February 12, 2014

My daily visits to the Kindergarten classrooms attests to the amazing skills of our teachers and the benefits of the orientation program and Best Start interviews in facilitating a smooth transition to school for our youngest students. I know that the smiling faces of school-bound children is reassuring for parents and teachers alike.

The Parent Information Night is only a week away [except 2R] and I urge all parents to take advantage of this information sharing opportunity – just remember, it’s not a chance to discuss the progress of individual students.

In last week’s Newsletter I welcomed some new faces on staff, only to later discover a few omissions—my apologies to Mrs Gleeson [2G], Mrs Chappell [6D Tues – Thurs], Mrs Wallace [1N] and Mrs Judge [ESL] for this oversight.

Ms Lockrey will be relieving Principal for weeks 4, 5 & 6 as I will be overseas.

Stardom
Congratulations to Aisha [5S] who is part of the cast for the Riverside Theatre’s production of Annie. Her stage presence was also witnessed on stage at yesterday’s assembly as she regaled yet another captive audience with tales of her experience. I’m sure this is just the beginning Aisha – well done!!

Volunteering Your Time?
There have been changes to the way in which volunteers are screened in order to work in classrooms in a voluntary capacity. The RMS does this screening, which is free of charge to volunteers. If you plan to volunteer to work with children at school this year, you need to follow the link or QR code to access the forms:

apply

Plea for Safety
Parents are reminded to remember pedestrian safety and the rules regarding parking and driving – especially near schools. Some parents have reported other parents speeding, parking illegally and not supervising their children to cross the roads safely.

2014 Newsletter Survey Results
9.7% of the school parent body responded to the Newsletter survey conducted last year, the results are as follows:

Q1. How do you receive the school Newsletter? Of the respondents:
86.21% by email; 6.9% from the website; 0% paper copy; and 6.9% don’t receive one at all.
Q2. How often do you read the Newsletter? Of the respondents:
84.48% weekly; 7.17% occasionally; 1.72% rarely; and 8.62% never.

Q3. Newsletter contents and length. Of the respondents:
24.56% - too long; 0% - too short; 64.91% - appropriate length; and 10.53% repetitive.

Q4. The most valuable sections. Of the respondents and in order of value:
91.38% - calendar; 67.24% - What's in your child's bag today; 62.07% - Principal's report; 53.45% - incidental teacher reports/information; 50% - Deputy Principals' reports; 41.38% - P&C report; 37.93% - mini merit award names; 27.59% - community information; 24.14% - Kindergarten news; 22.41% - canteen report; 22.41% - Michael Grose parenting tips; 18.97% - uniform shop report

Q5. Newsletter frequency. Of the respondents:
81.03% - weekly; 12.07% fortnightly; 3.45% - monthly; 0% - termly; and 3.45% as required.

ACTIONS:
Parents to supply their current email address to the school; continue to send paper copies home to parents without email access; and continue to have paper copies available for collection from the office. Continue to provide the weekly Newsletter, minimising length and repetition wherever possible.

Japanese Language Lessons
Language lessons in Japanese will commence next term on Tuesdays with Mrs Sauniere from 3-4pm. If you are interested in your child participating, please complete the EOI form [available on line and at the office] and return it to school by Friday March 3. Lessons will incur a charge of $50 which will cover the 8 week block of lessons. Do not send money until a place is confirmed for your child.

Shop For Your School
Once again we are registered with Good Guys Castle Hill's Shop for Your School program. If you make any purchases at their store between now and October, mention our school and you will be given reward vouchers. Please drop these vouchers in at the office. Last year we were able to buy accessories to support use of our iPads and IWBs. Many thanks in anticipation.

What's in your child's bag today?
• Year 6: Information from Castle Hill High School
• Years 4-5: Parent Information Evening at Castle Hill High School
• Years 3-4: Welcome to Parents
• All children: Hills Hawks Rugby League Club Information
• All new families: Welcome BBQ Information
• Class 2R: Note regarding Parent Information Evening

- Steve Connelly, Principal

Kindergarten News
Please remember to label your child's belongings. Sports day is Thursday, students can wear their sports uniform and sports shoes tomorrow.

A school requirement note is in your child's bag. Please send the following items to your child's classroom: 2 boxes of tissues, bottle of soap on tap, paint shirt and a packet of textas.

