Student Progress Reporting:

- Semester 1 Reports:

All students will receive their Semester 1 progress report this Friday – June 20. These reports reflect the progress each child has made in the teaching and learning programs specific to their stage. I encourage all parents to read through the reports with their child prior to the Parent-Teacher interviews, which will be held next week. My thanks to all teachers and specialist staff who have worked tirelessly to provide parents with accurate information pertaining to the individual child.

- Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Parents/carers are reminded that interviews will be held next week. Have you booked in your time on-line yet? Tomorrow will be your last chance, as the system will be closed from midnight for processing.

ShowCase

The 2014 School ShowCase will be held here at school and will showcase the work that is being done in classes as part of the teaching & learning program. All stages are in preparation mode for this year's School ShowCase, which will include items in the disciplines of dance, drama, poetry and singing. Dates for your diaries:

- Early Stage 1 - Wednesday September 10 @ 5.30pm
- Stage 1 - Wednesday September 3 @ 5.30pm
- Stage 2 - Tuesday September 2 @ 5.30pm
- Stage 3 - Tuesday September 9 @ 5.30pm

Tickets will be on sale early next term. Please note that a second show for each stage may be necessary. Tickets for these shows will go on sale when the 5.30pm show is nearing capacity.

- Steve Connelly, Principal

What's in your child's bag today?

Notes:

- Outstanding Family Invoices - various Leaflets
- Go 4 Fun: Years 2-6
- Active Boost Holiday Camp: Years K-5
- Red Dragon Taekwondo: Years K-6
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for Semester 1 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 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.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal

THANK YOU to Clifford Chong
Historically in schools, vision screening was conducted by community nurses who assessed the students, with a particular focus in Kindergarten, addressing early detection. Unfortunately there have been significant changes in the Area Health models and community nurses no longer deliver this service to schools. This week one of our local optometrist, Clifford Chong, has donated his time to the school to check the vision of our Kinder students. Early detection of problems and intervention are vital in supporting effective student learning. As part of his professional service Mr Chong provides parents with written feedback from the screening. Thank you Mr Chong for supporting our school and our students.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News
Stars of the week for this week are Sam in KSapphire, Ryan in KMoonstone, Sean in KKornite, Max in KGarnet, Kiana B in KAmber, and Chase 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.

Family words for this week in class are: am, em, im, om, um.

Sight words for this week in class are: big, can, did, get, has, him, new, now, off, old, our, out, see, she, two, who. These are known as the green sight words.

This week all Kindergarten classes have had a free vision check if your child returned the permission note. This service is provided by local optometrist Clifford Chong. A big thank you to Clifford and his team. All parents will receive a vision report from Clifford.

Semester One report goes home this Friday. Please check your child's bag for the report.

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

- From the Kindergarten Teachers
Wakakirri Update / Item Donations

Our Wakakirri item is called *The Rhythm of Life*. It is based on *Uno’s Garden*, a picture book written and illustrated by Australian children’s author Graeme Base. It’s a moving and timely tale featuring themes of environmental degradation, conservation of nature, and extinction.

We are looking for the following items to be donated:
- Men’s business ties
- Flannel shirts (children’s size 8-12)
- Large wooden photo frames (approx. 60x40cm)

If you have any of these items which you no longer need please send them to Miss Williams.

- Miss Natalie Williams

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 - June 20, 2014 - All buses leave school at 12.35pm and return by 3pm.
AFL - Memorial Avenue, Kellyville
Soccer - Greenup Park, Cecil Avenue
Netball - Kellyville Netball Courts, Commercial Road
Newcombe Ball - Playing at Castle Hill, Public School

MINI MERIT AWARDS

**Mini Merit Awards**

**Bronze Awards**

- Avalene (2C), Ruby (3/2L) and Jacob (2G)

**Silver Awards**

- Jaylen (4P) and Peter (5W)

**Gold Awards**

- Rebecca (6M)

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

**Term 2 Week 7:**

**Rainbow:** Kiana P (KA), Kiana B (KA), Isaac (KG), Bella (KG), Jamaine (KK), Tom (KK), Jason (KP), Zane (1F), Rachel (1F), Nao (1G) 2 sets, Salem (IK), Erleen (IK), Lily (1M), Annabell (IN), Aiden (IN), Tristen (IN), Isla (1O), Adam (2C), Alana (2A), Alexander (2R), Joshua (2R), Ben (2R), Jemma (3/2L), Jaitin (3A), Mark (3S), Sarah (3S), Rachel (4P), Nathan (4S), Noah (4S), Zac (4S), Olivia (5E), Kyle (5E), Lucas (5W).

