The staff of CHPS wishes all families a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, a restful holiday and good health. 2014 has been an outstanding year. Castle Hill Public has offered our students an extensive array of opportunities which provide challenges, enrichment and inspiration far beyond the classroom. I thank all of you for your contribution. We all look forward to the opportunities of 2015 and continuing to work in such an excellent school where teachers and parents work in collaboration to support the learning needs of every student to experience a sense of success, growth, achievement, well-being and belonging.

School 2015 – Starting Information
This will be our last newsletter for 2014 so please read below and be aware of 2015 school starting information.

2015 Year 1-6 students start - Wednesday January 28, 2015
2015 Kindergarten - Wed Jan 27 - Fri Jan 30 - Best Start/PLAN interviews
2015 Kindergarten start - Monday February 2, 2015

2015 Year 1-6 students line up in their 2014 class groups on the first day. Staff will collect the 2014 classes to various areas within the school to re-group students into their 2015 class. Parent please have pre-determined meeting point for pick up for the afternoon collection of your children so they know where to meet you.

Castle Hill 2015 Principal
I have been informed by our school Director that our new school principal will be selected through the merit selection process. This is a specific process. Our Director, Tim McCallum, will form the panel that will select our new principal. The process will start in 2015 (please see dates below). The panel consists
of Tim McCallum, a CHPS staff representative, a community representative (from P&C) and a principal from another, similar sized school from a different staffing area. The new principal should start their role day 1 Term 2, 2015. As communicated previously our Relieving Principal for Term 1 2015 (or until new principal appointment) will be Ms Denise Lockrey.

**Timeframe for Principal panel**

School Director will hold a meeting on February 11, 2015 7pm (before P&C meeting) in the staffroom. All parents are invited to attend the meeting. The meeting will be contributing ideas regarding the qualities and attributes parents believe to be most critical for our new principal. This is your opportunity as a parent and community member to be an active part of the process.

**Key dates:**
- Parent/ community meeting - 7pm Feb 11, 2015 - school staffroom
- First Meeting of panel - Job Advertisement framed - 9.30am - 3.30pm at Nirimba. 13/2/15 - P&C parent representative required.
- Job Advert Due - 13/2/15.
- Job Published - 18/2/15.
- Job Closes - 4/3/15
- Applications to panellists - 6/3/15
- Shortlisting - 8.30am - 3.00pm at Nirimba. 9/3/15 - P&C parent representative required
- Interviews - 8.30am - 3.00pm at Nirimba. 12/3/15 - P&C parent representative required

**Congratulations Ms Fernandes**

Ms Fernandes has been successful in gaining promotion to Balgaowlah Heights PS as Deputy Principal for 2015 - congratulations! Ms Fernandes has been a vital member of our school staff and executive team. Her positivity and enthusiasm to students and delivering high quality education have been outstanding. We wish her success in her new chapter of her professional life.

**Funhouse Official Opening**

Well done to Isabel and team on a fantastic official opening and celebration at the Funhouse last Thursday December 4. The community of parents and staff who have worked together to ensure an excellent before and after school service caters for our community are to be thanked. The new facilities provided are bright and inviting and really cater extremely well for our families. Thank you!

**Gala Day**

Gala Day will be held this Thursday December 11 from 12 noon. All money raised goes to support Stewart House. Gala Day will go ahead even if it is raining so please ensure your children are prepared. All students can wear mufti for a gold coin donation. The canteen is closed for the day so there are NO lunch orders or canteen at recess. A sausage sizzle is available at Gala Day for lunch.

**Thank You**

As Ms Lockrey will be Relieving Principal for the beginning of 2015 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent community for their support during my time as Relieving Principal. The kind words and support from parents I have received have been humbling and appreciated. I have valued and enjoyed my time relieving in the position and have been honoured to be able to serve our school community during a period of transition. Thank you Castle Hill School community 🌟

**What’s in your child’s bag today?**

- **Letters**: Kindy and Year 6 Picnic Day  
  Years 3-5 PSSA 2015 sport try out permission note
- **Leaflets**: GKR Karate  
  O'Grady Drama Academy

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Relieving Principal
**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
  
  ***(Please ensure all K-2 students are at school for roll marking at 8.40am!)**

- 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.

**Hindu Scripture Opportunity for 2015**

Calling on all parents of the Hindu faith who may be interested in facilitating the program running at CHPS in 2015. Our original person for 2014 was unable to take up the role due to personal reasons. If any parent of the Hindu faith is willing and available for all training and child protection checks please contact Ms Lockrey on 9634 3777, so we can make some initial arrangements in readiness for 2015.

Thank you.

- 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, these, too, walk, wish. These are known as the purple sight words.

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 tomorrow 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. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help on this day, you should have received a note about the time we require your assistance.

Please return all home readers to school this week and any outstanding library books to the library.

Thank you to parents who have helped out this year in many areas including: classrooms, sport, covering books, attending our excursion and Gala day. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable holiday.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers
Gala Day Tombola – Thursday December 11
Students in Year 3 will run a TOMBOLA STALL at Gala Day. Tombola is a type of LUCKY DIP.
All students in Year 3 are asked to bring in donated items suitable for the prizes. Drinks (no cola, no large bottles), small snack sized foods and wrapped lollies, new but unwanted/surplus gifts – jewellery, toiletries, books, toys, games – to suit boys and girls of all ages. Students in Year 4 are also invited to contribute items. Please take donations to your class teacher as from this week. In class next week the Year 3 students will mix and match the contributions to make each prize.
Please also send in WHITE SHOPPING BAGS to recycle & re-use.
• Each turn at TOMBOLA costs $1 on GALA DAY. Limit of one at a time. For a second turn you will need to line up a second time.
• Tombola contributions from families from other grades at CHPS would be also gratefully received by the Year 3 classes and their teachers.

