Parent/Teacher meetings tonight!

Positive communication links between home and school are vital. Please take the opportunity of meeting with your child’s teacher/s and the team that support them at CHPS on the day and time that is relevant to your child/children. The Parent Information sessions are a great time to hear about the plans for the year in your child’s grade and for general expectations of each class. It is not a time to approach the teacher about specifics regarding your child and their learning. If you feel it is necessary to discuss matters with the teacher in a confidential forum, please make an appointment via the front office or via written communication. We will have times and maps near the office area to assist parents in knowing where to locate the relevant classroom. Times for each grade will also appear later in newsletter.

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:


What’s in your child’s bag today?

Notes

• Years 2 & 3 Castle Hill Show Excursion Permission Note

Leaflets

• All children VIP Music – Music on Keyboard
• Martial Arts- Self Defence

- Denise Lockrey, Releiving Principal

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

- Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten-Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge online reading records will open on March 3.

Below are the rules and details about how many and what kinds of texts the students can read.

1. The Challenge runs from 1 February to 1 September 2014. Ongoing reading is encouraged. Books read from 1 September 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge.

2. Parents, teachers, teacher-librarians and public librarians can assist students to choose the Challenge level and books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. K-2 students who can read simple chapter books independently are encouraged to attempt the 3-4 Challenge.

3. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge, see table below:

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Special Notes
- Independent K-2 readers should attempt the 3-4 Challenge.
- To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or all of the book independently.
- Students who require special support may listen to unabridged audio versions of the books as they read along to them.
- Students in Kindergarten-Year 2 can experience PRC books in their home language.

For more information please see the website: [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html)

FLOWER POWER
During the upcoming school holidays Flower Power Glenhaven invite you and your children to attend free gardening classes. Children will pot their own veggie seedling to take home and nurture. Classes start at 11am Mon 14 - Thurs 17 April and Tues 22 - Thurs 24 April 2014. For more information see the flyer in the office window.

CASTLE HILL SHOW 2014
Registration forms and money will be collected in the computer lab (next to after school care) NEXT week on Wednesday February 26 and Thursday February 27 2014 ONLY. If your child wishes to enter please ensure they bring the completed form (including parent signature on back of form) and correct money. Late entries will not be accepted by the school.

Children’s’ Art Section (Flat Art) - WHITE FORM & $2.00 per entry
Craft (Youth activities) - BLUE FORM & $2.00 per entry
Photography (Youth activities) - PALE GREEN FORM & $3.00 per entry

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal
Kindergarten News

All parents will receive the best start report tonight at the parent information session. Parents are encouraged to attend, this is your opportunity to volunteer to assist in classroom activities and gain valuable information about Kindergarten this year.

Single sounds for this week are: a, m, s, t. These are learnt in class.

Sight words for the next few weeks in class are: I, a, and, be, of, to, is, in, it, the, was, that. These are known as the golden sight words. Next week your child will bring home these words to learn in their home reader folder with suggested activities. There are 200 words to learn this year.

Thank you to parents for paying school expenses last week, if you have not paid you can make your payment at the school office. All items should be taken to your child’s teacher to label and use in the classroom. Scrapbooks will be returned to you to be covered in clear contact.

One student from each class is nominated to be the star of the week. Stars of the week for this week are Zac in KSapphire, Kate in KMoonstone, Harrison in KKornite, Coco in KGarnet, Sharyn in KAmber and Jake in KPlatinum.

Please remember to label your child’s belongings. Sports day is Thursday, students can wear their sports uniform and sports shoes tomorrow. If you are able to assist the teachers with sport, please let your child’s teacher know.

Thank you for sending the following items to your child’s classroom; 2 boxes of tissues, soap on tap bottle, paint shirt and packet of textas.

Could you please collect empty paper towel rolls and hand them into 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. Please take some time to read the book your child has borrowed.

Please label all your child’s belongings. 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.

