August 27, 2014

As I reflect on the last week there have been so many wonderful things happening and opportunities for students at CHPS! Let me share a few...

Japanese Cultural Exchange

Last Thursday, as part of the linkages activities with Castle Hill High School, a group of Japanese exchange students came to our school and engaged in some excellent activities with a number of our classes. We have been doing this each year for over 5 years! The evaluations that occur each year from the Japanese students, place visiting our school as a high priority as part of their exchange visit. We received a lovely gift from the visiting Principal and we in turn shared a lovely morning tea and lunch with an Australian theme and gave them a school pen and a Caramello Koala to enjoy. The scones were a hit and some of the brave students even tried a vegemite sandwich!

Wakakirri

The Wakakirri performance is being held this Friday at The Riverside theatre. We wish all the students involved all the very best for Friday! Thank you to the numerous families who have been supporting the Wakakirri journey throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you at the Riverside Theatre for the Friday evening performance.

I would like to particularly thank the following teachers for their time, dedication and enthusiasm in bringing CHPS Wakakirri together – Miss Williams, Mrs Georgiades, Mrs Keast, Mrs Wong, Mrs Munns and Ms Garemyn.

NSW PSSA State Championship for Rugby Union in Kiama representative

One of our Year 5 boys, Nic, braved the cold rain & mud to play in the NSW PSSA State Championship for Rugby Union in Kiama. Sydney West came fourth overall in the competition which was a great improvement on their 8th spot last year. Nic was selected as captain for their last game and was awarded the “Coaches Award” for Sydney West for the overall competition. Clearly, Nic, represented Castle Hill Public School well and he has done his family and school proud.

Police patrol – blitz over next few weeks

In recent weeks a number of reports have come to my attention about unsafe practices by a few parents at drop off and pick up times in Gilham street (at the back gate area). This has put our students in an unsafe situation. I would request all parents to be safe and extra vigilant in keeping our students safe both when entering and exiting the school. I have contacted the local police and asked that they conduct traffic patrols around our school before and after school over the next few weeks.
ShowCase Dates and times (reminder details)
Tuesday September 2 - ShowCase Stage 2. Show 1: 5.30 - 6.30pm Show 2: 7- 8pm
Wednesday September 3 - ShowCase Stage 1. Show 1: 5.30 - 6.30pm Show 2: 7- 8pm
Tuesday September 9 - ShowCase Stage 3. Show 1: 5.30 - 6.30pm Show 2: 7- 8pm
Wednesday September 10 - ShowCase Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Show: 5.30 - 6.30pm

Ticket Cost
The ticket cost as set by Castle Hill Public School is $5.00. There is a 60c credit card charge added to each ticket. (Tickets are listed as $5.60 on the Trybooking website due to the 60c credit card fee). There will also be a 30c per ticket online booking fee added to your cost at the checkout. This means the total you will pay per ticket is $5.90.

To access tickets sales use the link below or type Trybooking into your search engine. Once on the Trybooking system type CHPS into search window. This will give you access to our performances. You will then need to select which stage and performance for which you require tickets. You will need to print and bring your tickets with you to each performance.


- Ms Denise Lockrey, Relieving Principal

What's in your child's bag today?
- Notes Home: Showcase Note - Stage 1
- Enrolment Form
- Personal Declaration - Kindy to Year 5
- SISA Open Day - Eldest Students K-6

Premier's Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge this year. The challenge is now over.

Well done to the following students who completed the challenge with their class:
2G - Kiyun, Denver, Luis, Nathan, Audrey, Brooklyn, Noah, Max F, Wilson, Tegan, Jacob, Pratham, Yun, Jeremy, Felicia, Maria, Jiwoo, Rohan, Chloe, Minrada, Christopher, Max S, Gianna, Andrew, Elena and Adam
2R - Alexandria, Aidan, Joshua, Alex, Darren, Ben, Khelia, Molly, Andrew, Aryan, Joshua, Kendrick, Justin, Thomas, Maverick, Sonya, Farah, Elsa, Callum, Karishma, Sienna, Eve, Aditya, Adam, Isaac and Monica.

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News
A reminder that all ShowCase costume items required from home need to be clearly labelled with your child's full name and class and be at school by Monday September 1, 2014.

On Wednesday September 3, 2014 students are encouraged to wear mufti clothes (covered shoes and appropriate warm clothing) in footy colours and bring in a gold coin donation to assist Year 6 in raising money to buy a farewell gift to the school.

