Showcase wow last night!
Stage 2 has started off our Showcase 2014 with gusto - well done! The enthusiasm and talent on stage was marvellous. I look forward to Stage 1 performances tonight.

Wakakirri
Last Friday night Mrs Gibbons and I had the pleasure of representing the school at The Riverside Theatre to see the Wakakirri students. It was absolutely fantastic! The students were colourful, keen and in time as they relayed the story from Uno’s garden. A credit to all involved. And we won a show award on the night for Best Public Speaking! Hot off the press news...

CHPS Wakakirri have progressed to the finals! Congratulations to the whole team, we are very proud!

Congratulations
It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce that Yash Goel is the equal first (winner) in the Community Relations Commission NSW Award section of the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards with his poem 'Being Nani'. On behalf of the Society I would like to congratulate Yash, his family and teachers for nurturing such a wonderful talent.

Yash's prize includes an equal share of $500, a trophy and collection of books.

Castle Hill Library 10th Year Birthday Celebration!
I had the pleasure of attending the Castle Hill Library 10th year celebration on Monday morning with Mrs Wong, the school captains and choir. Paris and Max spoke so well about what the library means to them and the choir provided the wonderful happy birthday tune as the cake was cut. This is a photo of the amazing book cake!

Griffith Principal Network visit – 27/8
Last week as part of the Department’s Rural and Remote strategy we had the pleasure of meeting up with some Principals from the Griffith network. We had a tremendous opportunity to share the wonderful things happening at CHPS and had the opportunity alongside Mr Peter Robinson (Principal at Baulkham Hills North PS) to hear of initiatives in our colleagues’ schools. Hopefully this is just the beginning of a professional learning partnership that can be expanded in the future.

Zone field carnival
Well we finally got to meet for the Zone Track and Ball Games carnival yesterday! All schools participated well after a few false starts due to weather and as a result I can communicate Castle Hill Public School was the Ball Games Carnival winner for 2014. Well done everybody!
Annual School Report Survey
Each year schools compile their annual school report which captures the happenings within the school for a given year. We have been providing staff and students many and varied learning opportunities in 2014 and we would like your feedback on how we are progressing in this area. We will be gaining feedback from staff and students via school opportunities and the following link is the opportunity for parents to provide us with feedback via Survey Monkey. Just click on the link below and complete a short survey which will assist us in determining how we are going in this focus area of Learning. We will have some paper copies made available for parents who cannot access a computer online to complete the survey. For those few parents, we welcome you to come to the school office and collect a paper copy so you can also participate.
Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TSLparents

Staffing
As I communicated to families last week via a note home, Mr Connelly has indicated that he will be remaining at Mosman PS as the Relieving Principal in term 4, 2014. At this stage we are expecting him back in 2015. I can communicate to you that Mrs Gibbons will be the Relieving Principal at CHPS for term 4 and she will do a fantastic job in leading our great school. As a result we currently have an internal expression of interest (EOI) for a Relieving DP position for term 4 and when this process has been completed, I will announce to the community who will be conducting Mrs Gibbons DP role in term 4. I will then need to complete an EOI for a Relieving AP for term 4 as well. As you can see there are various leadership opportunities presenting and we are very fortunate at CHPS to have such depth of leadership capacity within the school.

I also would like to take this opportunity of letting you know that our Senior Admin Manager (SAM) Mrs McCann has been successful at interview in securing a SAM position closer to home. Mrs McCann moved to the northern beaches these last few months and the drive was getting rather tricky! We value all that she has done and contributed to the smooth running of the administration side of the school and value her positive input within the school. She will be missed. Mrs McCann will commence as the SAM at Mosman PS at the start of term 4. As a result, this has created a vacancy and I have been communicating with staffing and they have indicated that we can proceed to Merit Selection to fill the SAM role. I will be forming a panel as per the guidelines and conducting interviews over the ensuing weeks and we hope to have a permanent SAM in place early next term.