All Kindergarten parents are invited to attend Kindergarten’s end of term celebration in our school hall from 2.15 pm on Monday April 7, 2013. All students participate in celebrating their first 50 days of school.

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

Cyber Smart Launch

We are launching a CyberSmart program to promote online behaviour and safety. The Monday assembly in Week 5 will introduce our Semester One focus of “being kind”, with the message of “don’t be mean behind the screen”.

There will be a school wide competition aimed at promoting safe behaviour online. Students are invited to design an A4 sized poster which must include a slogan about “being safe”, being mindful of their digital footprint. Posters are due by Friday Week 10 (April 4). Each class will judge a poster to represent their class in the finals. All entrants will receive a technology mini merit. The school poster design winners will have their slogans used school wide to promote the message of being cyber safe.
Relay for Life 2014
Would you like to join the Castle Hill Public School Relay for Life team? We need you!
Relay for life will be held on Saturday May 3, 2014 at Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville.
Participating in the Relay for Life helps to provide hope to every Australian family facing cancer because it helps the Cancer Council raise awareness and valuable funds towards the fight against cancer.
Let's all get behind the Hills Relay for Life by having a big team walking to support this excellent cause and to show our ongoing support to this local community event. You can walk around the reserve during the day or night for as long as you'd like. It's a great opportunity to talk with friends while you are exercising.

To join the team, please register online at www.hillrelayforlife.com and click to join 'Castle Hill Public School'.

Register before 3 March to receive an early bird registration fee of $15, which includes an official Relay for Life polo shirt, breakfast, entertainment and event staging.

Thanks to the parents, students and teachers who have already registered with our team.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

- Mrs Melanie Keast and Mr Bryce Holland - Team Captains.

SRC Representatives 2014

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The SRC students were presented with their badges at this week's assembly. SRC meetings will start this Friday at 8:30am in 3A and meetings will be held fortnightly.
The first SRC disco for 2014 is on Friday February 28. We are excited to have Andy from HeyDJ back again this year. The SRC will be selling tickets outside the office before school and at recess, starting from next Tuesday. Tickets cost $3 each and this covers the cost of the DJ. The School Community Club kindly donates chips and a drink for each student. Parents do not attend the disco but are invited inside the hall at the end of the disco to have a dance with their child. Please be reminded that photos of students cannot be taken during the disco due to privacy.

SRC Coordinators

Northmead High School Open Day
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School is holding their open day for Stage 3 students on Tuesday March 18, 2014. There are two sessions: 9:15am-1:00pm and 5:00pm-8:00pm. They are also holding auditions for students wishing to apply. Auditions for Year 6 students (Year 7 2015) will be held on Thursday March 20, 2014 for Drama and Music and Friday March 21, 2014 for Dance and Visual Arts. Applications forms can be downloaded from the school website www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Blacktown Boys' High School
Blacktown Boys' High School is holding their parent information afternoon for the parents and sons of Years 5 and 6 students. This is on Wednesday February 26, 2014 from 4:30pm-5:30pm in the school library, Fifth Ave, Blacktown. For further information, please contact the high school on 9622 1558.

