Champions
Congratulations to our zone cross-country team on a superb effort on Monday with the support of Mrs Plant, Miss Goyen, Ms Lockrey [on the course] and some very proud parents. I am equally proud of our team’s performance, which gained them 1st place. That’s 2 zone carnivals in a row now, and we have been congratulated by Samuel Gilbert’s Principal - earnestly I’m sure!!

Debatable....
Good luck to our debating team who will head over to John Purchase PS next Tuesday for their first official debate in our local friendly competition. Under the tutelage of Mr Lamont and Mr Smith, I’m sure they’ll do well.

Job Opportunity
The P&C is advertising for a replacement to fulfil the role Carol Coyle has so ably done for many years - no easy task!! We will bid a fond farewell to Carol at the beginning of Term 3 as she heads in to retirement. The job ad can be found in the P&C section of today’s Newsletter.
Focus on Reading

Reading is the most important of skills to master to ensure success in life. To that end, the whole school teaching staff is embarking on an intensive journey to hone and share their skills in teaching this important life skill. Over the next year and a half, our professional learning will focus on this area and our learning will be shared with parents along the way. Keep an eye out for Focus on Reading information to partake in learning that will support your child at home.

I did a TagCloud of the most repetitive words on our school website and am pleased with the outcome:

Wakakirri update

We have received our allocated date for the heats of this prestigious competition - Friday August 29 and The Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. The evening performance will take place on the same day, so students will need to be back at the theatre by 6pm - show time will be confirmed as soon as we know it. A big day indeed!

Semester 1 Parent Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews for Semester 1, 2014 will be held during week 9 this term (Monday June 23 - Friday June 27 between 7am -7pm on various days and for various periods for each teacher). Mr Cheeseman's interviews will be held in Term 3 (dates and times also online).

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

School event code: PNX8W

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times
4. When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
5. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

NB - Booking an interview closes on Thursday June 19.

- Interviews are strictly in 15 minute blocks and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure, which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.
Stewart House Clothing Appeal – Tuesday June 17
Stewart House is a charity that provides care and support for children in need. Our school continues to support Stewart House by participating in clothing collections each year. Stewart House benefits financially from collections of clothing from schools. The Smith Family pays Stewart House for each kilogram of clothing they receive. About $25,000 is raised each year from clothing collections. Please support Stewart House by placing any clean, unwanted clothing that you no longer need in the bags provided and return them to your child’s classroom. Any clean plastic bag can be used. Please bring bags of clothing to school before Tuesday June 17.

- Steve Connelly – Principal

What’s in your child’s bag today?

Leaflets: Mr Shoe brochure – all children

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014
Those students completing the challenge in Years 3-6 remember that you can include to School Magazines you read at school as part of your challenge list. You can include 2 magazines as part of your total list. This may just help you complete the challenge on time.

Congratulations to our Evan 1M, Isla 1O, Joelle 3/2L, Seongchan 5/4C, Yuvin 4S, Murdoch 5/4C and Logan 6H who have successfully completed this year’s challenge - well done! 😊.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News
Stars of the week for this week are Kyran in KSapphire, Jordan in KMoonstone, Brandon in KKornite, Ambrose in KGarnet, Ava in KAmber, and Wasswa in KPlatinum.

Please return your child’s red note folder each Thursday. Home readers are now changed every day. Please record and sign the home reader card every night.

We will continue to revise single sounds in class, however, we will also introduce family words. Family words are also known as rhyming words. Some examples are: at, et and it words. Cat, bat, mat, rat, sat are all at family words. These words end in the letters at and rhyme.

Sight words for the next two weeks in class are: an, by, do, go, if, me, my, no, or, up. These are known as the blue sight words.

Please return your vision screening notes. This is a free vision check service provided by local optometrist [and CHPS parent] Clifford Chong.

This term we have set topics for news, please encourage your child to participate by writing out a few pointers. Students have done a wonderful job so far.

