From The Principal

At CHNPS we are very proud of our students and the wonderful way they represent our school at a range of events and activities. We are also proud of the wonderful environment our students learn in every day. We are committed to continually improving our facilities & purchasing new resources for the classroom. Over the past 4 years there has been a large amount of money spent on upgrading our school buildings and classrooms. Recently we had new carpet laid in the library and during the school holidays the air-conditioning unit for the library will be replaced as the present one is not able to be repaired. Window blinds in the classrooms and office area in the administration building will be replaced with new blinds and new vinyl will be laid in the entry area of the office. You are probably also aware that the school has had “wireless” connectivity installed across the school recently which will be a great asset to the technology programs in the school.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY
On Monday 25 March the school captains, vice-captains and prefects attended a forum on leadership at the Entertainment Centre with 6000 young leaders from primary schools in NSW. Our leaders found this a very worthwhile experience and they have been challenged to become active leaders in the school and community. More information will be provided as the projects are developed.

NAPLAN This National Assessments Program for Literacy and Numeracy will take place next term early in May for students in Years 3, 5, 7, 9 in all schools in Australia. Last week parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 had an opportunity to attend a briefing on the purpose and process of the test and how we prepare our students for it. Parents can visit the My School Website to see CHPS results over the past 5 years.

GYM PROGRAM
All students in Year 4 have taken part in a gymnastics program run by a trained coach and using the new gym equipment the school purchased last year. The school pays for the engagement of the gym coach so this program is provided to all students at no cost. We are very fortunate to have Trevor Maggs running this program for us. In Term 2 another grade of students will take part in the lessons.

Staff Development Days
Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April

Students Return Wednesday 1 May

Principal’s Visit to South Korea
During the April school holidays I will be travelling in South Korea as part of a
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delegation of school principals from schools in NSW. The visit will include cultural experiences, visits to school and universities, and visits to places of historic and geographical interest. There will also be an opportunity to attend performances of music and dance which are typical of the rich history and heritage of South Korea. I will have an opportunity to promote schools in Australia and particularly our wonderful school. On my return there will be an opportunity for me to share my experience with students and interested parents and community members.

SCHOOL SECURITY
Parents are reminded of the need to supervise their children at all times. There have been concerns in the local area recently when students have been in a dangerous situation – near water, on the roads and even in their own homes. Always know where your child is, who they are with and what they are doing. We want all our students to have a wonderful school holiday and to return to school safely after the holidays.

I wish everyone a safe and restful school holiday. Students return to school on WEDNESDAY 1 May.

Regards
Mrs H D Colquhoun
Principal

Help Your Child Achieve

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximize your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home
4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time
5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes
6. Skill children to work with others
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
8. Participate fully in class & school activities
9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
10. Talk up what happens at school

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.

By Michael Grose—No. 1 parenting educator

DIARY DATES

Term 1

Week 11
Tuesday 9.4.13
Bulletin Day
Thursday 11.4.13
School Assemblies K-2 & 3-6
Friday 12.4.13
Stay & Play
Anzac Ceremony
Last day of term

Term 2

Week 1
Monday 29.4.13
School Development Day
Tuesday 30.4.13
School Development Day
Wednesday 1.5.13
Students Return

Week 2
Tuesday 6.5.13
Bulletin Day

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Children who play on the play equipment after school need close supervision for safety sake. Just a reminder that parents need to be standing next to the play equipment to supervise their children when they play.
P & C Report

We’ve very quickly come to the end of term 1, 2013. Thanks to the parents who have helped out with P&C activities.

This year, our fundraising efforts are concentrated on extending the play equipment area for K-2. We look forward to showing the community the ideas that we have and hearing your voice on what you like. You can have your say at the next P&C meeting, which is on Wednesday 1st May – the first Wednesday back after holidays. 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.

We’re holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall on 7th May. We have lovely gifts for Mum for a small cost. We’re always looking for parents to help with the stall, so please contact me via the office if you can help.

CLO Report

Next term we continue our FREE TAFE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS. They are held every Monday morning from 9am –12noon. Likewise, our School Readiness program is every Tuesday and Playgroup every Friday. Parent information sessions for next term include the ‘Speechies’, an information session on ‘Computers and technology – how can we help our children’, and ‘Numeracy’. Look out for information flyers which go home with your children. If you have any ideas for sessions you would like us to run, please pop by the office and see me.

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

FREE GARDENING CLASSES
Pot your own seedling to take home!

Flower Power are holding free gardening classes during the school holidays
Mon 15 April—Fri 19 April
Mon 22 April—Wed 24 April
Fri 26 April

11am weekdays at Flower Power
* Excludes Thurs 25 April which is ANZAC Day

EASTER COMPETITION WINNERS

The recent Easter Guessing Competition was well supported with a profit of $337. Our SRC students did an excellent job selling tickets & students across the school donated the chocolate eggs, bunnies etc. The following students won a prize & I am sure they enjoyed the extra chocolate treats over the Easter holidays.

Billy 6T  Riad 2P
Alex 6W  Nofa 3P
Andrew M 1G  Rabeh 3L
Zac 2T,  Moosa KH
Maysa 1SZ,  Rose 1SZ
Mimi 5B  Kayla 2Z
Jafaar KK

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROMOTION

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

Last year, our program provided 720,000 pieces of educational equipment to more than 12,500 schools and early learning centres. Schools selected from thousands of different items through our program, highlighting how each school’s needs are different and how critical a breadth of range is.

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.