**Principal’s Report**

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all of our students who attended our swimming carnival yesterday. I was very impressed with the high levels of student participation and the willingness of our students to ‘have a go’ and do their best for themselves and their house group.

Thank you to Mrs Kraus and her committee for their excellent organisation of the day. Thank you as well to our many parent helpers for donating their time so generously to support our school. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance!

Congratulations to the following students who finished the carnival as Age Champions and Runners-up:

**Juniors**
- Girls Champion: Ruby K
- Boys Champion: Andrew H
- Girls Runner Up: Zali L
- Boys Runner Up: David K

**11 years**
- Girls Champion: Charlotte R
- Boys Champion: Noah K
- Girls Runner Up: Ella M
- Boys Runner Up: Cameron F

**Seniors**
- Girls Champion: Jacinta H
- Boys Champion: Bon Moo
- Girls Runner Up: Chloe W
- Boys Runner Up: Chris J

Congratulations to Waratah who emerged as the winning house at the end of the carnival!

**Korean Parent Meeting**
The Korean parent community group is holding their next meeting on Friday 11 March, commencing at 9.30am. The meeting will be held in the ‘Funhouse’ block. If you wish to attend, you are very welcome!

**SRC Disco**
The first SRC disco evening for this year is scheduled to take place on Friday 11 March. Discos will be held at the following times in the school hall:

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2: 4.15 – 5.15pm
- Years 3 and 4: 5.30 – 6.45pm
- Years 5 and 6: 7.00 – 8.30pm

Tickets will be sold for $3 each and can be purchased each morning before school and at recess from tomorrow onwards.
Swimming carnival
An enormous thank you to all of the students for their participation in the school swimming carnival yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in so many races and cheering for their house teams. The support from parent volunteers as timekeepers was phenomenal and we thank them for their assistance on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Kraus and the swimming committee for their hard work coordinating this event.

School buses
A reminder that all students travelling home on a school bus require an opal card in order to board the bus.

Opal Cards 2016
Who needs to apply? Most students who already have a school student travel pass won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. It will be sent to the student’s school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

An application is needed if the student:
- Has not had a travel pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

How to apply:
Complete the application at: transportnsw.info/school-students

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the students school for endorsement.

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

Year 5 News
This week, our year 5 students are working towards learning their 6,7 and 8 times tables. Are you looking for some great websites to practice your times tables? Try some of these sites below:

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables
http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm

Don’t forget, you can also practice your times tables on the mathletics website through the times table toon icon.
Castle Hill Show
Wishing Year 2 a fun morning at the Castle Hill Show on Friday. Just a reminder that Mrs Page will accompany 2A to the show on Friday, as Mrs Alibrandi is attending an important professional development course that day.

Can you help?
The school requires an additional volunteer for the SRE Muslim program (training and support is available). If you are able to assist or know of someone who may be interested in this role, please contact me through the office.

Mini Merit reminder!
Please help your child to keep the mini merits they receive so that they can be awarded the certificate when they have a complete set. This may be in a special envelope or a small clip lock bag. Students then bring the mini merit sets to either Deputy Principal, 15 minutes either side of a break. Please also assist by checking your child has completed the following with each set’s top card:
1. First name and family name
2. Class
3. Stapled
We look forward to seeing many ‘mini merit’ students during the week!

K-2 Assembly
Is on next Monday, commencing from 2pm in the hall and hosted by 2W. Please feel free to join us if you are able to.

Mrs Alex Kohary
Deputy Principal K-2

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 2016
The ANZAC ceremony held at CHPS is well regarded and a significant day in our school calendar. The students conduct themselves well and we are proud of their involvement in making the solemn day memorable. This year’s ANZAC Day service will be held on Thursday 7 April at 11.30 am in the school hall.

I would like to take this opportunity of inviting any parents and community members who are in the Australian Defence Forces or who currently serve in the State or Federal Police to attend the ceremony in uniform. We would value your involvement.

Please contact the school office on 9634 3777 with your details and we will send you a formal invitation to the ceremony.

George Younan
Assistant Principal

Chickenpox reported in the school
Chickenpox is a common childhood illness. Fever and cold symptoms are often the first signs of illness and are followed by the appearance of the typical rash. For more information visit the NSW Health website and view this factsheet:
SRC Disco
The first SRC disco for 2016 is on Friday March 11. We are excited to have a new DJ this year. The SRC will be selling tickets outside the office before school and at recess and tickets are on sale from Monday March 7 (Week 6). Tickets cost $3 each and this covers the cost of the DJ.

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

Mini Merit Awards

Silver Awards

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Term 1 Week 6- Congratulations to our fabulous students who have earned seven mini merits.

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| Stella 2W | Kara 3E | Zark 3L | Jacinta 2M |
Kindergarten News

Thank you to the parents that have followed up with helping in the classroom. If you have signed up to help in the classroom, please take your working with children approval number to the office for processing, as this must be done before any parents can help in the classroom. A note is coming home shortly to all parents about helping in the classroom. All parent helpers are welcome to help from next Monday March 7.

Literacy Program

Single sounds for this week are: d, r, o. 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.

Your child has now brought home these words to learn in their home reader folder with suggested activities. Please take to time to practice these words with your child.

Home Reading

Students have started bringing home their home readers in the reading folder. Students can swap their book for a new one on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This allows them to build fluency and accuracy of high frequency words as they are learning to read. Please spend time looking at the reader, talking about the book and listening to your child read some or all of the words, and record each night of reading on the reading card. If you have any questions about the home reading program, please speak with your child’s teacher.

Star of the Week

One student from each class is nominated to be the star of the week. They may have a special job in their class for the week, including leading the class lines, or passing on messages throughout the school and their peers might discuss what makes their friend so special.

Stars of the week are:

End of Term Celebration

All Kindergarten parents are invited to attend Kindergarten’s end of term celebration in our school hall from 9.30am on Tuesday 5 April. All students participate in celebrating their first term at 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.

From the Kindergarten Teachers
Uniform Shop News

Volunteer Roster

Wednesday March 2  Emily Hird, Bec Pignatt
Monday March 7  Lily Machin, Paulyn Tan
Wednesday March 9  Marie Dols  **HELP NEEDED**
Monday March 14  Sylvia Scargall, Manmeet Kaus

Dr Shoe will be in the COLA area Wednesday April 6 8.30am-9.30am.

Parents 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.

***** NEW HOURS UNIFORM SHOP FOR 2016 *****
MONDAYS 8.30AM – 10.30AM
WEDNESDAY 8.30AM- 10.30AM

Simone Pedler, Uniform Shop Manager
simone.pedler@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen

2016 VOLUNTEERS:

Our roster is looking good for 2016 and we are excited to welcome approximately one dozen new volunteers, which is a superb effort from our school community. Thank you to all who have returned for another year and to those who are new the canteen.

We still have a few spots available on our roster that we would love to get filled, particularly on a Tuesday or Thursday. Volunteering in the Canteen is a great way to experience how the school day is run, not to mention the excited faces of your children when they spot you there! If you are able to spend just one day each month with us please contact Kylee on 0405 357 150 to discuss adding your name to our roster.

ROSTER:

Thursday  March 3  Lisa Munteanu, Reiana C, Asma Shoail
Friday  March 4  Noushin Khalajabadi, Saideh, Jenny, Anastasia
Monday  March 7  Mamoud Payam, **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**
Tuesday  March 8  Susie Campbell, **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**
Wednesday  March 9  Alana Johnson, Nice, Pilar
Thursday  March 10  David Baldwin, Emily Hird, Jennifer Thummler
Friday  March 11  Alenka Maguire, Ashu Navare, Gita Tabib, Leah Dibble, Michelle Zhang

If you are able to help on the days with "VOLUNTEER REQUIRED" please telephone the canteen on 9634 4306 or send us quick text message - Kylee 0405 357 150 - Tanya 0424 994 585.

CASTLE HILL SHOW VISIT:
A reminder that students will be attending the Castle Hill Show on Friday 4 March.

Please do not place lunch orders for those students in Years 3-6 as they will be not be at school during their lunch break. Please provide a packed lunch to be taken to the Show with them.
PRICE LIST ADJUSTMENTS:
2016 brings with it some increases to our price list. Our updated price list will come into effect in Term 2 and may be found on our school website (www.castlehill-p.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au), will be sent home with students, and we will also have copies available at the Canteen. The majority of items on our menu have remained at the same price for at least two years; therefore we are sure you understand the requirement to bring things into line with our suppliers’ charges. We continue to work hard to provide a varied menu at competitive prices for CHPS students and are looking forward to serving you during the school year.

Robyn, Tanya & Kylee
Canteen Managers

School Community Club News

Annual General Meeting (“AGM”)  
Next Tuesday, 8 March is our AGM. All current SCC Executive positions (President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary) will be declared vacant at the AGM and nominations sought for these positions for 2016.

The AGM will be held in the staffroom from 9.15am, followed by the ordinary meeting of the SCC. The SCC is a great way to give back to our school and to get to know other parents. I encourage you to come along to our AGM on Tuesday, 8 March, say hello, and hear from the School Executive and SCC on upcoming school events and activities.

Alison Whorlow (President SCC)
alisonandpeter@bigpond.com

PSSA and Sport News

PSSA Sport Venues  
March 4, 2015 All buses leave school at 9:00am and return by 10:45am.

Touch – Kellyville Park, Memorial Ave, Kellyville  
Basketball – Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill  
Cricket – Bye this week but still going to Fred Caterson  
T-Ball/Softball – Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill  
School Sport Yr 5 & 6 – At School

PSSA STUDENTS PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE LUNCH ORDERS TO MARK YOUR BAGS CLEARLY WITH PSSA AND YOUR SPORT  
(eg Cricket, Softball etc.)
Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
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**Castle Hill Public School**
**Term 1 - 2016**

- **Monday, 25th February**: Australia Day holiday
- **Wednesday, 27th February**: SDD
- **Friday, 29th February**: Kindy Sport
- **Monday, 1st March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Tuesday, 2nd March**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Wednesday, 3rd March**: SCC Meeting 9.15am
- **Thursday, 4th March**: Kindy Sport
- **Friday, 5th March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Saturday, 6th March**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Monday, 8th March**: Meet the Teacher Kindy 6:00 - 6:45
- **Tuesday, 9th March**: Yr 1-2 6:45 - 7:30
- **Wednesday, 10th March**: P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- **Thursday, 11th March**: Meet the Teacher Yrs 3-4 6:00 - 6:45
- **Friday, 12th March**: Yrs 5-6 6:45 - 7:30
- **Monday, 15th March**: Kindy Sport
- **Tuesday, 16th March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Wednesday, 17th March**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Friday, 19th March**: SCC Meeting 9.15am
- **Monday, 22nd March**: Kindy Sport
- **Tuesday, 23rd March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Wednesday, 24th March**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Thursday, 25th March**: CHHS Open Day Yr 6
- **Friday, 26th March**: Kindy Sport
- **Saturday, 27th March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Sunday, 28th March**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Monday, 29th March**: Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday, 30th March**: Kindy Sport
- **Wednesday, 31st March**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Thursday, 1st April**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Friday, 2nd April**: Castle Hill Show
- **Monday, 5th April**: Kindy Sport
- **Tuesday, 6th April**: Yr 1-2 Sport
- **Wednesday, 7th April**: Yr 3-6 Sport
- **Friday, 8th April**: Year 1 Science Incursion
- **Saturday, 9th April**: Kokoda Track 6Y + 6G
- **Sunday, 10th April**: Kindy End of Term Celebrations