SRC Semester 1 Representatives

I had the pleasure of awarding the Semester 1 SRC representative badges on Monday at our weekly K-6 assembly. It was terrific to see young people involved in the democratic process of having a voice within the school. May they wear their SRC badge with pride!

Book donation to the library

Last year one of our students Yash (2D) was involved in an art competition with the Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society that saw his results have two books on weather and oceans donated to the school. Yash enthusiastically took the books over to Mrs Guild in the library so they can be accessioned and available for our students to read. Thank you Yash. 😊

New Families Welcome BBQ – This Sunday 12-2pm at school

This annual initiative run by the P&C is a great opportunity for families to network and feel a part of the school community. I hope you can attend.

School Expenses collection

Thank you to all the families who have paid all, or part 2015 school expenses. Special thanks to the Admin team who did a remarkable job in collecting school expenses last week and kept the office area operating with inquiries. We do operate a ‘No pay / No go’ to events that require payments. Parents can still pay at the office or over the phone and if you are experiencing financial difficulties please call Ms Lockrey to discuss as we can have a payment schedule arranged and we have access to a modest amount of moneys to support families in need.

PSSA Competition starts Friday 20

The PSSA summer sport competition commences this Friday and permission notes for PSSA and all Years 5 and 6 school sport (who go offsite to a venue by bus) were issued to students on Monday this week. To enable your child to participate in offsite sport this Friday, these permission notes need to be returned to your child’s class teacher (if in Years 5 and 6 for school sport) or PSSA coach.

Schools Clean Up Day – Friday February 27

Being environmentally aware is indeed critical for our young people as we educate them about our environmental footprint. CHPS participates in the annual Clean Up Australia Day – Schools Initiative. We will be participating in this initiative within our school grounds on Friday February 27. We encourage student to bring gloves on the day to help in the clean up!

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: http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-With-Children-Check/apply/-apply
Timeframe for Principal panel - Key dates;
Job Published – February 18, 2015
Job Closes – March 4, 2015
Applications to panellists – March 6, 2015
Shortlisting – 8.30am – 3.00pm at Nirimba March 9, 2015
Interviews – 8.30am – 3.00pm at Nirimba March 12, 2015.

We are hoping the school community will be informed of the successful principal appointed to CHPS in week 10 this term, in anticipation of a Term 2 commencement.

What’s in your child’s bag today?

• **Letters:** Yrs 2 & 3 Castle Hill Show Excursion Note
  Yrs 5 & 6 All Stage3 Home Reading
  Yrs 5 & 6 All Model Farms High School Open Night

• **Leaflets:** K-6 All Kidz in the Biz
  K-6 All Baulkham Hills Bulls Hockey Club

- Ms Denise Lockrey, Relieving Principal

High School Parent Information Sessions – Stage 3 Parents

Our Year 6 parents will be asked to complete high school application forms for their Year 6 child before the end of this term. It is important to have an opportunity to visit your local high school and hear about the opportunities for your children prior to enrolment. Information regarding Castle Hill High School open night has already been sent home. As you may be aware Castle Hill High School is at capacity and accepts very few out of area applications. If Castle Hill High School IS NOT your local high school I encourage you attend your local high school parent information evening. Below are the dates and times of other local schools;

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- Mrs Megan Gibbons, Deputy Principal

**Mini Merit Awards**

**Bronze Awards**

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**Silver Awards**

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

Term 1 Week 3

**Rainbow:** Tom (1J), Charlie (2A), Victor (2A) 2 sets, Aavin (2D) 2 Sets, Chloe (2K), Kirralea (2L), Zali (2L), Erleen (2N), Bailey (2N), Juliette (2N), Elen (3/2S), Yeachan (3/2S), Aditya (3/2S), Jeremy (3E), Daniel (3E), Felicia (3W), Eugene (4/3W), Grady (2N) 2 Sets, Ian (4A) 2 Sets, Lucinda (4J), Mikaela (4J), Jack (4J), Joshua (4S) 3 Sets, Jacob (4S) 2 Sets, Jacinta (5S), Sahel (5S) 2 Sets, Jason (5S), Yuvin (5S) 2 Sets, Xiya (5W), Rebecca (6C), Olivia (6H) 2 Sets, Rakha (6H) 2 Sets, Jake (6H), Tiana (6L), Emma (6M), Aadi (6M) 8 sets.

