From The Principal

Photo Day
This special day was on Monday 11 March for group and individual photos. Our photographer is a company called The School Photographer and has been taking our photos for many years. We are always pleased with the photos they take. This year the Photo Book is again being offered which was very popular last year. It is important to have a record of your child at school each year. The photos will be ready in Term 2.

Student Performance Groups
In 2013 we have many performing groups for our students and I encourage all students to take up the opportunities which we offer. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for the following groups and we look forward to your performances -
- **Opera House Choir** for students in Year 5 and 6 who perform in the State Choral Festival in October,
- **Opera House Recorder group** who perform in the State Instrumental Festival in September,
- **Gillawarna Choir** who perform in the Gillawarna Festival in September,
- **Senior Dance Group** who perform in the Gillawarna Festival in September,
- **Boys Dance Group** who perform in the Gillawarna Festival in September,
- **Junior Dance group** [Years 1-4] who perform in the Gillawarna Festival in September,
- **Debating Team** which competes in the Fairfield schools debating competition throughout the year,
- **Hipskips skipping group** which performs at school events.

We thank the many teachers who will train our students and prepare them for performances. It is important that students attend the practice sessions which are on various days before and after school. I ask parents to support their children to be at school on time.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the swimmers who represented the school in the Zone Swimming Carnival on 5 March. All swimmers swam well & several will swim in the Regional Carnival on 19 March with the junior mixed relay team coming first in their event. Our swimmers were Brooklyn Young, Dimah Khalil, Nicholas Uremovic, Natalie Hamad, Minh Nguyen, Macey Owens and Rose Lord. Thank you to Mrs Robertson who supported our students and the parents who assisted on the day.

Fruit Breakfast
Our first Fruit Breakfast was held on Thursday 7 March. Students had a wonderful time eating a range of healthy fruit & vegetables which were donated by Chester Square Fruit Market and prepared by several of our hard working P&C members. This is a regular event and will be held again in Term 2.

Punctuality
Thank you to the parents who are assisting their child’s learning by having them at school every day before the school bell. It is very important that students don’t miss any time during the school day unless they are too sick to be at school. Parents are encouraged to plan their family holiday during the school holidays and not have children missing a lot of time from class.

The school bell rings at 8.55 am so children should be at school no later than 8.50 am.

The school bell rings at 3pm at the end of each
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school day and it is very important that all children are collected on time. Parents are responsible for their children at 3pm when school finishes. We do have a teacher who waits with the children who are late being collected. Sometimes parents don’t arrive until 4pm!! This is very distressing for everyone.

CLO [Arabic] Position
There is an opportunity for a parent or community member to join the team of Community Liaison Officers at CHNPS. This position is for an Arabic speaking person who can engage our Arabic speaking parent community in the school. For more information please contact the principal.

School Gardens & Grounds
At CHNPS we have a wonderful environment for our students to learn and play in. There are many grass areas for play as well as the two areas of fixed play equipment for K-2 and 3-6 students. There is also a tennis court and basketball court and several asphalt areas. Our school playground is indeed the envy of other schools many of which have limited playing areas. We are very fortunate to have Mr Cox as our General Assistant as he looks after our gardens and grounds so well.

Regards

Mrs H.D. Colquhoun
Principal

Smoke Free Zones

From 7 January 2013, there are new requirements in NSW making the following areas smoke-free.

- Within 10 metres of children’s play equipment in an outdoor public place.
- At public transport stops and stations, including platforms of passenger railways and light-rail stations, ferry wharves, light-rail stops, bus stops, taxi ranks and the area where people gather.
- Open areas of public swimming pool complexes.
- Spectator areas of sports grounds or other recreational areas during organised sporting events.
- Within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit from a public building (meaning a non-residential building or a building that combines residential and commercial uses).

School Zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days). While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Non-standard 40km/h school zone times
There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a $142 fine and the loss of 2* demerit points.

Dragon’s teeth road markings
To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings will indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Sport Report

After rain delayed the start of season 1 PSSA, we were lucky enough to have our first game last Friday. Our Mod and Senior Cricket, T-ball and Softball teams competed against Carramar Public School. All of our teams tried their best however we were unable to secure an outright win last week. Our girls softball team drew with Carramar 4-4. Our fingers are crossed for lovely weather for the last 3 weeks of term 1 competition.

Miss B Jones and Miss N Bennett
Sports Coordinators

Diary Dates

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The Premier’s Reading Challenge has started!

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all students K-6. The Challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The library at Chester Hill North has many PRC books – and more are on their way! Every week, students are encouraged to borrow PRC books from the library to read towards their challenge. Students can also read in their home language.

Kindergarten, year 1 and 2 students will be reading their PRC books with their teachers in class however it is encouraged that students also read at home with parents. As part of the challenge, students in years 3-6 are required to read 20 books however 5 of these can be books of their choosing that may not be on the PRC book list. Students are encouraged to read both at home and at school to complete the challenge and record the title, author and PRC ID number (found on the book). The booklists represent a range of books including fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry and drama and include a wide variety of Australian authors.

Every student who successfully meets the Challenge by finishing date in September, receives a certificate signed by the Premier.

More updates will be available in future editions of the Bulletin.

Happy Reading!

Miss West

Literacy Coach

P & C Report

Our next fundraising event is this FRIDAY 15th MARCH, when we hold our first CAKE DAY for the year. Some suggestions for donations are cupcakes, biscuits, jelly cups or donuts. Donations can be sent to the uniform shop on the Friday morning, or bring them directly to the stall before 11am. Students purchase the cakes during recess from the WEATHER SHED (next to the canteen) and we always need parents to come and help out.

Our next P&C meeting for the year is WEDNESDAY 27th March 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. ALL ARE WELCOME.

CLO Report

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Future parent information sessions and meetings…

Playgroup every FRIDAY and School readiness program every TUESDAY.

On the 26th March, the School Readiness program has a guest speaker who will speak about Behaviour Management.

Parent Helper training session on Wednesday 20 March at 9:30am

NAPLAN Parent Information Session on 3 April. Details to follow.

Have any questions? You’re welcome to join Susan Alexander (Our School Chaplain) and myself every Tuesday for afternoon tea in the school playground. Pop by and say Hi.

Toni Reynolds
P & C President
Community Liaison Officer

Attic Report

Photo Day on Monday was a great opportunity to show off our wonderful uniforms, and didn’t our children look wonderful! We get a lot of positive feedback from visitors to our school on how smart we are looking in our uniforms so please ensure that your child is on wearing the correct uniform, which is:

from Monday to Thursday during terms 1 & 4, the boys wear grey shorts and a blue polo shirt with our school crest and the girls wear the summer tunic (dress) or culottes and a blue polo shirt with our school crest

on Friday students from years 3 to 6 wear the sports uniform – maroon shorts and blue sports polo shirt with maroon trim and our school crest.

during term 2 & 3 both boys and girls wear a maroon tracksuit with our school crest and a short or long sleeve blue polo with our school crest.

If the girls want to wear tights under their tunics the correct colour is Navy Blue and these can be purchased sold at the uniform shop.

What’s not school uniform? Maroon Skirts; & black leggings or any other coloured tights.

You can pay by cash or cheque and you can also lay-by uniforms. We are open every Friday from 9:00am – 10:00am or you can order through the office and I will deliver to your child’s class on a Friday. If you are ordering through the office please clearly mark you Child’s Name, Class and Sizes on the order form and if you require change it will be sent to your child with the order.

Mrs Sally Taskin
Attic Coordinator

Community Liaison Officer

P & C President

Toni Reynolds