Welcome Back and Class Information Breakfast

It was terrific to see so many parents join us for the Welcome Back and Class Information Breakfast.

I have also heard great feedback from the class information sessions. We have tried a variety of times for parent/teacher information sessions but find mornings suit best for many of our parents and carers. Remember, if you would like to talk to your child’s class teacher it is best to make an appointment by sending in a note directly to them.

A small concern can often be ‘nipped in the bud’ rather than to let it grow into a large one simply by talking to the class teacher, the supervising Assistant Principal (Mrs Auinger-K-2; Mrs Vaughan/Miss Sewell-Support Classes; Mr Francis-Yrs3-6) or myself.

I would like to sincerely offer a BIG thank you to all of our fantastic staff who arrived early to assist with set-up, cooking and serving. And then rushing off to classrooms for the Parent/Teacher Information Session. These events really demonstrate how well our staff work together and value our community events. Although it was fortunate not too many people were there to witness Nada’s dancing at 7am. It certainly woke us all up!

Thank you for those who contributed a donation. All up a total of $ 88.85 was raised for Stewart House. A long established public school charity that provides a great break for kids & families in need.

HEARTKIDS Fundraiser

Well done to the many students, staff and families who supported the HeartKids fundraiser by giving generously and purchasing a HEARTKIDS souvenir last Thursday. It is sad to read the facts where more than 4 young Australians will die this week as a result of congenital heart disease. I know Mrs Wickert & Veronica Brown, our coordinators for this fundraiser were incredibly appreciative of all the support and donations. SPOTLIGHT deserve a special mention for providing material & items for the souvenirs and our students who spent their lunchtimes making the ‘fashion accessories’ were outstanding. Thank you one and all. In total $174.60 was raised for this great cause.

CLASSY ARTICLE Returns

It was great to see our new kinder students in KA lead the way and kick off the Classy Article section of the newsletter last week. I am sure we all enjoyed seeing and reading about how well
they have settled into school routines last week. I know I was very impressed when assisting with Literacy groups last week.

Well done KA.

**COMING UP SOON**

**Wednesday February 20**- Show off your swimming strokes at the **Twilight Swimming Carnival**. Starting at 4pm it is a provenunsafe option for our competent swimmers to test themselves at the Gosford Olympic Pool.

**Tuesday February 26**- Bring your best SMILE and wear FULL school summer uniform as it is **School Photo Day**. Students should have taken home an envelope which need to be completed and returned to the class teacher any time up to the morning of photo day. Thank you Mrs Vaughan for once again coordinating this important activity. Just think...in a year’s time these photographs will be part of our school’s archives!

**Wednesday February 27**- We welcome back the **Smiling for Smiddy Cyclists** for the third successive year. Held in memory of Adam Smiddy, who passed away due to an aggressive melanoma aged 26, **Smiling for Smiddy** delivers unique cycling challenge events which inspire individuals & communities to raise funds for cancer research. More than **$1.9 million** has been raised since 2006.

Again this year, children can start the day by having their bike checked by professional mechanics from BIKEWORX Erina free of charge between 8.30 and 9am. Students with a bike license can ride to and from school unsupervised, however, unlicensed cyclists should have their bikes brought to school and taken home by an adult.

To view the **50 cyclists riding into school you will need to be on Willow Rd from approximately 12:00 pm**. It promises to be just like the Tour De France! Weather permitting, I will join our students who have a bike license and would like to ride into the school with the cyclists. Once inside our school the cyclists will talk to our students about sun and bicycle safety inside our hall.

The cyclists will then stay on and join us for lunch.

**Students, parents and staff have the option to make a coin donation to support their fundraising efforts.**

**Friday March 1** is Schools annual **Clean Up Day**. This day encourages students to take pride in their school and wider environment by correctly disposing their litter into a rubbish bin. To participate students require a thick pair of gloves (not latex) and their school hat (and maybe some roll on insect repellent and sunscreen). I thank Mrs Wickert, our Gecko Club coordinator, for organising this activity.

**Year 6 to 7 Enrolment Process (Repeat)**

It seems to be getting earlier each year but already we have been sent information to commence the Year 6 to 7 enrolment process. Year 6 students should shortly receive the Expression of Interest form and it is important that they are returned to our office NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2013.

**Annual School Contributions (Repeat)**

Thank you to the parents who have contributed their annual school contributions. I appreciate the financial demands on families at this time of the year and appreciate the efforts to support our school financially. Remember that our office will accept payment in installments to assist families paying their contributions. Our office will continue to accept the annual school contributions throughout the year. **This year, the P&C have set the fees at $40 for one child and $70 a family.** All monies raised go towards library resources such as new books and computer software and contributions are **tax deductible** and voluntary.