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

MERIT AWARDS Term 1 Weeks 3
Rainbow: Malakai (1M), Nicola (1M), Lily (1M), Cayden (1N), Joshua (1N), Elisha (1O), Cooper (2C), Chaiwan (2C), Jacob (2G) 2 sets, Andrew (2R), Ronan (3/2L) 2 sets, Daniel (3/2L), Emma (3A), Eddie (3A) 2 sets, Charlotte (3A), Natasha (3A), Kynan (4P), Imran (5/4C) 3 sets, Aaron (3P) 2 sets, Amelia (3S), Alison (3S) 2 sets, Sarah (3S), Aisha (5S), Jaylen (4P) 2 sets, Tatjana (4P), Rhys (4W), Murdoch (5/4C), Jason (5/4C), Samantha (5/4C) 3 sets, Rubens (5S), Manu (5S) 2 sets, Chris (5S), Rebecca (6/5G), Aishmita (6D), Shannon (6M).
English: Nicholas (KF), Alex (KJ), Elisha (1O), Suraya (1O), Eugene (2C), Alex (2R), Joshua (2R), Ronan (3/2L) 2 sets, Eddie (3A), Charlotte (3A), Natasha (3G), Cherise (3G), Kimia (3G), Aaron (3P), Amelia (3S), Sarah (3S), Kaitlyn (3S), Vrinda (3S), Grace (6/5G), Rachel (4P), Imran (5/4C), Murdoch (5/4C), Alice (5/4C), Manu (5S).
Maths: Nina (2C), Chaiwan (2C), Vrinda (3S), Alex (2R), Ronan (3/2L) 3 sets, Celestia (3A), Aaron (3P), Misha (4W), William (5/4M), Rubens (5S), Grace (6/5G).
Creative Arts: Zali (1F), Monique (2C), Alex (2R), Charlotte (3A), Kaitlyn (3S), Tatjana (4P).
PD/H/PE: Ronan (3/2L), Sara (3A), Kynan (3M), Rachel (4P), Misha (4W), Imran (5/4C), William (5/4C) 2 sets.
Science and Technology: Ronan (3/2L), Jonathan (3S), Rachel (4P), Manu (5S).
HSIE: Amelia (3S), Chloe (4P).
Citizenship: Nicholas (1N), Elyssa (1M), Elisha (1O), Aaron (3P), mark (3S), Leona (4P), Daniel (5S), Daena (6H).

Bronze Awards
Yeachan (1M), Jack (2C), Jason (5/4C) and Alana (2A)

Silver Awards
Christopher (4S)
P&C News
Our first meeting of the year was last Wednesday. We had a guest speaker who presented to us on Harvest Hub (https://www.harvesthub.com.au). As we are officially a 'crunch & sip” school, then this is something that we are investigating.

The priority for us this year is to start work on the playground. The research has been done, suppliers spoken to and a very excited and dedicated workgroup is anxiously waiting quotes for this multi-stage project. If you would like to be involved in contributing ideas, have expertise in this area, or would like to help implement the project, please get in touch with us. Our VP, Lisa Stokan is heading up the workgroup and is very keen on new volunteers to add to the group.

We are implementing an online collaboration tool this year so that ideas can be contributed to and discussion can occur at any time day or night. So, if you are unable to physically attend one of meetings, you can still very much be a part virtually.

Our first event for the year is also fast approaching. This Sunday, February 23rd we will be holding a Welcome to CHPS BBQ for all families with a child commencing at the school for the first time this year.

There is no cost to attend and we look forward to seeing you under the COLA near the Hall between 12-2pm. Please hand in your RSVP TODAY so that we can cater efficiently: if you don’t have the form, just text me your name and the number attending.

Our P&C Executive team will be there to welcome you and answer all your questions about what it is that we do. We have a great team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly this week in preparing for the day. We could use some more help! Some additional feet on the ground on Sunday would be sincerely appreciated. It will be a great opportunity to meet with other families and get to know staff and members of the P&C.

Translators needed: If there are parents in the school that could help assist in translating our meeting minutes into the major non-English languages, we would welcome your help.

- Liga Hegner (President) 0400 887 785

School Community Club (SCC) News
Kindergarten stay in touch lists
For those families who would like to be included on the Stay in Touch List for kindergarten 2014 please make sure you return your permission slip as soon as possible so that this information can be collected for distribution. These notes were due back on 14 February however there is still time to get these back and be included on these lists. Alternatively, you can email your contact details to mandpbetts@yahoo.com.au.

Lists are distributed to families in kindergarten, and are a great way to get in touch with the parents of your child's friends whether to organise play dates, catch ups or even birthday parties. Thank you Mel Betts for coordinating this.

Term 1 Disco: Parent Helpers needed
The SRC will be holding its first disco for the year on Friday 28 February. We are looking for parents who can come along and help at the end of each disco to hand out poppers and chips to students as they leave.