Could you please collect empty paper towel rolls and hand them in to your child's teacher. Thank you.

All students will visit the library at school weekly, please ensure your child has a library bag so they can borrow a book. Library bags can be purchased from the library for $2. KAmber and KMoonstone have a library lesson on Monday, KSapphire, KKornite, KGarnet and KPlatinum have a library lesson on Tuesday.
Your child will need a small piece of fruit or vegetables for crunch and sip, a bottle of water and a small snack for recess and lunch. Kindergarten classes will be dismissed from where they line up in the morning. Please wait for your child near their line. Students will be dismissed when the bell rings at 3pm.

- From the Kindergarten teachers; Mrs Smith - KSapphire, Miss McDowell - KMoonstone, Mrs Keast - KKornite, Mrs Georgiades - KGarnet, Mrs Alibrandi – KAmber and Mrs Pearce KPlatinum.

2014 Parent Information Evening – Wednesday February 19 - 6-8pm

- All meetings to be held in classrooms.
- NO meetings will be held in the hall.
- Look for school maps around admin area for locations on the evening

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NB - 2R rescheduled parent meeting on Friday February 28 6.30-7pm at the 2R classroom.

- Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

CASTLE HILL SHOW 2014 - reminder

If you are going to enter children's artwork, craft, cooking all entries need to be registered with the school by Thursday February 27, 2014. Entry forms are available for students from the school office. Students MUST know the colour of the form they need. Please see below for details.

Entry forms and money will be collected in the computer lab (next to after school care) on Wednesday February 26 and Thursday February 27 2014 ONLY. Students MUST bring the entry form completed correctly (see website information) and signed by parent. The must also have the correct money. Artwork will be collected at a later date.

Children’s’ Art Section (Flat Art) - WHITE FORM & $2.00 per entry
For additional information -

Craft (Youth activities) - BLUE FORM & $2.00 per entry
For additional information -

Photography (Youth activities) - PALE GREEN FORM & $3.00 per entry
For additional information -

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal
Castle Hill High School

Students in Year 6 have received information today regarding the Open Day visit on February 25 and Gifted and Talented Evening and Application forms. All students in years 4-6 have received information about the Parent Information Evening at CHHS

Gifted & Talented
The testing for Year 6 students wishing to try out for the Gifted and Talented Class (Year 7 2015) at Kellyville High School is occurring this term.
The testing will take place on Tuesday April 1, 2014 at Kellyville High School (8:30am-11:45am).
If you wish for your child to sit the test, please see Miss Goyen for a copy of the letter. Forms and payment must be submitted by Monday March 3, 2014.

PSSA Sport
Coaches of summer sports have now selected their teams. Each player has received a PSSA Code of Conduct note. This must be signed and returned prior to our first game on February 21. Attending training sessions is an important part of being in a PSSA team. Please ensure your child is on time each week.

Student Representative Council
Years 2-6 classes have elected their SRC representatives for 2014. Each representative serves on the SRC for one semester. The SRC are looking forward to hosting many events this year, including discos, fundraisers and supporting local initiatives such as nude food and Jump Rope for Heart. Students will be presented with their badges at next week's assembly. Meetings begin next week and will be held fortnightly on Friday morning at 8:30 in 3A.

MINI MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits.

MERIT AWARDS Term 1 Weeks 1 and 2
Rainbow: Iman (1M), Bailey (1M), Joshua (1N), Adam (2C), Giuliano (3G) 2 sets, Milan (3A), Eugenie (3A), Jiya (3A), Bella (3P), Sooin (3P), Yuvin (4S), Joshua (4S), Domenico (5E), Rafaella (6/5G) 2 sets, Patrick (5S).

English: Giuliano (1N), Barbie (1N), Sophia (1N), Lily (1M) 2 sets, Akira (1M), Adam (2C), Jaeden (2C), Joshua (2C), Emma (3A), Jacob (3G), Joshua (4S), Angela (6/5G).

Maths: Avalene (2C), Caleb (5S), Rafaella (6/5G).

Creative Arts: Morgan (1O), Helena (2A), Rebecca (6/5G).

PD/H/PE: Morgan (1O), Helena (2A), Avalene (2C), Giuliano (3G), Domenico (5E), Corey (6M).

Science and Technology: Helena (2A), Domenico (5E), Corey (6M).

HSIE: Caleb (5S), Harry (6M), Alex (6D).