**Pay before the end of March and be in with a chance of winning some great incentive prizes...So far we have collected a total of $1080 in our annual contribution drive.**

**French markets Heading to Chertsey (Repeat)**

On Saturday, March 16 Chertsey will host the French markets (formerly held at Kincumber). These prestige markets will be held on school grounds and have regularly attracted up to 2000 visitors. Available from stalls will be:

Freshly baked breads and pastries, locally made wines, jewellery and homewares by French designers, flowers and collectables. All this whilst being entertained by live French musicians!

The school will benefit by collecting and keeping ALL gate keepings. Entry will be $2 per adult. I have pledged all monies to go towards employing additional support staff for our classes. With two markets per year this could amount to 200 additional hours of support in our classrooms!

A roster will be made consisting of parent & staff volunteers. Please let myself or the office know if you can spare an hour on the gate for this day. It promises to be a great day!
Road Safety Reminders (Repeat)

Please ensure the safety of our students by obeying the road regulations within the school zone. That includes not exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in the mornings and afternoons and being aware of parking regulations. Please DO NOT: park in the school carpark; complete U turns in the Children Crossing area or; park in the No Stopping zones.

In Bilgola Close the No Parking signs indicate that this area can be used as a drop off and pick up area (sometimes referred to as a ‘kiss & drop’ zone). The driver, however, must stop for no longer than 2 minutes and if they need to remove themselves from the vehicle must remain within 3 metres of it.

Council Rangers issue hefty fines for traffic infringements around schools!

Helpful websites for Parents

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-child’s-back-and-posture-healthy

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child’s maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey’s Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/mathematics-monkeys-quest

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework

Unsafe and Proud Hat Draw

Our Unsafe and Proud Hat draw has commenced once again. This week’s winner is Sophie of class 5/6S who wins a slushy from the school canteen. Congratulations Sophie! And thank you to our school’s canteen & P&C for sponsoring this weekly prize. For your child to be in with a chance to win simply ensure they have a school hat with their name marked clearly on the inside. So far this year I have been extremely proud of how smart the students look in FULL school uniform. Let’s keep it up!

PAPER COPY of SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ONLY AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

As mentioned last week we strongly encourage you to access our newsletter via email or our website. It not only looks better in colour but is better for the environment and the money we save on paper can be used on student resources. It will be assumed that unless you have returned the slip requesting a hard copy of our weekly newsletter that you will be accessing it electronically. Thank you for your cooperation.

Trust your week will be a good one.
John Anderson

HeartKids Fundraiser
CHOIR NEWS

This year the Primary Choir will be participating in the Central Coast Choral Festival to be held in September at Mingara Recreation Club. Students will start learning the songs for this performance this week, with regular choir sessions held every second Tuesday afternoon (even weeks). Further information will be sent home with choir students as it becomes available, including several rehearsal dates here at school and at Mingara. This is an exciting opportunity for our choir and we look forward to ‘wow-ing’ you all with our wonderful singing!

Miss Wiseman

2013 TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2013 Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held this Wednesday 20th February 2013 starting at 4pm sharp and running through until completion (no later than 6pm), at Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool. Competing students will be expected to make their own way to and from the carnival by private transport, as no buses will be provided. Cost to each competing student is $3.00 while spectators (adult and/or child) are $1.90. This is to be paid upon entry to Gosford Pool on the day – no payment is to come to school. The weather forecast is currently for possible showers. Unless a storm is on the carnival will go ahead as planned.

Medical notes were sent home with participating students last week. These must be completed and returned prior to Miss Wiseman ASAP.

Successful students will go on to represent Chertsey at the Southern Central Coast PSSA District Carnival to be held at The Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy on Tuesday 12th March (Week 7).

Good luck to all competitors!

Miss Wiseman

STAGE 2 “ACTIVE EDUCATION” PDHPE EXCURSION

An overnight excursion for Stage 2 students has been organised for Week 8 of Term 2 (Monday 17th to Tuesday 18th June 2013). This sport and recreation camp is run by “Active Education” at their Gosford Centre – Mangrove Mountain. It is an excellent opportunity for students to develop a variety of skills supporting their physical, social, and emotional development and have fun at the same time. This camp was discussed at our Stage 2 parent meeting last Friday following the welcome breakfast. More detailed information will be sent home later this term. The cost is $160 per student. Student assistance is available to those families experiencing financial hardship. A suggested payment schedule has been developed to allow families to budget for this expense. Blue payment cards are available from your child’s teacher or the office to help make regular payments.

Please make the following payments on, or before the due date:

- A Deposit of $40 due Thursday 8th March (Term 1, Week 6)
- $40 payment due by Friday 12th April (Term 1, Week 11)
- $40 payment due by Friday 10th May (Term 2, Week 2)
- $40 final payment due by Friday 7th June (Term 2, Week 6)

This excursion has the permission of the Principal.