You will be needed for about 15 minutes prior to the end of each disco to unpack the required number of chips and poppers and for about 5-10 minutes after handing them out as the students exit through the canteen. We need about 2 parents per disco.
Disco times are as follows:
Years K-2: 4.15-5.15pm
Years 3-4: 5.30-6.45pm
Years 5-6: 7.00-8.30pm
If you can help out, please contact mandpbetts@yahoo.com.au.

P&C Welcome BBQ
The P&C are holding a welcome BBQ for new families this coming Sunday. Parent helpers will be needed on the day. If you are able to help out, please email rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au.

To get involved and find out more you can join our mailing list to receive emails from us when events are coming up. 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 4 March. 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 Feb 20 - Marie Dols, Justine Bowerman
  Monday Feb 24 - Denise Millar, Louise Hume
  Thursday Feb 27- Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop
Due to the swimming carnival the uniform shop will be closed on Monday 3/3/14
ALL internet orders will be processed on time.
Dr Shoe will be at the Uniform Shop for sales on Monday March 10, 8.30am-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 the child and their parents.

Help Needed!!
The Uniform Shop needs volunteers for one or two days a month on a Monday or Thursday between 8.30am and 10.30am. It’s a great way to meet other parents.

Thank you to those who have volunteered this year we still need help on the following days:-
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday of the Month - 1 Person
5th Monday of the Month - 2/3 People
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursday of the Month - 1 Person
5th Thursday of the Month - 2 People
If you can spare 1 day a month we would greatly appreciate your help.

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 in your child’s bag today.

- 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:-
1st Thursday of the Month - 1 Person
2nd Friday of the Month - 1 Person
3rd Friday of the Month - 1 Person
4th Friday of the Month - 1 Person
Canteen News (Continued)
If you can spare 1 day a month we would greatly appreciate your help.

Roster
Thursday February 20        Kate Scotter, Harini Bharadwaj
Friday February 21          Katherine Watson, Minji Kim
Monday February 24          Ann Rassios
Tuesday February 25         Sangmi Kim, Eun Joo
Wednesday February 26       Emma Horrocks
Thursday February 27        Danielle Fattoretto, Joyce

- Carol Coyle

PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose

Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au This week’s topic 'True Grit helps kids succeed'.

True Grit helps kids succeed

Developing character strengths is just as important to your child’s future success as building academic skills.

Talent or persistence. Which would you chose for your child?

I often ask this question at my parenting seminars and the responses are fascinating. Parents naturally want both. Sorry, but that's not an option.

When pushed most parents choose talent over persistence, which in many ways reflects the current thinking around achievement. However, intelligence, sporting prowess and ability in whatever it is we value will only get a child or young person so far. Talent is purely potential. They need more than this to achieve sustained excellence in anything they do. It is the character traits of hard work and the ability to stick at a task and see it through that make all the difference.

Malcolm Gladwell, in his book Outliers, describes twenty-something American student Renee, who took 22 minutes to work out a complicated math question. The average student gives up after THREE minutes, preferring to ask for help than work through the problem.

Renee was unusual in persisting for so long until she got the solution. The funny thing is, she doesn’t describe herself as a good math student, yet she is highly successful at maths. Grit rather than pure math talent is her forte.

Character matters

Cognitive (thinking and reasoning) skills by themselves aren't enough for children to succeed over the long journey. Many recent studies (most notably the work of US-based Angela Duckworth) have found that character, not cognitive ability, is the single most reliable determinant of how a person's life will turn out. The traits associated with success include the inclination to persist at a boring task (grit), the ability to delay gratification (self-control) and the tendency to follow through with a plan (conscientiousness). These are invaluable traits at school, in the workplace and in life in general.

Character works as an indicator of success when it’s seen as set of strengths and personality traits rather than personal values such as loyalty, tolerance or forgiveness.