**English:** Ashleigh (KA), Jamaine (KK), Blake (KK), Daniell (KK), Sarah (KM), Sofie (1G), Pragyee (1G), Alex (1M), Aide (1N), Matthew (1O), Thomas (2R), Eve (2R), Mikaela (3G), Holly (3/2L), Jaitin (3A), Dylan (4S) 2 sets, Noah (4S), Lucas (5W) 3 sets, David (5W), Jake (5W), Rachel (4P), Grace (6/5G).

**Maths:** Daniel (1K), Matthew (1O), Taeden (2C), Payton (3/2L), Evie (3/2L), Lucas (5W), David (5W) 4 sets, Jake (5W), Kynan (4P), Chloe (4P), Rachel (4P).

**Creative Arts:** Rochelle (1W), Emma (3A), Joshua (2R), Kynan (4P).

**PD/H/PE:** Raina (1M), Paige (1O), Eugene (2C), Payton (3/2L), Jemma (3/2L), Dylan (4S), David (5W), Lucas (5W).

**Science and Technology:** Eve (2R), Mikaela (3G), David (5W), Grace (6/5G).

**HSIE:** Sophie (5E), David (5W).

**Citizenship:** Gino (1N), Adam (2R), Jacob (3G), Dylan (4S), Grace (6/5G).
PARENTING IDEAS - Michael Grose

Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au This week's topic "Making the most of your parent-teacher interview'.

Making the most of your parent-teacher interview

It makes sense for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers. Parent-teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school.

Many parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem a little rushed. Teachers are generally highly organised so they can make the most of the time you have together. It makes sense also for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Here are some guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

- **Prepare well.** Before the interview, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep questions short and to the point.

- **Attend with a partner or friend** particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.

- **Give the teacher a chance** to make an assessment of your child's progress. This may seem obvious but some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic parents take over.

- **Take notes and clarify information that you don't understand.** "What do you mean by 'he needs to spend more time reading'...?" Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child's teacher is giving.

- **Be prepared to give an assessment of your child's performance.** You may be asked how you think your child is performing so give an honest, but realistic assessment.

- **Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened.** No doubt your child's teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child's difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher's time and of those parents who are to follow.

**Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child.**

Avoid giving generalisations or simplistic appraisals such as: "The teacher says you are a good girl." Discuss areas that need work in positive terms. Talk about strengths or successes first before discussing areas that may need more work.

A clear message such as, "We talked about your reading and the teacher suggested that we should try..." is far more helpful.

Involve your child in discussing any plans for improvement. Avoid making big plans for your child to improve in a subject area without consulting him or her. By involving children and taking notice of their ideas plans are more likely to be successful.

- Denise Lockrey, Deputy Principal
Entertainment Books 2014 – Now available from the school office
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 0438 809 993 or lstcp@internode.on.net

Castle Hill Funhouse
Our July Vacation Care Program is now available on our website: www.castlehillfunhouse.com.au. Don’t miss out on the fun and book prior to Wednesday June 25 to avoid disappointment.
Contact: 9680 3361 or email us at info@castlehillfunhouse.com.au

P & C News

EXCELSIOR CUP CHARITY DAY
SATURDAY 21ST JUNE
From 8:30am
Eric Mobbs Reserve

CUP MATCH
CHRSL Rockets FC vs Baulkham Hills FC
1pm: Premier League Reserve Grade
3pm: Premier League First Grade

PRIZES
RAFFLE TICKETS
BBQ (BY DONATION)
FACE PAINTING

LADIES DAY
Sunday 15th June
Eric Mobbs Reserve

Stay Updated via Social Media and Club Websites
@rslrockets
Castle Hill RSL (Rockets) Soccer Club

Proudly Supporting
Ovarian Cancer Australia
WITH ALL PROCEEDS BEING DONATED TO CHARITY
NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION
FUNDING RESEARCH FOR PREVENTION AND CURE
FUNDRAISING SUPPORTER

- Reptile Show - Free Kids Holiday Program
- Tuesday July 1, 10 a.m. to Midday
- Come along and bring your friends. Morning tea for parents and kids included.

At Castle Hill Bible Education Centre,
245 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill.
Activities aimed at pre-school age and primary school children up to 12 years old.
**Register at 8030 5505 or enquiries@castlehillbec.org.au
- Jenny Crandell, P&C Vice President.
Jennycrandel@hotmail.com
Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster: Thursday June 19 - Marie Dols, Justine Bowerman, Lee Lau, jei Li
Monday June 23 - Denise Miller, Louise Hume
Thursday June 26 - Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop, Abby Hui

I would like to thank the outgoing uniform shop committee Annie Hanna and Rod Bishop for their contribution over the last two years. Rod was the driving force behind the online and POS systems and without his valuable help this process would not have been so smooth. Thank you.