Family words for this week in class are: all, ill, ell.

Sight words for this week in class are: call, come, here, make, must, only, some, then, were, what, will, your. These are known as the indigo sight words.

A reminder that the Early Stage 1 ShowCase performance is on Wednesday September 10, 2014. To purchase tickets use the link below or type Trybooking into your search engine. Once on the
Trybooking website type CHPS into the search window. You will then need to select Early Stage 1. You will need to print and bring your tickets with you to each performance.


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.

- From the Kindergarten Teachers

YEAR 6 FAREWELL 2014
It's that time of year again - planning for the Year 6 farewell will be getting underway shortly! A meeting for parents interested in participating in the planning and preparation for this year’s Year 6 Farewell will be held on Wednesday, 3 September 2014. The meeting will be held in 6D classroom and commence at 3:15pm. If you are attending, please ensure that you have made arrangements for the care of your children, as students are unable to attend farewell meetings.

Meetings will be held every second Wednesday throughout the remainder of Term 3 and from Week 1 of Term 4. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend meetings, please forward your name, the name of your Year 6 child and your email address to Miss Dudgeon via the school email. (castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) 'The more the merrier!' and 'Many hands make light work.'

- Ms Kim Dudgeon, Year 6 Co-ordinator

SPORT in SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
The subject matter of the current PD/H/PE, K-6 syllabus is organised into eight interrelated strands. Our SiSA program includes subject matter from six of the eight strands. These content strands are as follows – active lifestyle, dance (in wet weather program), games and sports, interpersonal relationships, personal health choices, safe living.

There are five essential skills that students should develop according to the PD/H/PE syllabus. They are: communicating, decision-making, interacting, moving and problem-solving. The Sport in Schools Australia program incorporates all five essential skills.

AFL Superstars in the Making!
The Junior and Senior AFL teams have had a very successful season of Winter PSSA. Both teams won their semi finals and progressed to the grand final in week 5.
The juniors showed great skill during their game, but were unfortunate to be beaten by 1 point. They have done extremely well this season, with many of the team playing AFL for the first time.
The senior team demonstrated a high level of skill throughout the season, winning their games convincingly. They won their grand final 54-28 and were undefeated premiers for the season. Ryan (6H) was identified by the AFL staff as a skilled player and has been a part of the Future Stars program.
Both teams represented our school proudly throughout the season and are congratulated on their achievements.

- Miss Goyen (Proud AFL Coach)

Walk in music opportunity
Any students who would like to be part of the walk in music for our K-6 assembly next term please see Mrs Smith this term.

Mini Merit Awards

Bronze Awards
Aarya (3A), Mia (2C), Adam (2C), Jeremy (2G), Maverick (2R), Alice (5/4C) Lakshi (5/4C), Bella (6M),

Gold Awards
Sophie (5E), Heidi (5W)
Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits.

**Term 3 Week 6**

**Rainbow:** Stephanie (KA), Isaac (KG), Bella (KG), Sarah (KM), Mia (KM), Aidan (KM), Tahlia (KP), Daniel (KP), Arya (KP), Lucy (KS), Zac (KS), Akira (1M), Elyssa (1M), Naia (1O), Yeachan (2A), Amos (2A) 2 sets, Angelene (2C), Avalene (2C), Yun (2G), Jeremy (2G), Alexandria (2R), Adam (2R), Aditya (2R), Ben (2R), Declan (3/2L), Kerry (3/2L), Lily (3A), Cherish (3G) 2 sets, Cara (3G), Kayla (3S) 2 sets, Caitlin (3S), Thomas (4W) 4 sets, Alice (5/4C) 2 sets, Jason (5/4C), Manu (5/4C), Chris (5S), Patrick (5S), Caleb (5S) 5 sets, Jasmine (5W), Jordan (6/5G), Jenny (6H), Anjali (6H) 2 sets, Natalia (6H), Christine (6M) 2 sets, Ashley (6M) 2 sets, Harry (6M).

**English:** Monique (KM), Hardy (KM), Daniel (KP), Zac (KS), Morgan (1O), Marquez (1O), Elisha (1O), Tilly (2A), Chaiwan (2C), Avalene (2C), Liam (2C), Pratham (2G), Yun (2G), Maverick (2R), Aidan (2R), Karishma (2R), Callum (2R), Joshua (2T), Lily (3A), Alisha (3G), James (3G), Kaitlyn (3S), Mark (3S), Caitlin (3S), Thomas (4W), Francesca (4W), Jasmine (5W), Sami (6H), Natalia (6H), Anjali (6H).