**English:** Morgan (2A), Charlie (2A), Yash (2D), Pragyee (2K), Chloe (2K), Zali (2L), Matthew (2L), Maddie (2N), Hiran (3/2S), Pratham (3E), Eugene (4/3W), Grady (4/3W), Jack (4J), Sara (4S), Cherise (4S), Davina (4S), Joshua (4S), Sahel (5S), Thomas (5S) 2 Sets, Xiya (5W) 2 Sets, Taylah (6H), Natalie (6L).

**Maths:** Felix (11), Taylor (2K), Pragyee (2K), Naia (3/2S), Pratham (3E), Joshua (4S), Cherise (4S), Davina (4S), Xiya (5W) 2 Sets.
CASTLE HILL SHOW 2015 – Item delivery to school

Thank you to all the students who have entered the Castle Hill Show this year. All entries have been taken to the Castle Hill Show office and registered. Students now need to ensure their artworks / creations are ready for the show.

Please see below for deliver details:
- **Photography** - to be delivered by the student to Mrs Smiths’ office on Thursday March 5, 2015 between 8.30-9.00am. Please remember all photos MUST be mounted according to show guidelines.
- **Paper & Fibre Creations** – to be delivered by the student to Mrs Smiths’ office on Thursday March 5, 2015 between 8.30-9.00am.
- **Children’s Art** – to be delivered by the student to Mrs Smiths’ office on Thursday March 5, 2015 between 8.30-9.00am.
- **Craft** - to be delivered by the student to Mrs Smiths’ office on Friday March 6, 2015 between 8.30-9.00am
- **Cooking** - to be delivered by the student to Mrs Smiths’ office on Monday March 9, 2015 between 8.30-9.00am

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**

Clean up Australia Day is on Sunday March 1. Our school will be participating in the clean up of our school on Friday February 27, 2015. Students are encouraged to bring a pair of gloves to help clean up our school on this day.

**INTERRELATE AT BELLA VISTA OFFERS A RANGE OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES. CONTACT DETAILS 8882 7850.**

- **The Challenge of Disciplining your Child** – a 3 hour seminar for parents of children aged 2 – 12 years old. Monday March 2/Tuesday June 16, 2015, 6-9pm $25 (Concession $15)

- **Relating as Stepfamilies** – 3 x 2 hour sessions to assist couples manage the demands of life as a stepfamily. Tuesdays April 28, May 5, May 12, 2015, 6.30-8.30pm

- **Positive Parenting** – a 3 hour seminar for parents of children aged 3 – 8 years old. Monday March 23, 2015, 6-9pm $25 (Concession $15)

- **Becoming Parents** – 4 x 2 hour sessions to assist couples manage their new roles as parents while staying focused on their role as partners. Tuesdays May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 2015, 6.30-8.30pm

- **Ideas for Parenting Teens** – a 3 hour seminar for parents of teenagers. Monday March 16/Tuesday June 23, 2015, 6-9pm $25 (Concession $15)
PARENTING IDEAS – Michael Grose

Have a look at the website - www.parentingideas.com.au This week’s topic “10 golden rules for parenting success in 2015”.

10 GOLDEN RULES FOR PARENTING SUCCESS IN 2015.

1. Talk more
With families shrinking, kids getting busier and tech devices rapidly multiplying the opportunities for family members to engage in face-to-face talk is under serious attack. Regardless of their age, the best way to influence your children is talk to them. The kitchen table is one place to do this, but there are plenty of other places where you can talk. If talk becomes difficult, try driving with a child or young person in the car with the radio off. They are bound to break sooner or later.