Congratulations to the incoming committee
Teddy Samuelson - President
Louise Hume - Secretary
Sylvia Scargall - Treasurer

Uniform Shop Half Year Dinner
Thursday August 7 @ 7pm
Full Moon Thai - Castle Hill
All Welcome
Please RSVP to Simone by August 31

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
Ph: 0438 809 993 or simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen News

**URGENT REQUEST**

Due to work commitments we now need volunteers on the following days:

1st Tuesday (1 person)
2nd Friday (2 people)
2nd Wednesday (2 people) URGENTLY NEEDED even if only 9am-11am
3rd Friday (2 people)
4th Friday (1 person)

If you have a few hours to spare on these days, please ring Carol or Robyn on 9634 4306.

Canteen Roster

Thursday June 19  Wenxia Li, Sutha Siram, Wendy Newman
Friday June 20  Minji Kim, Lima Kim, Elizabeth Villeria
Monday June 23  Essen Borg, Stacy Borg, Anna Rassios
Tuesday June 24  Eunjoo, Hyo Jin, Hye Jin
Wednesday June 25  Vicki Payne, Maggie Perez, Kate Scotter
Thursday June 26  Daniella Fattoretto, Tracey Anderson

- Carol Coyle
HILLS HAWKS SOFTBALL CLUB

Batter Up/Teeball/Modball/Softball
- Register as an individual or register as a school team!
- Play at the same time and location each week
- Ages 5 to Adult - great team sport, something for everyone
- Register online before Sunday, 27 July for early bird rate

HILLS HAWKS SOFTBALL CLUB
When: On or before Sunday - 27 July 2013
Time: 9am to 12 noon
Where: The Galston Club, Galston or
online @ www.hillhawks softball.org.au
Enquiries: Belinda - 0412 111 018 or
email hillhawks softball@live.com

Free School Holiday Activity at Castle Mall

Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 July

FREE Loom Band Workshop these School Holidays
Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 July
10.00am – 2.00pm
Upper Level along from Trade Secret and near The Games Workshop

Keep the kids entertained with our FREE Loom Band Workshop. It's the creative craze still sweeping school playgrounds! Choose from Neon bands, Glow in the Dark, Scented and more. Make your own loom band to take home. While stocks last, so be quick.
## Term Overview as at June 18

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Stewart House clothing collection ends  
K-6 Assembly - 2pm |
| | Jun 17 | Kindergarten vision checks |
| | Jun 18 | Kindergarten vision checks  
Yr 6 gift to the school event |
| | Jun 19 | Parent-teacher interview online  
booking system closes  
Debate @ CHPS against Baulkham Hills North PS - 9.30am |
| | Jun 20 | PSSA  
Semester 1 student reports home  
11.30am - Peer Support |
| 9 | Jun 23 | Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Rugby League vs Beresford Road PS - 12.45  
K-6 Assembly - 2pm + CHHS band |
| | Jun 24 | Parent/Teacher Interviews  
New enrolment tour - Kindergarten 2015 focus - 2pm  
Silver afternoon tea - 2.30pm |
| | Jun 25 | Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Gold lunch - 12.15pm |
| | Jun 26 | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| | Jun 27 | PSSA  
11.30am - Peer Support  
Last day of Term 2 |

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Soccer Gala Day |
| | Jul 16 | EAL/D interviews |
| | Jul 17 | SiSA  
EAL/D interviews |
| | Jul 18 | PSSA |
| 2 | Jul 21 | K-6 Assembly - 2pm |
| | Jul 22 | K-6 Musica Viva incursion |
| | Jul 23 | OC Placement test |
| | Jul 24 | SiSA  
PSSA |
| 3 | Jul 28 | Education Week - Castle Towers performances  
No K-6 Assembly |
| | Jul 29 | Education Week  
3-6 Athletics Carnival @ AH Whaling Reserve  
ICAS English |
| | Jul 30 | Education Week - Open Day / Grandparents’ Day + Café - 9.30am  
K-2 Tabloid Sports Carnival |
| | Jul 31 | Education Week  
SiSA  
PSSA |
| | Aug 1 | Education Week |
| 4 | Aug 4 | K-6 Assembly - 2pm |
| | Aug 5 | SCC meeting - 9.15am  
Yr 3-6 Athletics carnival back-up date |
| | Aug 6 | . |
| | Aug 7 | SiSA  
PSSA |
| 5 | Aug 11 | K-6 Assembly - 2pm |
| | Aug 12 | ICAS Maths |
| | Aug 13 | Band evening - 6.30pm  
P&C meeting - 7.30pm |
| | Aug 14 | SiSA  
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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 (e.g., 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