It is difficult to believe we are now beginning the second half of Term 1. There have certainly been many things happening in our busy school. And despite being a very wet start to the year we have managed for most things to still go ahead.

**GREAT SUPPORT for RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY and SMIDDY CYCLISTS**

An event that has now become much anticipated each year is the Smiling for Smiddy cyclists visit to our school. Last Wednesday we combined it with a Ride 2 School Day. This encourages our Years 5&6 students to consider riding a bicycle or scooter to school. It also requires students to display knowledge of road rules and safety measures prior to being issued with their license and being permitted to ride to school.

After cycling 160km, the cyclists certainly enjoyed the BBQ lunch cooked by our General Assistant, Terry Waters and regular volunteer David Moyle, sandwiches supplied by our canteen and fruit and drinks organised by staff. The students enjoyed their presentation on sun awareness and bike safety. Earlier in the day Erina Bikeworx mechanics Chris and Jarred, visited our school and carried out bike safety checks and maintenance on student’s bikes. They stayed for our morning assembly and provided important bike safety tips and had a ‘lucky draw’ for four new helmets. The lucky winners were: Hannah, Sophia, Mya and Lachlan. And well done to students, staff, parents and one very generous community member who donated over $360 to the Smiddy Cancer Appeal! They have now raised over $3 million in total over quite a number of years. A fantastic effort!

**TRIPLE P STEPPING STONES**

In last week’s newsletter you might have read about the TRIPLE P STEPPING STONES program coming soon to Chertsey. I highly commend this program for parents and carers of children who have a developmental disability. We were fortunate to have been offered one of just 20 places across NSW for one of our teachers, Miss Heidi Daley, to be trained to deliver this valuable course.

Keep an eye out in our newsletter for course details. It’s a great opportunity for our parents and carers!
SCHOOL FETE COMMITTEE MEETING

Also in last week’s newsletter was a note about our first meeting to discuss the organisation of this year’s school fete. We are fortunate to have members of the hugely successful 2011 fete committee backing up again this year.

You do not have to have any area of specific skill to contribute, just a pair of willing hands!

For more information email: chertseyfete@gmail.com
OR contact Alison Peto-Hamilton-0416 246 705 or Veronica Brown 0409 071 171.

CHOOSH BEFORE SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

I am aware that a number of our parents and carers are currently using the Woodport (WOOSH) before school care facility. As such, the management of WOOSH have constructed a survey to ascertain the level of interest in before school care at Chertsey.

Please return these surveys ASAP if interested otherwise it will be assumed you will not need this facility.

**WARNING** HIGHWAY PATROL ARE POLICING Chertsey’s SCHOOL ZONES

Sadly, each week I receive reports of drivers who have been speeding in school zones, illegally parking on or near the school crossing and completing U turns on or near our pedestrian crossing. As we ALL know little children and motor vehicles are a dangerous combination. It has come to the attention of our local Police Command who have instructed the Highway Patrol officers to monitor our school zones. I have been informed that they were out and about last week and have already caught at least one motorist speeding in a school zone. They will enforce the penalties for those who place the safety of our students at risk.

Please be aware that the fines for breaking the road rules in school zones are very steep, up to $540, so I urge parents and carers to keep an eye on their speed and think about where they drop off and collect their children.

Please obey the road rules for the safety of ALL our children.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Aboriginal Education Consultative Group known as the AECG is a community based voluntary organisation that has been operating since 1970 and is the peak advisory group for Aboriginal education in NSW.

I urge parents and carers of children, particularly those with Aboriginal heritage, to try to attend these meetings. It’s a chance for you to be aware of what’s happening in your local schools and community. It is very informal and new members are made to feel very welcome. The cost is only $2 for a year’s membership.

The next AECG meeting for our local AECG, Tudibaring, is on Wednesday week, March 13, at Kincumber Public School, commencing at 6pm. For more information phone Kerry Turner-0424686329

CLASSY ARTICLE

Well done class 5/6F for your very classy article in last week’s newsletter. I am sure our newsletter readers enjoyed reading your interesting work which included information about Antarctica, Focus on Reading strategies and You Can Do It elements!