**Maths:** Ava (KA), Marquez (1O), Elisha (1O), Adam (2G), Alisha (3G), Kian (4W), Manu (5S) 2 sets, Daniel (5S), Chelsea (5S).

**Creative Arts:** Ava (KA), Ben (2R), Lily (3A).

**PD/H/PE:** Zac (KS), Joshua (3/2L), Thomas (4W), Francesca (4W), Nicholas (5S), Manik (5S), Chelsea (5S), Manu (5S), Natalia (6H), Cassie (6M).

**Science & Technology:** Morgan (1O), Joshua (3/2L), Alisha (3G), Francesca (4W), Kian (4W), Manik (5S), Manu (5S), Caleb (5S).

**HSIE:** Tom (4W), Manu (5S), Chelsea (5S).

**Citizenship:** Noah (KA), Bella (KG), Daniell (KK), Benson (1G), Akira (1M), Amelie (2C), Lily (3A), Manu (4C), Ashley (6M).

- Mrs Julianne Smith, Relieving Deputy Principal

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**PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose**

Have a look at the website - [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) This week’s topic “Help your child beat bullying”.

**HELP YOUR CHILD BEAT BULLYING**

Bullying is common despite heightened public awareness in recent years. Recent research shows that 67 per cent of children experience bullying at some stage. Bullying transgresses a child’s fundamental right to feel safe and secure. It is the selective, uninvited, intentional, often repeated oppression of one person by another person or group. It can happen at school, within the neighbourhood and, in some cases, within a family.

Children can be bullied in a number of ways - physically, verbally or through exclusion. Both boys and girls can bully although girls are more likely to use verbal taunts and exclusion, while boys are more likely to use physical means.

When a child is bullied he or she generally feels powerless and lacks the ability to fend for himself or herself. A child who is bullied over a long period of time can experience significant long term affects. It can affect a child’s learning, peer group relations and self-esteem.
Children who are bullied generally need help. They need someone to believe their story. If you suspect your child is being bullied take him or her seriously. Sometimes the only thing a child wants is the knowledge they have their parents’ support.

Gain a clear picture of what happens and help your child identify any behaviour, such as playing alone or annoying others, that may contribute to the bullying.

If appropriate, provide your child with some ideas based on the information you have gathered that will reduce the likelihood of being bullied. Resist the emotive reaction to confront the bullies yourself as this often causes an escalation and invites retaliation.

Bullying is best handled in partnership between parents and school or other institution, so present your concern to the relevant teacher or professional so that you can find a joint solution to the problem.

Do you know the warning signs of bullying? They include:

- Complaints about stolen items
- Unusual behaviour at home such as aggression or timidity.
- Physical injuries such as bruising or repeated accidents
- Reluctance to go to school or lack of interest in school
- Pretend illness or injury
- Sudden or unusual clinginess

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**Uniform Shop News**

**Volunteer Roster:**

- **Thursday August 28** - Katherine Mullen, Abby Bishop, Abby Hui
- **Monday September 1** - Zoe Cosgrove, Shilpa Bhatt, Paulyn Tan, Hero Choi
- **Thursday September 4** - Lynelle Inkster, Paulyn Tan

Dr Shoe will be at the school on the following this term

**Monday 1st September** 8.30am – 9.30am

This year you will be able to order online through Flexischools. Please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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**

For a chance to win $500 Flexischools credit, simply top up using PayPal from the 21st of July and we will enter you in the draw.

*Terms & Conditions apply.*
**Canteen Roster**

**Thursday August 28**  
Daniella Fattoretto, Tracey Anderson

**Friday August 29**  
Toni Bray, Daniella Fox, Lyn Stoddart, Katherine Mullen

**Monday September 1**  
Himali Perera, Bec Pignat

**Tuesday September 2**  
Behnoosh Khalaj, Samanphi

**Wednesday September 3**  
Susie Campbell, Tanja Hoerzer, Kelly Yoo

**Thursday September 4**  
Marzia Rahmati, Bhavisha Solanki

Thank you, we appreciate you all volunteering your time. We are in the process of tidying up our roster. If you notice any errors, please accept our apologies during this process. Please contact Kylee on 0405 357 150 or castlehipppscanteen@gmail.com for further information.