Stage 2 Teachers

The Annual General Meeting of Chertseydale Community Cottage Inc. will be held at 4.30pm on Tuesday, 26 February in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. Enquiries Judith Wallace 0439 475765.
Dear Parents,

Please note that our school photograph day is next Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} February. The team from Master School Portraits will arrive early on the morning to organise our assembly hall for this busy day.

Photo packs and family photo orders will need to be pre-paid before or on photo day. Thank you to all our families who have already arranged pre-payment. Pre-paid envelopes may still be collected from our school office if your original envelopes have been misplaced or if family photos are required.

We will also be taking photographs of:
- School prefects
- Sports House Captains and Vice Captains

These photos will be available through an ordering system and do not need to be prepaid at this time.

Please send your child/children to school next Tuesday in full summer uniform. School jumpers can be worn as the day may be chilly – although we’re hoping that our beautiful weather will remain!

Thank you for your assistance.

Gail Vaughan
How to order with Cash

1. **Select**: Choose the package that you wish to purchase.
2. **Payment**: Calculate total of order, then place cash in envelope. Please ensure correct money is used as NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN.
3. **Check** that your child’s name is spelt correctly on photo envelope.
4. **Family Photo**: Collect family envelopes from school office prior to photo day.
5. Every student must present their envelope to photographer on photo day, even if payment is included in family or student’s envelope.

ALL ORDERS RECEIVED AFTER PHOTO DAY ARE SUBJECT TO A $20 SEARCH FEE

*Please do not place envelopes inside one another*

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**Class Presentation**

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_Free Pay Envelope_  

If you are not fully satisfied with your photographs simply return them to our office within 14 days and you'll receive a full refund.

**Extra Items Available**

*Prices and availability subject to change.*

- **Individual Portrait Items**:  
  - Available Online Only
  - $6+ (Available online only)

- **Gift Pack**:  
  - All 12 items

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**www.msp.com.au**
Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of each month 6.30pm. All parents are

School Community Hall for hire. Chertsey Community Cottage for hire
Phone school Office for details

Assembly times
K-6 Friday (Even Weeks) 1:45-2:45
K-2 Wednesday (Odd Weeks) 9:15-9:45
3-6 Friday (Odd Weeks) 1:45-2:30

Dates to remember

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Please notify the office of any address and telephone number changes. In the event of an emergency we must have current information

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardian
When medication is needed to be administered at school it is a departmental requirement that a form be filled out before we are able to administer the medication. Please see the office staff for a form when needed.

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Groups

Central Coast Family Support Service facilitates the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Program on the Central Coast. The program offers support to families whose grandparents have the full-time responsibility of raising their grandchildren. Raising grandchildren presents its own set of challenges, including: upheaval to their lives; the isolation the energy drain and the financial and legal difficulties they face. There is often little preparation for the new role they have taken on with a host of unforeseen problems to encounter. Meeting regularly with people who share similar experiences is one you can be helpful.

Central Coast Family Support Service facilitates two GRG support groups:

**Wyong Group:** meet the first Thursday of the month 9.30am – 11.30am during school term at Wyong Public School, Cuffler Drive Wyong – Schools As Community Centre (SACC) building.

*First Term Groups are as follows:*
- 7th February 2013
- 7th March 2013
- 4th April 2013

**Gosford Group:** meet the first Monday of the month 9.30am – 11.30am during school term at Phillip House 21 Old Mt Penang Road Kariong.

*First Term Groups are as follows:*
- 25th February 2013
- 25th March 2013
- 29th April 2013

Groups meet for up to two hours for a coffee and a chat in a casual, confidential and welcoming environment. Providing an opportunity to meet other caregivers, to relax and take time out and to receive support and information about other services.

For more information please contact Sarah Grey at Central Coast Family Support on 4340 1965 or email sgray@ccfsa.com.au

If you would like to include this information in your newsletter to families, you can download a digital copy of this letter from our website www.ccfsa.org.au

Regards,
Sarah Grey – Program Coordinator
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FOR KIDS AGED 7-15

9th February - A jar of felt HEARTS/ A love-ly garland-Happy Valentines Day~
16th February - Beaded creations
23rd February - Tie dyed T-shirts (bring your own white T-shirt-optional)
2nd March - Decoupaged Jewellery Box

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Monday 11th February for 13 years to 16 years
Monday 18th February for Ladies

And at Chertsey Public School Hall on:
Tuesday 5th February for 13 years to 16 years

And at Niagara Park Community Centre on:
Monday 11th February for 2nd Year & Open Seniors

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