2. Lean on others
A recent Australian survey found that 50% of parents are seriously struggling with their parenting, yet only 10% of this group would ask for help. I suspect there are many reasons for this including fear of being judged a poor parent; that parenting is expected to be hard; and lack of trustworthy support networks. Author Steve Biddulph once said that parents don’t parent well in isolation. He’s right. It’s incredibly important to build your support networks and get ‘parents’ into your child’s life. Start by working closely with your child’s teacher; a natural ally!

3. Build confidence
With so many parents reporting that they have a child experiencing anxiety it would seem that we are currently experiencing a crisis in children’s confidence. It would also seem that we have somehow forgotten how to absorb children’s fears, insecurities and anxieties, and instill a sense of *confidence* that these can be overcome. Using a mixture of coaxing, coaching and cajoling parents need to find a way to impart in children a sense of courage to put themselves in new or potentially awkward social situations; to have a go at activities where failure is a real option; and to contribute to the wellbeing of others, which reduces anxiousness and fear.

4. Aim for redundancy
The great irony of modern parenting is that as families have shrunk parents actually do more, rather than less, for their kids. There are many reasons for this including lack of time to teach; it’s simply easier to do a job ourselves, and the new expectation that ‘good’ parents do everything for their kids. The new ‘strict parent’ is someone who expects their kids to wash their own clothes, cook a meal, and read a book to a younger sibling. The impertinence! Here’s a six-word slogan to help you remember: "When kids can, let them do!"

5. Lead the gang
Parenting is now an individual endeavour. There is a place for parenting the individual child, but there is also a place for parenting the whole gang (even if you and your child make up the gang). Your ability to pull your family together and get them singing off the same song sheet will impact on your family’s harmonious relationships; your children’s sense of other (empathy) and their general resilience and coping mechanisms. There is nothing so magical to witness as a family pulling together when the chips are down. This doesn’t just happen. It takes real leadership by parents to make a family act like a family!
6. Build developmental knowledge
Many challenges parents experience with their children are due to a developmental mismatch. That is, parents raising their ten year old as if they are eight. The nuances of parenting are age-related, yet due to inexperience we so often don’t read the cues. Recently, I witnessed a mum and dad tearing their hair out trying to communicate with their nine year old son. For the first time he was saying no to them. They thought him stubborn and disobedient. I thought him normal, as nine can be a problematic age, where usually malleable children suddenly start changing. Puberty is stirring. When this couple’s second child turns nine she will experience the benefits of her elder brother paving the way and breaking her parents in for her.

7. Practice problem-ownership
Please, please, please allow children to own their own problems. Children of all ages can be creative when they have problems to solve. Everything is a potential problem to kids and they need opportunities to resolve them themselves. By all means, coach, guide, give hints but give them a chance to sort out relationship issues; challenges with teachers and academic challenges themselves.

8. Swim against the tide
Listen to talkback radio, read the headlines of a newspaper or watch a current affairs TV program and you’ll realise that, right now, we live in an incredibly judgemental society. Parents are harshly judged as well. Allow your kids to walk to school and you risk being judged as negligent. Drive your kids to school and you risk being told that you are spoiling them and neglecting their physical wellbeing. It takes a strong parent to swim against the tide of popular opinion. It also takes a strong parent to deny her child say a mobile phone when every other child has one. It helps to say “This is the way we do it in our family.”

9. Be brave
Perhaps the biggest challenge facing parents, and their children, is the ability to let go of their parental reigns and give kids the freedom they need to develop autonomy. It’s relatively easy to develop children’s independence at home as the stakes aren’t as high. If they can’t cook a meal then you just have to do it for them. However, developing children’s independence outside the home is a different story. Many parents feel decidedly wary about granting children and young people more freedom. There is the perception that the world is a dangerous place. Granting kids freedom has an element of risk; that’s why parents need to be brave. Having the courage to let go is a basic requirement of parenting. It won’t stop you worrying, but that’s part of the game.