Citizenship: Milan (3A), Caleb (5S).

Bronze Awards
Josie (5S), Trent (4S) and Eugene (2C)

Silver Awards
Angela (6/5G)
School Community Club (SCC) News

Thank you to those who have offered to help with school expense collection this week. At this stage, we still need a couple more people to help out tomorrow afternoon between 2-4pm. If you are available either before or after 3 to fill in an hour or so, please send me an email or come along and give a hand where you can.

I hope our new families are settling well into school. The SCC have some great activities coming up in which you may like to get involved. These activities support the extra-curricular learning of the students and this term will include handing out chips and poppers at the school discos on February 28 and participation in the school’s Harmony Day event in March.

Later in term 2, the SCC will also be holding its Annual Book Fair, which earned the school approximately $4000 in school resources last year, and for the first time we will also be holding a Mother’s Day stall.

To get involved and find out more, you can join our mailing list to receive emails from us when events are coming up and information on how you can get involved. These events and activities are a great way to be part of your child’s time at school and participate in the experience.

Next Meeting: The SCC’s next meeting will be held on March 4. If you have anything you would like added to our agenda, any questions about what’s happening around school, please contact me via email rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au

- Rebecca O’Shea, School Community Club
rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au | ph: 0400 479 639

Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster: Thursday February 13

Monday February 17      Annie Hanna **Help Needed**
Thursday February 20   Marie Dols, Justine Bowerman

Due to the swimming carnival the uniform shop will be closed on Monday March 3 but will be opened on the Tuesday March 4.

Boys S/S shirts, Boys grey shorts and Medium hats are all back in stock.
Dr Shoe will be at the uniform shop for sales on Monday March 10, 8.30-9.30am

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.

Help Needed!!
The Uniform shop needs Volunteers for one or two days a month on a Monday or Thursday between 8.30 and 10.30am. It’s a great way to meet other parents.
Could all new and previous volunteers email, call me or drop in a form with your preferred days for the new roster.
Could existing volunteers please confirm if you are available to help this year so I can finalize the roster. Thank you to the parents that have already put their hand up to volunteer this year, the new roster will be going out shortly.

- Simone Pedler, Uniform Shop Manager
Ph:0438 809 993 or simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au
Canteen News
Thank you to those who have volunteered this year we still need help on the following days:-
2nd Monday of the Month - 1 Person
3rd Monday of the Month - 1 Person
4th Wednesday of the Month - 1 Person
5th Wednesday of the Month - 2 People
2nd Thursday of the Month - 2 People
2nd Friday of the Month - 2 People
3rd Friday of the Month - 3 People
If you can spare 1 day a month we would greatly appreciate your help.
Roster
Thursday February 13 Mel Fryer, Danielle Fox
Friday February 14 Maggie Perez, Annette Hyland
Monday February 17 Lana Hannelly, Bhavisha
Tuesday February 18 Tracey Anderson, Gillian Paynter, Eun Joo, Hyenjin, Hyojin
Wednesday February 19 Cindy Wills, Justine Bowerman
Thursday February 20 Kate Scotter, Harini Bharadwaj

Community News
Baulkham Hills Sports Club Netball Division has Junior team vacancies for Season 2014 for girls turning 7/8yrs & 12/13yrs in 2014. These vacancies are very limited. Contact our Registrar Jeanette NOW!!!! Don’t leave it and be disappointed later. Also registrations are still open for girls turning 5yrs & 6yrs in 2014. All members & teams will be registered in February. Contact Jeanette for all details. net2146@gmail.com 9636 8842.

Gazelles Netball Club has limited vacancies remaining for the 2014 season. We are particularly looking for players turning 7, 8, 13 and 14 in 2014. We can also take registrations for NetSetGo 5/6 year olds, a skills program that will run for an hour on Friday nights from 5-6pm at the Coolong St netball courts for 10 weeks during the season. Please see the NetSetGo page on our website for full details. We have many players from Castle Hill Public and surrounding schools and welcome players with or without experience. Please call Jane Relyea on 0434 990807, email registrar@gazellesnetballclub.org.au or visit our website www.gazellesnetballclub.org.au for further information.