Envelopes for school photos went home last week. Please return these filled in to your child’s teacher. School photo day is Thursday June 12, 2014. All Kindergarten students will have a grade photo on Tuesday June 10, 2014. Students must wear their full winter uniform with ties.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers
**SRC Events**

This Friday, May 23, is **Walk Safely to School Day**. The SRC will be giving out stickers and apples to students who walk safely to school between 8:30am and 8:55am. This helps remind students to use the safe footpath when walking to school, wait for the green person before crossing the road and to only cross when safe. Students can collect their apples from the SRC representatives near the front office.

Friday, May 30 is the Term 2 disco. Tickets are $3 and will be on sale from Tuesday morning. The ticket price covers the cost of our DJ, Andy. The School Community Club kindly donates chips and a drink for each student.

- K-2 disco 4:15-5:15pm
- 3-4 disco 5:30-6:45pm
- 5-6 disco 7:00-8:30pm

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. We also ask parents to be prompt in picking up their child at the end of the disco. Many thanks to the SRC Coordinators for their hard work.

**University Competitions**

Forms for the annual ICAS Competitions [English & Mathematics ONLY] are available for collection from the front office. The closing date for these competitions is Wednesday June 11 - no late applications can be accepted. Parents are reminded that these competitions are administered outside of school hours and, due to their high level of difficulty, are suitable only for those students who excel at English and Mathematics.

The sitting dates are:

- English - Tuesday July 29
- Mathematics - Tuesday August 12

The cost of each test is $9.00.

- Mrs Courtney - ICAS coordinator

**Volunteering Your Time? Working With Children Check**

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:


**PSSA Sport Venues - May 23, 2014**

- All buses leave school at 12.35pm and return by 3pm.
- AFL - Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave
- Soccer - Greenup Park
- Netball - Kellyville Netball Courts
- Newcombe Ball - Playing at CHPS
MINI MERIT AWARDS

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

Term 2 Week 3

**Rainbow:** Taleah (KA), Kiana (KA), Yuna (KG), Matthew (KG), Harrison (KK), Jason (KP), Mel (KS), Rebecca (KS), Ethan (1F), Hiran (1F), Erleen (1K) 2 sets, Kensyn (1K), Nicholas (1N), Rochelle (1N), Eugene (2C) 2 sets, Noah (2G), Kiyan (2G), Isaac (2R) 2 sets, Emma (3A), Maddison (3A), Jiya (3A), Charlotte (3A), Vrinda (3S), Kirsten (3S), Lucinda (3S), Eun (4S), Imran (5/4C), Nicholas (5E) 2 sets, Chelsea (5S), Aisha (5S) 3 sets, Ella (5S) 2 sets, Jasmine (5W), Yulissa (6D) 2 sets, Lachlan (6M), Corey (6M), Sylvie (6M).

**English:** Ellie (KG), Mia (KM), Ryan (KM), Daniel (KP), Jason (KP), Arya (KP), Jake (KP), Lucy (KP), Yash (1F), Kansy (1K), Tabitha (1M), Rochelle (1N), Joshua (2R), Amelia (3S), Celstia (3A), Eugenie (3A), Emma (3A), Aleisha (3P), Vrinda (3S), Hayley (3S), Sarah (3S), Eun (4S), Olivia (4S), Chris (5S), Chelsea (5S) 2 sets.

**Maths:** Erleen (1K), Alex (4P), Chelsea (5S).

**Creative Arts:** Chelsea (5S).

**PD/H/PE:** Juliette (1F), Samara (1G), Tabitha (1M), Adam (2G), Nathan (2G), Thomas (2R), Richie (4W), Daniel (5E), Rebecca (6M) 2 sets.

**Science and Technology:** Daniel (5E), Chelsea (5S).

**HSIE:** Joel (4S), Daniel (5E), Olivia (5E), Chris (5S).

**Citizenship:** Idris (6M).

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**Bronze Awards**

| Adam (2G) and Adam (2R) |

**Silver Awards**

| Jackson (5E) |

- Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

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**Entertainment Books 2014**

It is that time of year again, The School Community Club are selling Entertainment Books. These books are great value and offer hundreds of discounts to local eateries and attractions.