This week class K/1H contribute to the Classy Article section of the newsletter. I am sure we will all enjoy seeing how well they have settled into school routines.

Well done K/1H!!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thank you Mrs Vaughan for once again coordinating the school photographs last Tuesday. John Parmenter, the owner of Master School Portraits was on hand to ensure all went well and I am confident we will all be happy with the results. At this stage we are hopeful of them being available before the end of the term.

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING at Chertsey (Repeat)

What do you know about our local high school-Erina HS?

Our P&C have organised a special information evening at Chertsey on Tuesday, March 26 in our school library between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Meet the principal, Mrs Karen Nicol, school student leaders and former Chertsey students who currently attend Erina HS. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear about the school programs and how classes are formed and operate. A light supper will be served by our P&C.

I urge ALL parents, no matter the age of your children, to come along to this important evening. Many parents are interested in finding out as much information as they can about high schools when their children are in the early years as they know the time in primary school goes quickly.

CLEAN UP DAY

Thank you to Mrs Wickert and the Gecko Club for organising Clean Up Day which due to weather was postponed from last week and will be held Tuesday 5th March. Children are reminded to bring gloves and a hat.
Please return this RSVP slip to our office ASAP to indicate your intention to attend this evening. The P&C have set a minimum of 15 families for this to proceed. I strongly urge you to make the effort to attend.

**ERINA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING at CHERTSEY**

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Thank you for the invitation to the Erina HS Information Evening. I look forward to attending.

**NAME:** ____________________________  **Ph Contact:** ____________________________

**CHILDREN:** _________________________________________________________________

*Please forward this information to our school office. We are sure you find the evening worthwhile*

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**ANNUAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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 $1430 in our annual contribution drive.**

**FRENCH MARKETS TO BE HELD AT 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!

**YEAR 6 to 7 HIGH SCHOOL 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.**

**SUNSAFE AND UNIFORM PROUD WINNER**

Our Sunsafe and Uniform Proud Hat draw winner for this week is Kaitlyn of class 5/6F who wins a slushy from the school canteen. Congratulations Kaitlyn! 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. I continue to be very proud of how smart the students look in FULL school uniform. Let’s keep it up!

**Trust you will have an enjoyable week,**

John Anderson
Expression of Interest Survey

Before School Care at Chertsey Public School

Throughout the past year, we have had increasing requests from families and parents of children attending Chertsey Public School for CHOOSH Care to provide Before School Care.

To determine whether it would be viable to operate Before School Care at CHOOSH Care, we would like any parents who may use Before School Care now or in the future, to complete the following Expression of Interest Survey and return to CHOOSH Care.

If Before School Care appears to be a feasible option we hope to trial Before School Care during Term 2 2013, providing care from 6:30am – 8:30am from CHOOSH Care (Chertseydale Cottage).

What is Before School Care?

Before School Care is available to assist families who may require care for their children from 6:30am – 8:30am. Children are supervised by our qualified and experienced CHOOSH Care staff and engage in indoor activities and crafts.
Breakfast of toast or a variety of cereals and flavoured Milk is provided.
CHOOSH Care is a CCB registered service (eligible for Child Care Benefit).

Question 1: Does your child currently attend CHOOSH Care
☐ Yes
☐ No

Question 2: If Yes, how often does your child attend CHOOSH Care?
Casual basis (0 – 5 times per term)
Casual basis (5+ times per term)
Permanent Basis (0 – 2 times per week)
Permanent Basis (3+ times per week)

Question 3: Does your child currently attend WOOSH Care for Before School Care and catch the school bus to Chertsey Public School?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Question 4: If Before School Care was on site at Chertsey Public School, would your child attend Before School Care?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Question 5: If yes, how which days would your child attend Before School Care?