Parenting Ideas – Michael Grose
Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au This week’s topic ‘The power of a sincere compliment’.
The power of a sincere compliment
It’s amazing the impact a sincere compliment can have on the confidence and self-esteem of a child or young person. I overheard a friend tell her eight-year-old daughter last week: “You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such lovely big sister!” My friend’s face lit up with a smile as she said it. She gently put her hand on her daughter’s shoulder at the same time.
The little girl beamed, then she went off to play.
It was a simple parenting moment among many that my friend would have initiated that day.
I couldn’t help thinking that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self-esteem and create good feelings at home. A sincerely given compliment has an enormous impact on the person who receives it. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we are given a compliment. We also feel closer to the person who complimented us.

Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated. There is one problem. While compliments are easy to give, they are also easy not to give.

We forget. We underestimate their impact. We haven’t developed the habit of giving compliments.

Amplify the impact
There were two things my friend did that amplified the impact of her compliment.

- She smiled as she gave the compliment.
- She touched her daughter as well.

Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal.

Her mother’s smile told her daughter what her mum really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. The words reinforced the smile and touch.

The compliment was given and received through three senses – visually, kinesthetically and auditorily.

That’s how kids receive all our messages – they see, they feel, they hear – though we often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinesthetic.

Next time your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a compliment. Smile (tell your face you are happy) and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel. Watch your child’s reaction. It’ll have a significant impact.

It doesn’t take much!
**Strike Up The Band!** Interested in learning a musical instrument? Got a clash that means you can’t play in the school band this year? The Golden Kangaroos Hornsby Concert Band may have the solution. The band consists of a beginner band, intermediate and senior concert bands, a marching band, a stage (jazz) band and a number of smaller ensembles and welcome musicians of all levels. The beginner band will be starting on Monday 17th February. No previous experience is required and instrument hire is available. Age is certainly no barrier with people from 7 to 70 participating in previous beginner bands, in fact often Mum or Dad end up learning alongside their children.

The beginner and intermediate bands us the Accent to Achievement books which most schools in the local area use enabling students to slip back into the school band program easily or to use the Golden Kangaroos as an extension of the school band program. For more information visit [www.gks.org.au](http://www.gks.org.au) or contact the band at [membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au](mailto:membership@goldenkangaroos.org.au) or on 9868 3289

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**Redbacks FC** is a soccer club located in the heart of the West Pennant Hills Valley at George Thornton Reserve. Registrations for the 2014 season are currently open - new players are welcome. We cater for all players from 5 and above, both girls and boys. We are pleased to have former Socceroo and current Central Coast Mariners player Mile Sterjovski join the Club as Coaching and Technical Director.

Registration and Club details can be found at redbacksfc.com.au or phone 0409 718 798 for more details.

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**St Columbas Castle Hill Soccer Club Inc** has been established for over 40 years, fostering the goodwill of soccer for young children in the community. Our club has teams ranging from Under 6 to Under 13 age groups. (Season – April to August)

**Registrations are now open.** Our club offers:

- Mini soccer (Under 6 & 7) is non-competition although games are scheduled with other clubs
- Junior soccer is competition based for Under 8’s and upwards - Under 8’ & 9’s play small side fields
- Junior representative teams are selected by zone to compete each year
- Matches are played on SATURDAY mornings
- Training and Home matches are played at Eric Mobbs Reserve, Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill
- An environment for all juniors, boys & girls, of all capabilities and skills to compete equally.
- Coaches focus on the development of individuals and team skills in a wholesome sportsmanlike environment.

**Fees:** U6 & U7 - $90, U8 & U9 - $130, U10-U13 - $150  For more information - Contact Alan Spaul - Junior Development Officer - 0404 242 001 or [www.stcolumbassoccer.org.au](http://www.stcolumbassoccer.org.au)

Would your daughter love to play netball? Is she aged 10, 11 or 12 this year? Castle Hills Sports Netball Club is accepting late registrations for these age groups. The season kicks off on 5th April. Call Narelle 0498 845 107 or Luci 0400 464 147 for more information as soon as possible or visit chsnetball.com.au

TOUR DE HILLS BICYCLE CLASSIC 2014
CHARITY CYCLING EVENT: SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2014

Grab your bike and come along to the 19th Tour de Hills Bicycle Classic. Four routes to choose from, including a family-friendly 15km, and all rides start and finish at the Australian Brewery in Rouse Hill.
Register before the event via the website tourdehills.com.au. Help raise $60,000 for community groups while having a great day out! Organised by the Rotary Club of Castle Hill.
WWW.TOURDEHILLS.COM.AU
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Upcoming events & programs