Character is forged under difficulty

The key character traits of grit, self-control and conscientiousness are forged under hardship and duress. This makes our current propensity to over protect and over indulge kids problematic. When kids continually experience easy success we set them up for failure because when they finally face up to difficult situations many lack the capacity to push through the tough times.

Encouraging kids to step out of their comfort zones and take learning and social risks is one of the great challenges for modern parents. It's critical that we challenge children and young people to attempt activities where failure is a real option. Overcoming setbacks and pushing through difficulties is how character is formed.
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- **Feb 24**
  - K-6 Assembly - 2pm
- **Feb 25**
  - Scripture starts
  - Castle Hill Show entry forms & money collection
- **Feb 26**
  - Clean up schools day
  - PSSA
  - SRC Discos
- **Mar 3**
  - Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival @ Waves
  - NO K-6 Assembly
  - UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED
- **Mar 4**
  - SCC meeting - 9.15am
- **Mar 5**
  - Life Education begins
- **Mar 6**
  - Life Education
  - Yr 5 Antarctica Incursion
- **Mar 7**
  - Life Education
  - PSSA
- **Mar 10**
  - Life Education
  - K-6 Assembly - 2pm
- **Mar 11**
  - Zone Swimming Carnival @ Waves
  - Life Education
  - Kinder and Yr 1 PACT Course 3.15-4.15pm (TLC)
- **Mar 12**
  - Life Education
  - Zone Swimming Carnival Finals @ Waves - evening
  - P&C meeting - 7.30pm - Staffroom
- **Mar 13**
  - Selective High School test
  - Life Education
- **Mar 14**
  - PSSA
  - Life Education
- **Mar 17**
  - Harmony Day stall before school
  - Life Education
  - Castle Hill Show photography entry collection: 8.30 - 9am
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- **Mar 20**
  - Harmony Day stall before school
  - Life Education ends
  - Castle Hill Show childrens' art entry collection: 8.30 - 9am
- **Mar 21**
  - Harmony Day parade - 9.10am
  - PSSA
  - Castle Hill Show craft entry collection: 8.30 - 9am
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| Mar 25 | Yr 4 to Elizabeth Farm & Old Govt. House  
         Yr 6 to Botanic Gardens  
         Kinder and Yr 1 PACT Course 3.15–4.15pm (TLC) |
| Mar 26 | Yr4 Virtual Excursion  
         Paul Kelly Cup |
| Mar 27 | Yr4 Virtual Excursion  
         Yr 4 to Elizabeth Farm & Old Govt. House  
         Yr 6 to Botanic Gardens  
         New enrolment tour – 10am |
| Mar 28 | PSSA  
         Yr 2 & 3 to Castle Hill Show |
| Mar 29 | StartSmart – Yr5  
         K-6 Assembly – 2pm |
| Apr 1  | SCC meeting – 9.15am  
         StartSmart – Yr1 |
| Apr 2  | StartSmart Yr3 |
| Apr 3  |  |
| Apr 4  | PSSA |
| Apr 7  | Kindergarten 50 days celebration – 2.15pm  
         Yr3 Virtual Excursions  
         No K-6 Assembly |
| Apr 8  | Yrs 5-6 Peer Support Teams Challenge  
         Yr3 Virtual Excursions |
| Apr 9  | Scripture service Yrs 2 - 6 + morning tea – 10.30 – 11.00am  
         Yr6 Virtual Excursions  
         Gold lunch – 12.15pm  
         Silver afternoon tea – 2.30pm  
         P&C meeting – 7.30pm - Staffroom |
| Apr 10 | Yrs 5-6 Peer Support Training  
         Yr5 Virtual Excursions |
| Apr 11 | PSSA  
         ANZAC Service – 11.45am  
         Last day of term 1 |
Bella Vista
Upcoming events & programs

Ideas for Parenting Teens
$25 / $15 conc – 10 Mar 6 – 9pm; 17 Jun 6 – 9 pm
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_____________