Waste-Free Lunch Day
Did you know the average school child produces more than three pieces of rubbish a day just from their lunch and morning tea at school? A school of 800 students thus produces some 12000 pieces of rubbish a week. Last Thursday Castle Hill Public School children did an excellent job of reducing their waste by participating in ‘Waste-Free Lunch Day’. The Hills Shire Council has donated a new compost bin to the school to thank us for our participation.
Well done to all students who brought their food in reusable containers.

-P&C News
The AGM will be held tonight at 7:30pm in the staff room. The following positions will be up for election:
- P&C Executive team (President, Vice President (x 2), Treasurer, Secretary)
- P&C Non office bearing executives (5)
- Canteen Committee (President, Treasurer, Secretary)
- Uniform Shop Committee (President, Treasurer, Secretary)

All those who are part of the CHPS community are encouraged to attend.
Immediately following the AGM will our last meeting of the year which will be a planning meeting for 2015. Please do come along and join the conversation.

-Liga Hegner (President) 0400 887 785

School Community Club (SCC) News
Gala Day Thursday 11 December
Thank you to those who have offered to help on Thursday. We still need more people to help on the day, if you are available, please pop down and see of you can as it or relieve one of our hard working volunteers.

Last Day Ice Blocks – parent helpers needed
Can you help on Wednesday 17 December between 11am-12pm? At this stage we have not had any response from our families to assist with this one. The kids love it, and its a great treat for the students on their last day of school for the year. If you can help, please contact rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au
KOTC Open Day - Saturday 13 December
Kids of The Castle Preschool and Occasional Care Centre are celebrating the end of the year with an open day at the centre, lots of fun for all. If you have some time on Saturday, take the kids down, meet the staff and enjoy the activities, including a jumping castle, tumble town play centre and more.

If you have young ones, you may like to check out the facilities, and find out more about opening times and enrolment. Open Day starts from 1.30pm, they are located next to CHPS.

Thank you to our 2014 volunteers
To all of our parents who have been involved with the SCC, helping at events, coordinating activities, providing support, coming to meetings, a huge thank you. It is your involvement and participation that contributes to the sense of community at Castle Hill Public School, and helps to make it an enjoyable place to be. I have really enjoyed working with you all this year, being supported by you all, and giving support in return. My children benefit from also having an extended group of parents that likewise offer support to them as part of the wider community here at CHPS.

It's been a great year for the SCC, with some new faces coming along, the introduction of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls, $4000 of reading resources earned from the Scholastic Book Fair, involvement in school activities generally, and great feedback from SCC events such as the CHPS café on Grandparents Day, kinder 2015 orientation morning tea and more.

Many thanks to all, and if I don’t get a chance to say it next week, on behalf of the SCC executive, a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday to you and our extended families.

Rebecca O’Shea, School Community Club
rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au; 0400 479 639

Uniform Shop News
Volunteer Roster: Thursday November 11 - Carrie Prosser Shaw, Fiona Donnelly
           Julia Hanson Clinnick
Monday December 15 - Annie Hanna, Teddy Samuelson, Sam Paturi

Volunteers Needed
In order for the uniform shop to open in the first week of shop I need volunteers to help please.
TUESDAY January 27, 2015 - 8.30-10.30am (Pupil Free Day)
WEDNESDAY January 28, 2015 - 8.30-10.30am
THURSDAY January 29, 2015 - 8.30-10.30am

If you can help, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Simone on 0438809993

You are 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

Canteen News
ROSTER:
Wednesday December 10 - Svetlana Prosser
Thursday December 11 - No volunteers required - Gala Day
Friday December 12 - Carrie Prosser-Shaw, ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP TODAY? PLS CONTACT TANYA
       ON 0424 994 585 - THANK YOU
Monday December 15 - No volunteers required
Tuesday December 16 - No volunteers required
Wednesday December 17 - No volunteers required
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.

Thank you to our volunteers for their wonderful help this year and to our CHPS families who have continued to support the school canteen. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Many thanks from Robyn, Kylee and Tanya.

**GALA DAY CANTEEN CLOSURE**
The canteen will not be open for lunch orders or to sell food on Thursday December 11. Students can buy a sausage sizzle and drink from Gala Day stores or bring their own lunch from home. All students will need to bring recess from home.

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

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 P&C AGM on December 10. 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

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Rotary Club of Glenhaven – Carols By Candlelight
At Glenhaven Oval Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven
Sunday December 14 - 5pm to 9pm
Featuring carnival rides; local bands &
singing/dance groups plus FIREWORKS FINALE
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In 2014, the event will donate a share of all profits to the
Glenhaven Rural Fire Brigade and the Hills SES

Free Hockey Clinic
Register online before 5pm
Come and join our annual seasonal free hockey clinic on Saturday, February 7 from 2-4pm.
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Family of 3+ adult - $25

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