 2015
VERY LIMITED VACANCIES FOR GIRLS TURNING 9YRS, 10YRS & 12YRS IN 2015

Have not played Netball before? That’s OK.
We will teach you how to play and enjoy Netball.

Girls turning 5yrs & 6yrs in 2015.
10 week Netball Skills Programme held on a Tuesday afternoon at Ted Horwood Reserve, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills.
Members turning 16yrs & over registration still open in these age groups.
Close at the end of November 2014.

Please Contact Jeanette net2146@gmail.com or 9636 8842 for all the details and how to register.
Please include your phone number when emailing.

DON'T PUT OFF CONTACTING US, ONCE THESE VACANCIES ARE FILLED OUR TEAMS WILL BE CLOSED FOR 2015.
IT WILL THEN BE A WAITING LIST ONLY.