This year you have a choice between the traditional book or a digital membership. We have limited stock of traditional books, so be early.

- **Sydney Greater West** (The old Parramatta Book) $65
- **Sydney/Sydney North** $70

To collect your book, please go to the school office with your payment or you can order online.

Please make cheques payable to “Castle Hill Public School Community Club”.

- Simone Pedler 0438809993 or lstcp@internode.on.net

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**Band News**

Parents of band members have recently been emailed a copy of TSA’s term 2 band newsletter. If you did not receive a copy of this note, please contact Mr Lavis – steve@teachingservices.com.au or download a copy from TSA’s website, www.teachingservices.com.au.

**Keyboard player required** - CHPS senior band is searching for a confident, experienced keyboard player to help fill out the bass section of the band, playing tuba parts on keyboard. Any student in years 4 to 6 is welcome, but must have at least two year's tuition experience on keyboard or piano, must be confident reading bass clef (left hand) and should be able to attend afternoon rehearsal each Wednesday (3pm).
P & C News

Canteen Supervisor Position
Due to retirement of the current canteen manager, the P&C is seeking an employee for the CHPS Canteen.

The Castle Hill Public School P&C has a mandate to promote healthy eating patterns consistent with values taught in the school. This is a casual position and gives the canteen the flexibility required to meet the school community’s needs. We seek an employee for the position of Canteen Supervisor.

This position is specified as a casual position. We are seeking an exceptional organiser and communicator to take on this role. The requirement is 4 days per week, hours 7.45am - 2.15pm, during NSW school terms. Additional days may be required due to sickness and leave.

The successful candidate will want to provide excellent customer service, have an ability to build rapport with the students and co-workers, work well within a team, and have a love of cooking. This position reports to the P&C President.

If you would like to receive the information package containing the selection criteria, job description and details of how to apply please contact the P&C Vice President, Jenny Crandell by email: jenny crandell@hotmail.com

Applications close at 5pm on June 5, 2014.

The successful candidate is expected to commence duties on Monday July 28, 2014.

- Liga Hegner – CHPS P&C President

School Community Club (SCC) News

Book Fair
Thank you to those parents who have responded to last week’s Newsletter and the email to volunteers. 
We still need more volunteers to be able to run Book Fair this year. The Book Fair is a great benefit to our school, earning the school approximately $4000 in reading resources from Scholastic. If you can help on the following days please contact me as soon as possible.
Friday May 30, Monday June 2, Tuesday June 3 and Wednesday June 4.
Bookfair is open from 8.30am – 3.30pm. A box of toys will be available for your toddlers if you need to bring them.

School Disco
We are also looking for volunteers to help hand out chips and poppers at the end of the disco on Friday May 30. The disco times are as follows:

K-2 4.15-5.15pm
Years 3-4 5.30pm-6.45pm
Years 5-6 7pm-8.30pm.

Volunteers are required about ten minutes prior to the end of each disco. Please contact Melissa Betts mandpbetts@yahoo.com.au if you are able to help.

Next Meeting: June 10 in the staffroom from 9.15am.

- Rebecca O’Shea, President: 0400 479 639; rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au
Uniform Shop News
Volunteer Roster: Thursday May 22 - Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop, Abby Hui
   Monday May 26 - Denise Millar, Louise Hume, Carrie Prosser-Shaw
   Thursday May 29 - Lynelle Inkster, Marie Dols

The Uniform Shop AGM will be held on Monday June 16 at 10am in the Uniform Shop.

Don’t forget 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
   Ph: 0438 809 993 or simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen News
Canteen Roster
Thursday May 22    Daniela Fattoretto, Tracey Anderson
Friday May 23       Toni Bray, Bayzer Wah, Katherine Watson
Monday May 26       Essen Borg, Stacy Borg, Ann Rassios
Tuesday May 27      Eunjoo, Hyo Jin, Hye Jin
Wednesday May 28    Vicki Payne, Maggie Perez, Kate Scotter
Thursday May 29     Danielle Fox, Mel Fryer, Patrice Zirh

   - Carol Coyle

PARENTING IDEAS - Michael Grose

Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au This week’s topic “Making school drop-offs
hassle free.’