Ideas for Parenting Teens  
$25 / $15 conc – 10 Mar 6 – 9pm; 17 Jun 6 – 9pm  
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents to:  
• Understand what is normal adolescent behaviour  
• Reduce the anxiety inherent in raising teenage children  
• Develop skills to communicate & negotiate with teenagers

Being A Mum  
$25 / $15 conc – 24 Mar 6 – 9pm  
A 3 hour seminar that will assist mothers to:  
• Understand themselves as a Mum  
• Really connect with their children  
• Understand children at different ages  
• Learn positive ways to discipline children and communicate more effectively

The Challenge of Disciplining your Child  
$25 / $15 conc – 7 Apr 6 – 9pm; 24 Jun 6 – 9pm  
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 2 – 12 years old to:  
• Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate  
• Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships  
• Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Positive Parenting  
$25 / $15 conc – 17 Mar 6 – 9pm  
A 3 hour seminar that will assist parents of children aged 3 - 8 years old to:  
• Know and acknowledge each child as an individual  
• Understand the power of focusing on what children are doing well  
• Deal with what children do that is not working for themselves or others

Making Stepfamilies Work – 3 hour seminar (for couples)  
$50 / $30 conc (per couple) – 3 Mar 6 – 9pm  
A 3 hour seminar that will assist couples in the process of forming a stepfamily or those already living in a stepfamily to:  
• Encourage an awareness of the need to forge new ways of being in a stepfamily  
• Develop strategies for coping with difficult stepfamily dynamics and relationships  
• Accept each individual’s current and prior situation no matter how complex or difficult these are

Phone 8882 7850  
Bookings essential

www.interrelate.org.au  
1300 736 966
Cheltenham Girls’ High School HSC Graduate 2006 Hannah Purss has embarked on an amazing journey of 1800 kilometres to raise much needed funds for homeless people. A fundraiser to help Hannah has been organised by her mother for **THURSDAY 6 March** at Event Cinemas, Macquarie Centre. The film of the amazing Australian story ‘Tracks’, by Robyn Davidson, will be screened that night. Hannah Purss is a stunt double in the film.

Please see the attached flyer.

Cheltenham Girls’ High School 2013 Aboriginal Studies students Yrs. 9–11 were lucky enough last July to meet with Hannah at the Yulara campsite, near Uluru, just one week after she had won the 2013 Alice Springs Camel Cup.

Her story of how an Epping resident and graduate of Cheltenham Girls’ High School came to be a ‘camel whisperer’ in the centre of Australia was inspirational to all the students who had the pleasure of hearing her that moonlight night.

She has been working with camels for nearly three years now and adores the lifestyle change. Cameleering started out for her originally as “a bit of a laugh”, but has become her passion after catching, training and riding wild camels in Central Australia. Hannah is an exceptional camel jockey.

Hannah has lived and travelled to over twenty countries and volunteered her time in conservation and community based efforts in the South Pacific and in Asia. Hannah has been involved in several fundraisers for overseas charity initiatives, but now wants to turn her efforts to home. Hannah was drawn to the Compassion Camel Caravan as a means to support underprivileged Australians and gain further experience in the world of camels.

Hannah is now embarked on a courageous mission to raise funds to buy ‘swags’ for homeless people. You can follow Hannah and the team’s progress by going to the webpage: [www.camelcaravan.com.au](http://www.camelcaravan.com.au) and reading their blog. You can also donate to the cause by following the links on the webpage. Please share this information with your communities and help support this worthy cause!
2014 ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2014 Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday March 3 (Week 6) at Waves Swimming Pool, Mileham Ave, Baulkham Hills, commencing at 9:15am and ending at 2:15pm.

We are in need of some parent helpers to act as officials (timekeepers, place judges, first aid officer) during the carnival. If you are available on the day, we would appreciate your help as a volunteer.

Please complete the return slip below & return to your child’s classroom teacher by February 14, 2014.

Thank You

Year 3 Teachers
Swimming Carnival Organisers

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I am available to help as an official at the Annual Swimming Carnival at Waves Swimming Pool, Baulkham Hills on Monday March 3 2014.

Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________

Contact: Phone No.____________________Mobile No.________________________

Please circle preference: timekeeper / place judge / first aid

Child’s Name:____________________________________ 2014 Class_____________