10. Add emotional intelligence to your parenting mix
With kids experiencing mental health challenges at a depressingly high rate it’s time to add some emotional intelligence to the parenting mix. While many schools are now introducing emotional and social programs on the curriculum, it’s important that parents develop a deep understanding of how emotions work: how emotions can be recognised; how they can work for us and against us; how we can regulate our emotions so they don’t overwhelm us; and how to recognise and respond to the emotions of others. These sound like life-changing skills that if learned, are capable of impacting significantly and positively on future generations.

- Mrs Julie Smith, Relieving Deputy Principal

Kindergarten News

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along to the Parent Information Evening last night. Parents received the Best Start report. For families who were unable to attend, information relating to the year of learning in Kindergarten, as well as a copy of the Best Start report, will be sent home with your child by Friday this week.
Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.
Sounds and Sight Words

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.

Star of the Week

One student from each class is nominated to be the star of the week.
Stars of the week for Week 4 are KG: Ishaan, KK: Tommy, KM: Natalie, KN: Cameron, KP: Reese, KS: Jayden, KW: Kevin.

Thank you to parents for paying school expenses last week, if you have not paid you can make your payment at the school office. Once payments have been made, parents will receive their child’s scrapbooks to be covered in clear contact. Please return your child’s scrapbooks to the class teacher after they has been covered in clear contact.

All Kindergarten parents are invited to attend Kindergarten’s end of term celebration in our school hall from 9.30am on Monday 30 March. All students participate in celebrating their first 50 days of school. Parents are invited to join with their child for a picnic morning tea in the playground following the celebration. You are welcome to bring small amounts of food to share and a cool drink to celebrate with other kindergarten students and their families. Further details to come.

- The Kindergarten Teachers

P&C News

Thank you to all the parents who came to listen to, Director Tim McCallum. It was a very valuable time where we got to share with him our vision for the school and what it is that we value about CHPS.

Our first meeting for the year was very well attended and it was a joy to see so many NEW faces. We set about planning for the Welcome to School BBQ for our new families. If you missed the RSVP cut off you are still most welcome to respond. The BBQ is at school under the COLA this Sunday at 12pm until 2pm.

It is very important for me to assess that we have enough Shelton’s sausages available for all. Your RSVP is as instant as an email to: lhegner@yahoo.com or a text to 0400887 785. The team and I are looking forward to connecting with all our new families this weekend.

- Liga Hegner (President) 0400 887 785

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Manu 6C
Heidi 6C
Tristan 6H

Prefects - Semester 1
Cassandra 6M
Aisha 6M
Declan 6H
Finn 6C

Prefects - Semester 2
Jade 6L
Michelle 6L
Jackson 6C
Nicholas 6H

The SRC students were presented with their badges at this week’s assembly. SRC meetings are held in 6L classroom each Thursday fortnight (odd weeks) 8:30am.

SRC Disco

The first SRC disco for 2015 is on Friday February 27. 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 and tickets are on sale from this week. 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.

- Mrs Courtney & Mrs Lees
SRC Coordinators

Gifted and Talented

The testing for Year 6 students wishing to try out for the Gifted and Talented Class (Year 7 2016) at Castle Hill High School is occurring this term.

The testing will take place on Tuesday March 17, 2015 at Castle Hill High School (from 8.30am).

If you wish for your child to sit the test, please see Mrs Lees for a copy of the letter. Forms and payment must be submitted by Thursday March 5 2015 to Castle Hill High School Reception.

Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster: Thursday February 19 – Jie (Jane) Li, HELP NEEDED
Monday February 23 - Carrie Prosser Shaw, HELP NEEDED
Thursday February 26 – Marie Osbourne Seeta, Abby Hui, Julia Hanson Clinnick

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for every shift this year, so if you could spare an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you are on the roster and would like to stay on the roster.