Making school drop-offs hassle free

“One common transition challenge occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters
on a deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school
with tears, tantrums or tiredness.”

There are a number of trouble spots for parents, and they have one thing in common. They all occur
around a child’s transition from one activity or place to another.

Transitions from play to dinnertime, television to bedtime or from bed to the breakfast table are
common battlefields for parents. Kids want to do one thing, yet family requirements mean that they
have to do something else. A battle can ensue with children dawdling, whining or refusing point blank to
budge! Parenting is always hard work at these times.

One common transition challenge occurs at school-drop-off time. Some kids are passive resisters on a
deliberate go-slow. Others more actively resist their parents’ efforts to get them to school with tears,
tantrums or tiredness.

Children’s tears at drop-off time play at the heart strings of compassionate parents, particularly
those who feel guilty about leaving their child. Tantrums are another way children keep parents busy
and their complaints about being too tired indicate that perhaps an earlier bedtime is in order.

Usually it’s children in the early years of primary school who present most difficulty at school drop-
off times. Essentially these drop-off problems are separation issues that can easily be resolved by
supportive teachers and some tough love parenting.
It's worth remembering that a developmental task for children is to separate from their parents, so that they can benefit from being around other adults. Parents who resist this imperative, allowing their child to cling to them are doing their younger a disservice.

If dropping kids off at school in the morning is a problem here's a few ideas that may help. Your aim as a parent is to establish a new pattern of behaviour for your child in the morning, particularly as you approach the school gate or classroom door

1. **Go through the morning and drop-off routine** with your kids. Make sure everyone knows what's expected. Work out your jobs and those that the kids need to do then stick to this arrangement. For instance, it may be your job to make school lunches but it's up to kids to put them in their bags.

2. **Drop kids off, turn around and go:** If you have a child who likes to keep you busy each morning with tears or tantrums then you may have to take the 'tough love' approach. Say goodbye using a firm voice, turn around and leave. Don't look back. Most kids settle down at school within five minutes of being dropped off. Parental lingering only makes matters worse for children and teachers. Teachers are experienced at helping kids settle into the school routine, so allow them to take over.

3. **Reaffirm their efforts later:** If your child begins to go off without tears or tantrums after a long period of difficult departures then make a bit of fuss when you see them later in the day. Don't go overboard with tangible rewards or bribes. Parental recognition, genuinely given is a huge driver for most kids.

4. **Wean your child off you:** If your normal habit is to drop your child off at the classroom door each morning, try saying goodbye at the school gate every now and then. The aim is to make your child less, rather than more reliant on you.

If problems continue then it's worth consulting your child's teacher or welfare coordinator, carefully outlining the issue. Be prepared to be coached on this issue, trusting the approach that your school advises.

Teachers generally have experienced this type of separation anxiety before and understand when it's within children's capacities and when they may need extra help to cope. It makes good sense to trust their judgement. From my experience, it's usually spot on!
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NEW ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015

If you have a child starting school in 2015, please complete the information below and return it to the school office. An Enrolment Form will be generated which will include all current information. We will send this form home to you to change any information that is no longer relevant. When completed, please return this form to the school office as soon as possible. When returning your form, please remember to bring with you:

- Your child’s original birth certificate or passport
- Your child’s immunisation records if the 4 year old needles have been administered. (Health Department certificate, if you have it, or the blue book.)
- Three proof of address documents (eg original of your lease agreement, a current rate notice, electricity bill, phone bill etc)
- If both parents were born overseas, your passports (with visas) or Australian Citizenship documents.

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________________________________________

NAME OF CHILD CURRENTLY ENROLLED: _________________________________

CLASS IN 2014: ________________ DOB: _________________________________

NEW CHILD’S FAMILY NAME: ____________________________________________

NEW CHILD’S GIVEN NAME: _____________________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: ________________________________

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE