From The Principal

Welcome to all families and to the 2013 school year. A special welcome to all new families who have joined us this year.

STAFF LIST 2013
Principal
Mrs Colquhoun

Deputy Principal
Mrs Cooper

Assistant Principals
Mrs Mansbridge
Mrs Giannacopoulos
Mrs Wilson
Mrs Patkovic [Rel]

Class Teachers
Mrs Kaur
Mrs Hamilton
Miss McCorquodale
Miss Mason
Mrs Sumarto
Miss T Zammit
Miss Giannacopoulos
Miss Pjanic
Miss R Zammit
Mrs Patel
Miss Tosh
Miss Morrison
Miss Padagas
Mrs Paikovic
Miss Jones
Mr Westwood
Miss Ford
Miss Bennett
Mrs Najm
Mrs Fourfouris
Mrs Lewis
Miss Wilson
Mrs Wilson
Miss Tuck

Reading Recovery
Miss Zammit
Mrs Sumarto

ESL
Mrs Clark (M – Th)
Mrs Schiralli (M – W)

Learning Support & RFF
Mrs Mansbridge
Mrs Stark
Mrs Kapur
Mrs Robertson (M – W)
Mrs Pereyra (M – W)
Mrs Nercy (W – Fr)
Miss Delaney
Mrs Idris (M – T)
Miss Landers (Th – Fr)
Mrs Laulu (M – W)
Mrs Thorn (W – Fr)

National Partnership
Coaches
Miss West – Literacy
Mrs Chandra – Numeracy
Mrs Philips - ICT

Librarian
Mrs Cole

Ancillary Staff
Mrs Borg
Mrs Cross
Mrs Stewart
Mrs Sukhaseume
Ms Leigh

School Learning Support
Officers
Mrs Tizzone
Ms Bryant
Mrs Wyndham
Mrs Alwush

Community Liaison
Officers
Mrs Reynolds
Mrs Zrayka
Mrs Humphreys

Chaplain
Mrs Alexander

General Assistant
Mr Cox

Voluntary Contribution
79 students
$4330

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The contribution for 2013 will assist in the purchase of reading materials, art & craft supplies, classroom resources, maths resources & equipment for our Kindergarten creative play program & playgroup. In 2013 this is $50 for individual students & $90 for each family of two or more students.

This year we are not purchasing & using textbooks as each classroom has a Panaboard –Interactive Whiteboard. Teachers are using this technology for interactive lessons & eliminating the need for the expense of textbook. Please consider supporting the Voluntary contribution to support our educational programs. Each Bulletin I will report on the number of families who have contributed to the fund.

Curriculum Night
This year we are hosting our second Curriculum Night at CHNPS after a very successful night last year. We encourage all families to come to school on Wednesday 20 February for a BBQ & then
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to spend time in the Performance Hall meeting staff and hearing about the programs for 2013. You will then have an opportunity to meet the class teachers & spend time in the classrooms. The night starts at 5pm with a BBQ hosted by the P&C. You have already received an invitation so please return your acceptance as soon as possible so catering can be arranged.

TERM ONE ACTIVITIES
The School Swimming Carnival is on Friday 15th February for swimmers in Years 3 to 6.

The Special Swimming Scheme will start on Monday 18th March at Birrong pool. This program is for 9 days & finishes on Thursday 28th March. It is exceptional value for these intense lessons & is for students from Years 2-6 who need to learn how to swim. More details soon.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
This year our photo day is on Monday 11th March. Information will be sent home shortly.

NEW ASSEMBLY TIME
This year our school assemblies will be held every THURSDAY to fit in with the many other activities at the school this year. The K-2 Assembly will be at 2.15pm every second Thursday & the 3-6 Assembly at 12.15pm. Each term there will be a whole School Assembly.
We look forward to a very successful & happy year at Chester Hill North PS & encourage your participation in all our activities & programs.

Mrs H D Colquhoun
Principal

NSW Schools Homework Information

The Homework Policy
The NSW Department of Education and Training has released its Homework Policy for implementation in all government schools.

While homework is an important component of the teaching and learning process, schools recognise that it is important for students to have time for play, leisure and physical activities outside of school.

The Benefits of Homework
Homework is valuable because it:

- Strengthens home-school links
- Allows for practicing, extending and consolidating work done in class
- Teaches students how to plan and organize their time
- Develops students’ research skills
- Establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline

which will serve students for the rest of their lives
- Reaffirms the role of parents and caregivers as partners in education
- Provides parents and caregivers with insights into what is being taught in the classroom and the progress of their children
- Challenges and extends gifted and talented children.

You can expect homework to:

- Be appropriate for each student’s age and ability
- Take into account students’ commitments out of school hours, such as sport, part-time employment and home responsibilities
- Take into account technology such as computers and the internet without disadvantaging those students who do not have access to this technology.

- Be marked promptly and accurately so students have regular feedback.

Rhonvic Brolga Studios
Classical Ballet, Tap, Jazz/Hip Hop Contemporary Classes, Tiny Tots, Boys classes, Character & Adult classes. First class FREE!

Students from 2yrs (Mon—Sat)
Enquiries: 0419 276 128

Private Piano and Keyboard lessons for Beginners
Children 6+ years & adults
Call Miss M. Craine 9707 1318

Interested in playing Rugby League?
Fairfield Patrician Brothers Rugby League Football Club are looking for players aged 4—19, coaches and sponsors. Contact Mick Woods on 0402 073 154 or Andrew Barakat on 0411 243 434
P & C Report

Welcome to the 2013 school year. The holidays flew by, and the P&C are off to a flying start with our fundraising efforts. TOMORROW Wednesday 13th February, we’ll be holding a SAUSAGE SIZZLE for our students. This is a great day for parents to get involved with preparing the lunch and selling chocolates and ice-blocks. If you’re able to spare a couple of hours, please meet in the weathershed (next to the canteen) at 11.30am

The P&C are also happy to be providing the sausage sizzle for this year’s 20th February. We love meeting all of the parents on the nights and letting you know what our little group are doing and how you can be involved. Please come by and say hello.

Our first P&C meeting for the year – which will also be our Annual General Meeting - is Wednesday 27th February 2013. Please join us in the PLAY ROOM (in between the kindy rooms). We meet for coffee from 9am, with the meeting starting at 9.15am.

Toni Reynolds
P&C President

CLO Report

A very big hello to all of our parents, especially the parents that are new to our community. At Chester Hill North Public School, we love to see you up at the school, playing an active role in your child’s education. One of the first steps to this is to come to the CURRICULUM NIGHT on 20th February. This is an important opportunity to find out what your child will be doing this term in the classroom, and to meet the teachers on your child’s grade. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND. The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle from 5pm, and we hope to see you all there.

Do you know someone who would like to learn English, or practice their English skills? On TUESDAY 19th February a teacher from Bankstown TAFE will be at our school taking enrolments for this semester. The class is FREE and will be held once a week for three hours at our school. If you know someone who would like to join this class, please contact myself or Jamila Zrayka (Arabic Speaking CLO) via the office.

This term we’ll be offering parent information sessions on our Speech Therapy Program, Numeracy and NAPLAN. We’ll also be offering parents the chance to join in our Positive Parenting from an Arabic speaking perspective. Keep an eye out for flyers for these important events.

Don’t forget that we offer a FREE playgroup every FRIDAY and a school readiness program every TUESDAY. This is a great program for children before they start school. It is open to everyone, so if you have a friend or a neighbour who has young children, please invite them along.

Our walking group wanders around Chester Hill every Wednesday morning. We’re always looking for new friends to join us.

Toni Reynolds
Community Liaison Officer

Its not okay to be away...nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school everyday and gets there on time.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes, an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day for special school event.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research show that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

As a Parent:

◊ Commit to sending kids to school every day
◊ Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time
◊ Inform the school when they are away, sending medical certificates and other evidence of genuine absence
◊ Consider catching-up on missed work
◊ Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom-that is where ill kids should be

From INSIGHTS by Michael Grose