1st Monday – 2 people 1st Thursday – 2 people
2nd Monday – 3 people 2nd Thursday – 3 people
3rd Monday – 3 people 3rd Thursday – 3 people
4th Monday – 3 people 4th Thursday – 3 people
5th Monday – 2 people 5th Thursday – 2 people

Dr Shoe will be here Thursday March 12, 8.30-9.30 in the ACOLA area.

Second Hand Uniforms - Do you have uniforms your child has grown out of? We would love you to donate your pre-loved uniforms as we are running very low.

You can 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
simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au
Canteen News

ROSTER:

Thursday 19 February Yulia Firer
Friday 20 February Bhavisha Solanki, Carol Kim, Minji Kim
Monday 23 February ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? Please phone 9634 4306 if you can offer assistance today.
Tuesday 24 February Sangmi, Eunjoo
Wednesday 25 February ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP? Please phone 9634 2531 if you can offer assistance today.

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen this year, please contact us on 9634 4306 for further information. It’s with your help in volunteering that we are able to continue providing an important service to students and teachers by providing healthy, affordable food.

BIRTHDAY ICE-BLOCKS:

Did you know you can purchase ice-blocks from the Canteen for your child's class on their birthday?

Let us make it easy for you! Just come to the Canteen window in the morning to purchase the required number, we will put them aside and have them ready for collection at a time suitable to your child's teacher.

No dashing to the supermarket, no running back into school, and no hoping you've chosen a suitable time to drop them in. See? Easy!

FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING:

Jump the queue at the canteen by ordering online! Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for your children's lunches from your mobile or desktop.

Simplify your day and take advantage of this convenient service by going to flexischools.com.au and click "register".

- Canteen Committee

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE NO LUNCH

Students who have forgotten their lunch should know / realise no later than fruit break (10am) when they go to their bag to get out their fruit. AT THIS POINT IN TIME the student needs to inform their teacher they have no lunch. The student will be sent to the front office.

Once at the office the school will contact a parent and seek advice as to whether they consent to a lunch order (sandwich) that will need to be paid for the proceeding day.

If parent/s are unable to be contacted the school will make a decision about providing a lunch order for which the parent will pay to the canteen the proceeding day.

The office staff will send the student to the canteen with written advice informing canteen staff the child will need a lunch order.
Please note:

- No canteen order will be provided without written advice from the office.
- Only plain sandwich will be offered by canteen - ham / cheese / vegemite.
Families will not be able to ‘run up a tab’ at the canteen. If previous order has not been paid, students will not be supplied with subsequent orders.
- No phone orders will be taken by the canteen – please use Flexi Schools online.

School Community Club (SCC) News

Stay In Touch lists years K-6
The SCC will be putting together Stay In Touch lists for all years K-6. These lists are to help students and families stay connected, to help in organising activities with other children outside of school, birthdays and school holiday catch ups etc.

A note to parents will go out today. If you would like to be included on the list please fill out the form and return it to your class by Friday 27 February.

All information is treated confidentially, and will not be distributed to anyone not on the list. Lists will be organised by class, and by year.

Can you help? As this is a big job, we are asking for help to collate the lists. If anyone is able to help type names and email addresses (from home) during the first week or two in March please contact rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au.

SCC Meetings
Thank you to all who attended the first SCC meeting held last week. It was a great turn out, and I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March, at 9.15 in the staffroom. We will be finalising Harmony Day activities, and getting started on planning for the Mother's Day stalls and Book Fair, as well as discussing what's coming up later this term and next with a report and discussion from your Principal/Deputy Principal.

Your input in planning activities and events is appreciated. We also love to hear your new ideas for school activities and events that can be held at school to support and enhance our student's time at school and activities that help to build our school as a community.