As with all these changes, I will communicate with the community as I am in a position to do so and rest assured the teaching and learning programs and the leading and management of the school will continue positively with effective leadership.

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Relieving Principal

What’s in your child’s bag today?
- Notes Home: Father’s Day Stall - K-6 Eldest
  Pollet’s Martial Arts Leaflets - K-6 Eldest
  Naplan Results - Years 3 & 5
  Bookclub - Various
Special Photo Orders
Photographs of the 2014 PSSA sport teams (summer and winter), zone athletics, cross country, swimming and teams carnival, House Prefects, Wakakkiri, Korean Dance, African Drumming Group and debating group are on display in the office cabinets and windows.

All students who are in the photos received a note today (Wednesday September 3, 2014) detailing ordering options. If your child did not receive a note the note can be located on the school website. Please print a note and place your order before the cut-off date if you wish to order.

All orders must be returned to the black letter box located in the front office (fixed under front counter). The last day orders will be taken is Friday September 19, 2014.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to our final two classes to be acknowledged for their participation in the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge - well done on completing the challenge.

1G - Samara, Kirralee, Luka, Charlotte, Jessica, Jooha, Abdullah, Liam, David, Araad, Calvin, Chloe, Joshua, Amber, Annissa, Paulie, Joseph, Pragyee, Miller, Angela, Sofie and Benson
1O - Harrison, Yassmin, Sam, Ryan, Benjamin, Morgan, Youmei, Jessica, Charlie, Albert, Elisha, Tammie, Naia, Madison, Isla, Cameron, Patrick, Suraya, Makee, Paige, Marquez and Matthew

- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News
A reminder that the Father's Day Stall is being held this Friday September 5, 2014 for K-2 to purchase items for Father's Day. The gifts are being sold by the SCC at cost price, and all items will be priced between 50c and $3.00. Please ensure your child brings their money in a wallet/purse or a sealed envelope/snaplock bag.

Family words for this week in class are: ing, ong, ang, ung.

Sight words for this week in class are: about, before, could, first, little, look, more, other, right, their, there, want, where, which. These are known as the violet sight words.

A reminder that the Early Stage 1 ShowCase performance is on Wednesday September 10, 2014. To purchase ticket 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

Wakakirri Results
Well done to all of the Wakakirri students who proudly represented our school last Friday in the Wakakirri heats at Riverside Theatre. The students produced an amazing performance and won a show award on the night for Best Public Speaking.

The results were announced yesterday and we have been selected to compete in the Wakakirri finals on September 17 at Sydney Olympic Park. These finals are part of an Australian wide competition to find the Story of the Year. Congratulations to the students on achieving this fantastic result.

We are looking forward to competing in the finals!

- Miss Williams, Wakakirri Coordinator

Bookclub News
I just wanted to let everyone with orders for this Issue know that I am anticipating a delay with this Issue as when I went to put in orders last week, Scholastic had decided to use Castle Hill Public in a trial of their new ordering system and I had to spend two days entering in all the new information they needed. I was not made aware of this so I was not able to put in the orders as quickly as I would have liked. So orders will definitely be delivered next Wednesday if they did not arrive in time this week.

All orders from this Issue are due by the end of the week to allow them time to be delivered before the end of term. The orders have been slower in being delivered this term so I don’t want anyone to leave their orders too late. If you have any queries, please contact me at katmullen@bigpond.com or on 0403 983 614.

- Katherine Mullen (Book-club Co-ordinator)

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
Joshua Burgess (3S), Elisha Kim (1O), Bailey Corby (1M), Cooper Jackson (2C), Aiden Nurkic (1N), Alexander Otten (1N), Jack Rochford (4P), Tuhina Pandit (1N), Hannah Kim (6M), Lily Watt (3A).

Silver Awards
Eve Scotter (3/2L), Caleb Mueller (5S), Eugenie Kwak (3A), Kaitlyn Nguyen (3S).

Gold Awards
Kaye Leong (6/5G)
Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits.