☐ Monday  ☐ Tuesday  ☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday  ☐ Casual basis (0-5)  ☐ Casual Basis (5+)
☐ Friday  ☐ times per term)  ☐ times per term)

Question 6: How many children do you have that would attend Before School Care?

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Question 7: If Before School Care was trialed during Term 2 2013, operating at Chertsey Public School, would your child attend?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Question 6: Please comment on why Before School Care at Chertsey Public School would assist you

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If you would like to be contacted should Before School Care become available, please leave your contact details below:

Name: __________________________________________________

Child's Name: ____________________________________________  Child's Age: ________

Contact Number: _________________________________________

Thank you for your interest - Your feedback is very important.

Please return all completed surveys to CHOOSH Care or scan and email to woosh.care@bigpond.com, fax to (02) 4365 1101 or post to PO BOX 3064, ERINA, 2250
2013 SSC DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to these students have qualified 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): Nathaniel, Tyler, Brandon, Morgan, Amy, Hannah, Madeline, Kyra and Matthew. Information regarding this carnival has already been sent home. Please ensure the relevant notes are returned to me as soon as possible.

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. 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:

***DUE THIS WEEK***
1. A Deposit of $40 due Thursday 8th March (Term 1, Week 6)
2. $40 payment due by Friday 12th April (Term 1, Week 11)
3. $40 payment due by Friday 10th May (Term 2, Week 2)
4. $40 final payment due by Friday 7th June (Term 2, Week 6)

This excursion has the permission of the Principal.

Stage 2 Teachers

DADS FISHING DAY

Our annual Fishing day will be held later in the year close to fathers day. This day is open to all! it will be a great day of fun and fishing! please stay tuned for more details closer to the date!! Please see Nada or Donna for details.

HARMONY DAY

Many Stories One Australia
http://www.harmony.gov.au
Australia’s cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. We all make up the pages of a bigger Australia and we all have a story to tell.
STAY TUNED for more details of what we as a school community are planning for 2013!
See Donna Knee our Chaplain for more Details

Kind Regards
Donna Knee
Chaplain
Chertsey Primary School.
K-1H has been working on writing ‘Recounts’. These are some of our recounts about our weekends.

On the weekend I made a cake and I ate it at home. It was a chocolate cake and it was yummy.          Chloe

On the weekend Uncle Wayne came down to see my dad. Uncle Wayne went away today. We had fun.       Ken

On the weekend I went to my niece’s party. I played pass the parcel. Then we had meatballs for dinner.    Zeb

On the weekend I rode my dirt bike and I did a backflip. When it was night time I watched ‘Arrow’       Hunter

On the weekend I went out for dinner and I had nuggets and chips. It was for Blake’s birthday.      Tyhler

On the weekend I went fishing with my dad. I caught two fish. We had McDonalds for dinner.         Jeorgia
On the weekend I painted the walls in the toilet white and white on the door in the kitchen. My mum gave me an ice block. Addison

On the weekend I rode my uncle’s motorbike. I did a front flip. Brendan

On the weekend I went to Lola’s place and we played tip. We had chocolate because I was good. Aleida

On the weekend I played ABC for Kids on the computer. Then I played my brother’s PSP. After I cooked banana muffins with my mum. I had fun. Hayley

On the weekend I played my DS and I unlocked new cars from my sister’s game of Lightning McQueen. Jack

On the weekend I went to the park and I saw Brandon. Konstantinos

On the weekend I went to the shops to get a Littlest Pet Shop house. Meikah
**Information for all parents/carers** – an “Authority to Publish” note has been sent home with your child. Please send back the attached slip indicating if you agree or not agree for your child to have photos/ work published (as outlined in the note) as soon as possible. Also please return the slip to your classroom teacher. Every child should return a slip.

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**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

This year we are looking for donations of new, handmade items to spoil that someone special.

So if you are crafty or handy and can help us we’d love to hear from you.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the stall on the day.

All assistance is greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact myself via the school office.

Michelle Frazer
P and C Secretary

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**Student Banking**

Remember our banking day is Tuesday each week.