The SCC as a sub committee of the P&C welcome your input on P&C activities and projects. Any feedback of this nature will be forwarded on to the P&C executive for discussion at their next meeting, and its a great way to be involved and have your say if you are unable to get to the P&C evening meetings.

We will also be distributing a full list of SCC activities and events for the year, the dates of these and how you can get involved at our next meeting. This can also be viewed in the notice boards outside of the school office. Please keep an eye out for this and more updates from the SCC via the notice boards.

If you would like to receive SCC updates and information via email, please send your email address to rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au.
School Disco - Parent Helpers Needed
The term 1 school disco is coming up, Friday February 27. **The SCC will be handing out chips and poppers to students after each disco and need parent helpers to assist with this.**

Parent helpers will be required to attend in the canteen ten minutes prior to the end of the disco they are helping with to get chips and poppers organised and handed out. If your child is attending one of the three discos, and you would like to help please contact rebeccaoshea@iinet.net.au. Disco times are as follows.

K-2 disco: 4.15-5.15pm  
Years 3-4 disco: 5.30-6.45pm  
Years 5-6 disco: 7.00-8.30pm.

Please keep an eye out in the school newsletter for information on ticket sales.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday March 10 at 9.15am in the staffroom. All welcome including babies and toddlers.**
**TERM 1 as at February 18, 2015**

Harmony Day Celebrations now Wednesday March 18 – change of date in term planner

Please note change of date due to clash with sporting events on the Friday.

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2015 ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our 2015 Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday March 3 (Week 6) at Waves Swimming Pool, Mileham Ave, Baulkham Hills, commencing at 9:15am and ending at 2:15pm.

All parents are welcome to attend the carnival however there will be an entry fee to be paid at the pool.

We are in need of some parent helpers to act as officials (timekeepers, place judges) during the carnival. If you are available on the day, we would appreciate your help as a volunteer. The reply slip is on the permission note as well as in the newsletter.

Students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend as it is a regular school day. There will be novelty events for children to participate in as well as the competition races.

Students need to bring their morning tea, lunch and water. Clothing and possessions need to be clearly labeled.

Students will receive ribbons for final events only.

We are all hoping that we have a fun day.

Year 3 Swimming Carnival Organisers

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CHPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL PARENT HELPERS RETURN SLIP

I am able to assist at the swimming Carnival on Tuesday March 3, 2015.
My preference is: [ ] First Aid                      [ ] Official Timekeeper/ place judge
Please supply your WWC number____________________(from RMS).
D.O.B.__________________ for volunteer checking authorisation.

Contact phone number………………………………

Name: __________________________  Child’s Name: __________________________  Class: _______

Please return this slip to Mrs Plant.
MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd March
6.30pm
School Hall

Information  Performances
Displays  Tours

Out of area applications most welcome.
Individual daytime tours and interviews available.

Enquiries:
Christina Bennet
Principal
9624 3133

Email: modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.modelfarms-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Want to be a youth mentor?

Raise Foundation, in conjunction with the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE, is conducting a training course on mentoring young people in February. Raise improves the lives of young people facing profound challenges through our Ismo program in high schools, and Bump program for young mums. The mentor training course will be conducted at various TAFE campuses and community venues across the Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane metropolitan areas, as well as regional areas in NSW such as Gosford, Ballina, Dubbo, Bathurst/Orange, Cootamundra, Narrabri.

You might be retired, parenting at home, studying, or have flexible work hours. You don't have to be a teacher or an expert to be a mentor. You need to be a good listener and able to act as a sounding board for ideas and aspirations. Your skills and life experiences can make a real difference to a young person in your local community. You need a couple of hours a week during school term time during March and November, a positive outlook and a genuinely compassionate interest in young people. It takes a village to raise a child, and everyone needs someone to talk to.

email  info@raise.org.au   visit  www.raise.org.au

or phone us on 0426 972 473