**Term 3 Week 7**

**Rainbow:** Kate (KM), Margaret (KP), Rayne (KP), Aiden (KS), Danielle (KS), Kiana B (KA), Raymond (KA), Stephanie (KA), Daniell (KK), Harrison (KK), Naia (KO), Patrick (KO), Scarlett (KN), Jessica (KN), Toby (KN), Keira (KN), Barbie (KN), Aron (KN), Alexander (KN), Gino (KN), Cayden (KN), Rochelle (KN), Janice 2 sets (KN), Isaac (KN), Callum (KR), Aidan (KR), Kendrik (KR), Darren (KR), Eugene (KC), Rachel (KA), Joshua (KA), Mindy (KG), Felicia (KG), Kiyan (KG), Jaitin (KA), Anne (KA), Eva (KA), Marica (KA), Toine (KA), Haadi (KA), Johnathan (KA), Kevin (KA), Kimia (KA), Haadijah 3 sets (KA), Sienna (KA) Charlotte (KA), Josh (3/L), Jemma 2 sets (3/L), Holly (3/L), Joshua 2 sets (3/L), Milly 3 sets (3/L), Sylvia (3/L), Eun (4S), Hari (5S), Seongchan (5/LC), Jason (5/LC), Daniel (5/LC), Dom (5/LC), Olivia (5/LC), Kyle (5/LC), Michelle 2 sets (5/LC), Isaac (5/LC), Rakha (5/LC), Jade 2 sets (5/LC), Ermin (6/L), Kaye (6/L), Angeline 3 sets (6/L), Jemma 2 sets (6/L), Tara (6/L), Harrison (6/L), Jessica 3 sets (6/L), Habeek (6/L), Adrian (6/L), Rayana (6/L), Eva 3 sets (6/L).

**English:** Hayden (KK), Brandon (KK), Myca (KK), Kate (KM), Sarah (KM), Aiden (KS), Toby (KN), Keira (KN), Tuhina (KN), Taylor (KF), Jaeden (KM), Albert (KO), Darren (KR), Luca (KA), Gianna (KA), Jacob (KA), Adam (KA), Felicia (KA), Chloe (KA), Minrada (KA), Jaitin (KA), Sienna 3 sets (KA), Madison (KA), Toine (KA), Josh (KA), Sylvia (3/L), Seongchan (5/LC), Imran (5/LC), Michelle (5/LC), Eva 2 sets (6/L), Corey (6/L).

**Maths:** Raymond (KA), Jacob (KA), Bethany (KA), Jaeden (KM), Samara (KA), Felicia (KA), Anna (KA), Patrick (KA).

**Creative Arts:** Marica (PA), Olivia (PA).

**PD/HE:** Jayden (KN), Milly (3/L), Emma (3/A), Harrison (5/A), Emma (6/M), Rebecca (6/M).

**Science & Technology:** Rais (AW), Bridie (5/LC), Taylah (5/LC), Alayna (6/D).

**HSIE:** Joshia (KA), Eva (6/D).

**Citizenship:** Blake (KK), Seth (KS), Luke (KP), Haadi (KA), Charlie (KA), Jessica (KA), Alexander (KA), Barbie (KA), Sienna (KA), Taylah (KA), Rakha (KA).

- Mrs Julianne Smith, Relieving Deputy Principal

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**School Community Club (SCC) News – 2 September 2014**

The SCC will be holding Father's Day Stalls this week (Thursday and Friday), for students to purchase gifts for Dad, Pop, Grandpa, or their carer.

The SCC will be selling a variety of items with prices ranging from 50c to $3.00. This is not a fundraising activity and all items at the stall are being sold at cost price to students.

Father's Day Stalls will be operating as follows:
- **Years 3-6:** Thursday 4 September.
- **Years K-2:** Friday 4 September.

Your child will have the opportunity to visit the stalls during the day with their class. It is not a requirement that your child purchase something at these stalls. The purpose of the Father's Day stall is the enjoyment of the students.