Could you please ensure that the deposit and receipt slips are completed for each deposit that is being made. It makes it easier (and quicker) to complete the transaction.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Michelle Frazer
Student Banking Coordinator
Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of each month 6.30pm. All parents are welcome.

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

School as Community Centres
Phone: 4323 7158
Fax: 4323 7158
Facilitator: Nada Potter

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

**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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**Canteen**

Our canteen is now open on:
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
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 where 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, 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 unforseen problems to encounter. Meeting regularly with people who share similar experiences to 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, Cutler 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 Phillips House 21 Ole Mt Peanong 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 Gray at Central Coast Family Support on 4940 1665 or email sarah@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 Gray – Program Coordinator

Central Coast Family Support Services Inc.

Phone: (02) 4940 1665
Fax: (02) 4940 2132
Email: ccfsa@ocbix.com.au
Web: www.ccfsa.org.au
### Before School
- Milo (hot or cold) 0.80
- Muffin 0.80
  (vegemite, jam or honey)

### Hot Food
- Cheese burger 3.50
- Chicken burger 4.00
- Chicken burger deluxe 5.00
- Chicken balls each 0.75
- Chicken nuggets each 0.60
- Chicken fingers each 0.60
- Dino snacks each 0.60
- Ham & pineapple pizza 4.00
- Mini pizza slice 0.30
- Lasagna 200g 4.40
- Mega Noodle cup 0.60
- Hot dog & sauce 2.70
- Pie & sauce 3.00
- Sausage roll (lite) & sauce 3.00
- Tomato sauce – extra 0.50

### Meal Deals
- Sumo Salad 6.50
- Salad sandwich, flavoured milk, popcorn
- Loopy Lasagna 5.00
- Lasagna, Juice cup, wobbli

### Sandwiches/Wraps
- B beans/Spaghetti 2.00
- Cheese 2.00
- Cheese & Tomato 2.20
- Chicken 3.50
- Chicken & Cheese 3.80
- Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo 3.80
- Chicken salad 5.00
- Egg 2.00
- Egg and lettuce 2.20
- Ham or Tuna 3.00
- Ham & Cheese 3.30
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato 4.50
- Ham or Tuna & Salad 4.50
- Salad 3.50
- Vegemite 2.00

### Snacks
- Rolls extra 0.30
- Toasted extra 0.30
- Wholesome bread available
- Salad – lettuce, tomato, carrot, beet, cucumber

### Salad Bowl/Plate
- (with egg, ham or tuna)

- Small salad bowl 4.00
- Large salad plate 5.50

### Frozen Treats
- Jelly Stix 0.30
- Wobbli 0.50
- Money triangle 1.00
- TNT sour pop 1.00
- Moosie 1.60

### Drinks
- Flavoured milk 300ml 1.80
- Juice 250ml popper 1.80
- Water 600ml 1.50
- Juice cup 110ml 0.80

### Birthday Cakes
Freshly made and decorated cupcakes for the birthday child and their classmates, delivered to the classroom with candles and serviettes. Please order a week in advance.
St. Edwards R.L.F.C

Players Wanted for the 2013 season
U/6s to U/16s, and open age
U/7s and U/8s (free Registration to new Boys to the club in this age group only.
Includes, Insurance, shorts and socks)
This offer is sponsored by Battery Allsorts West Gosford

Anymore info, please contact:

Megan Kirby: 0405141481
Wayne Clarke: 0409234066
Coast Care Counselling – are you feeling a little down or anxious? Or maybe you are feeling stressed about a problem and you are not sure what to do? Have you thought about seeing a Counsellor? Counselling can help. Coast Care provide affordable Counselling for people who are experiencing a wide range of issues such as relationship problems, grief and loss and so much more. Kylie Fawker and Kath Francis are now available at Chertsey Public School, Cottage. For more details or to make an appointment contact Kylie 0439 809 506 or Kath 0421 595 420 or visit our website www.coastcarecounselling.org