- Canteen Committee

**Casual Work Available – Employment Guaranteed!**

**Where:** Castle Hill Public School Canteen  
**Hours:** Approximately five hours a month  
**Experience:** Not necessary. Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short space of time.  
**Salary:** "A La Carte" lunch (healthy sandwich), plenty of tea or coffee and best of all, friendship and a good chat.  
**Bonus:** The excitement on your children’s faces when they point out to their friends, “That’s MY mum in the canteen today!” Getting to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.  
**Applications close:** NEVER!

Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter below and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster and orientation pack will be sent home to you.

Thanking you in anticipation.
Robyn, Kylee and Tanya in the Canteen  
Ph: 9634 4306

**Community News**

**School Community Club (SCC) News - 27 August 2014**

Father’s Day Stalls are coming to CHPS  
Since the Mother’s Day stalls were so well received, we thought it only fair to bring some joy to the Dads. The stalls will be held on 8 and 9 September and your child will attend the stalls with their class.

Father’s Day gifts are being sold by the SCC at cost price, and all items will be priced between 50c and $3.00. Your children may like to use some of their pocket money or do some extra jobs around the house to earn some money to spend on Dad or Grandpa.

**Can you help?**
We will need parents to help at the stalls on both days. Julia Hanson-Clinnick has kindly organised the purchase of our Father’s Day stock, and will be there both days to help children select a gift and make their purchase, but she does need help. If you can help between 9am and 3pm on 4 or 5 September, contact rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au with your preferred times. Thank you……

Thank you to those parents who helped out at the recent disco handing out chips and poppers at the end of each disco.
Changes to our meeting times
The SCC has decided to move their meeting from once a month to once a term. SCC meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of each term. At these meetings we will present our quarterly financials for the term past, a summation of the terms events by the Principal, discussion on upcoming SCC activities, new initiatives and events, and other school matters.

The next SCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 October. Please join us, all welcome.

- Rebecca O'Shea, School Community Club
  Ph 0400 479 639 | email rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au

Castle Hill High School
"The upcoming P&C meeting at Castle Hill High School on Wednesday 27th August will feature two presentations by teachers who are leading the introduction of new numeracy and literacy programs within the school. Mr Peter Minne and Mr Terry Gainey will be speaking about a new maths program developed by the University of New England that aims to improve numeracy skills in the junior high school years. Mr John Wright will also present on a new writing program aimed at senior students that will help them improve the extended responses often called for in senior assessments and the HSC. Parents of students from CHHS are very welcome to attend.

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in the Staffroom (upstairs) in the Administration Block. Please call CHHS P&C Vice President Katherine Watson on 0417 463400 if you have any questions."

Hills District Little Athletics

Welcome children aged 5 (tiny tots) - 17 to join in family fun and fitness with Little Athletics

Register and pay online prior to collecting your pack
at http://www.laansw.com.au from 1 August 2014

Pack Collection Day
for 2014/15 season

will be held on
Sunday 31st August 10am – 2pm
at A.H. Whaling Reserve
Roxborough Park Road, Baulkham Hills

Please note that
no actual registrations will be taken on these days
New athletes will be required to provide proof of age when collecting their packs. Please bring Birth Certificate, Blue Book or Passport

Season commences 8am Saturday 6th Sept 2014

For further enquires see the FAQ section on our website
www.hillsdistrict.org or contact Sophie 0422 319 131 or Jenny 0407 229 325
Castle Hill Funhouse is now taking enrolments for 2015. If your family is in need for before, after or vacation care please complete our enrolment form and arrange a meeting with one of our supervisor. More information can be found on www.castlehillfunhouse.com.au, by calling us on 9680 3361 or by visiting us. Funhouse is located on the grounds of Castle Hill Public School.
C.A.R.E.S
Community & Road Education Scheme

Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM - 3PM

Bring your own helmet & bike
Road Safety Information
Safety Checks & Skills Course
NSWP Push Bike Squad
Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
Face Painting
Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

Blacktown City Council
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Canteen Volunteer Form

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ____________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: _______________________________________ Class: ______________

Please nominate your preferred day:

☐ Monday

☐ Tuesday

☐ Wednesday

☐ Thursday

☐ Friday

If possible I would like to work with: _________________________________________