Happy Father's Day to all of our CHPS Fathers, Grandfathers, and Carers this Sunday!

**More help needed – Can you help at the Father’s Day stall this Friday. We need more parent helpers between 12 and 3pm on Friday. If you can assist please contact Rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au**
Next Meeting
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

Uniform Shop News
Volunteer Roster:
Thursday September 4 - Lynelle Inkster, Paulyn Tan
  Monday September 8 - Marie Dols, Bec Pignat
  Thursday September 11 - Maggie Perez, Fiona Donnelly

The uniform shop will be open Tuesday October 7, if you could spare an hour please let me know ASAP as I defiantly need volunteers that morning. Thank you

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 September 4  Bhavisha Solanki, Marzia Rahmati
  Friday September 5  Abby Sun, Cheryl Power, Fiona Hansen, Katherine Watson
  Monday September 8  Denise Miller, Kim Eagleton
  Tuesday September 9  Annie Hanna, Lynelle Inkster
  Wednesday September 10  Maggie Perez
  Thursday September 11  Danielle Fox, Vanessa Jackson

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 castlehillpscanteen@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
BEING A FATHER

Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au

There is little doubt that fathering has come a long way in a short time. Move over the provider dads of the 1950's and 60's and the absent dads of the last decades of the twentieth century. Today's dads want to be active participants in the lives of their children.

Surveys reveal that men today want a better relationship with their children than they had with their own fathers so relationships is a high driver for Australian dads. But many lack the confidence to be good fathers.

Amazingly, one Australian study showed that more than 50% of men doubted their ability to care for children. The same study found that fathers who shared the day-to-day parenting with their partners had no qualms about their ability to be competent parents. They knew they were doing a great job.

The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it so those fathers who lack sufficient confidence need to become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can.

Children are also terrific resources for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.

Here are some ideas to help you become a confident father and get maximum enjoyment from the job:

- Remember that fathering is different to mothering. The language of fatherhood is often physical so play and activity are common ways that men connect with their children, which can be the cause of frustration to many mothers.
- Take responsibility for at least one aspect of your children's lives. When heavily involved in at least one area of children's lives parental confidence and satisfaction increases dramatically.
- Ensure you have at least one ritual that connects you regularly to your children, particularly if work prevents you from being the dad you want to be. Bed-time stories, meal-times and shared games are some ways that men can stay in touch with their children.
- Develop a shared interest with each child, which will help you maintain a relationship during the teen years. Adolescence can place a strain on parent-child relationships however a common interest such as a shared love of sport can help keep the relationship strong.
- Let your children into your life. Children generally love to learn about their father's interests. A man's passion can often rub off onto his children during the primary school years.

Everyone benefits when fathers become active participants in the lives of their children. The outcomes are better for children, mothering improves when they can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a partner and men themselves benefit as their emotional well-being is strongly connected to their fathering.
Play cricket with

HILLS BARBARIANS CRICKET CLUB

Registrations are still open for

IN2CRICKET 5-8 YRS
and
UNDER 10’s, 11’s, 12’s, 13’s, 15’s
and Seniors

If you would like further information please call 0488 535 032
or visit our website
www.hillsbarbarians.org.au
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.

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**Orange Blossom Festival Gala Concert**

Discover why the local band programs are the envy of other schools all over the state. Featuring bands from: Muirfield, Castle Hill and Crestwood High Schools; Pacific Hills Christian School and William Clarke College; Normanhurst West, North Rocks, Castle Hill, Murray Farm, Crestwood, Kings Langley and Matthew Pearce Public Schools, PLUS the Hills Music Academy Concert Band.

Wonderful music for the whole family to enjoy!

**Date:** Sunday 14 September 2014  
**Time:** Concert starts at 1:00pm  
**Place:** William Clarke College ~ Performing Arts Hall, Wights Rd., Kellyville  
**Cost:** $5.00 per ticket  
**Website:** www.hillsmusicacademy.com.au
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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: ______________________________________