LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TERM 2

This term is shaping up as another exciting one as you can read in the newsletter with the NAPLAN testing for Years 3 & 5, Mother’s Day breakfast and stall, sporting activities, stage excursions, practicum students and the Beaut Behaviour BBQ …just to name a few of the activities coming up and also a short term of just 9 weeks!

I would also like to remind parents and carers that in colder weather students are expected to wear the navy blue long sleeved school uniform tops or our senior students can wear the school tracksuit type jackets. If another top needs to be worn for an unavoidable reason a note to myself or the class teacher will suffice for a short period of time until a school top can be organised. Please note, we do have a limited number of spare tops in the back office and one can be supplied upon request. I look forward seeing our students continuing to proudly wear their full school uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Wiseman who has enjoyed an extended overseas holiday where she and her fiancé, Steven, took their wedding vows on the beautiful island of Maui. On behalf of our staff and school community we pass on our congratulations and best wishes for their future together.

Anzac Day

Thank you to parents, prefects and staff who attended and participated in the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Terrigal. With a fine morning their was a very large crowd in attendance to remember our fallen and current serving service people. On behalf of our school and community, our prefects placed a unique wreath of Australian native wildflowers at the cenotaph.
Our school ANZAC Ceremony was held on the last Friday of last term. Our students are to be congratulated for the respect that was shown during the ceremony and towards our visitors. Led by our prefects they confidently presided over proceedings. Mr Bethel, Mr Davis, and Mr Wyllie from the Terrigal/Wamberal RSL Sub-Branch and parent, Mr Harbach were thrilled to be able to again visit classrooms and answer the many and varied answers from our students. Miss Whitty is to be applauded for organisation and our visitors also greatly appreciated the lovely morning tea and seeing our ANZAC floral tribute with flowers brought in by students. Our General Assistant, Mr Waters, designs and constructs this temporary memorial from sand each year. Thank you Mr Waters.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

Individual student NAPLAN reports will be sent to the school later this year. The school retains a copy and parents/carers will also receive a copy. Parents/carers can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents/carers may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au.

Mothers Day

Thank you to our hard working group of parents and carers, led by our P&C Secretary, Michelle Fraser, who have ensured our students have presents to purchase for Mothers Day. Students are able to purchase presents next Tuesday 7th of May. Further details are in this newsletter.

Also, our School Chaplain, Mrs Donna Knee, is coordinating a Mother’s Day Breakfast for all of our mums on Thursday morning, May 9. It promises to be a great morning in the fine tradition of Chertsey breakfasts!

After School Literacy Club

Our Smith Family Facilitator, Regina Gilbert, has once again arranged for an After School Club to be hosted at Chertsey. Commencing with a healthy afternoon snack in the Meeting Room it will start on Friday 10th of May, at 3.15pm.

Thank you Regina for offering this great opportunity to our students and also Miss Whitty for assisting with organisation and supervision.
REMINDERS

P&C Meeting

Our May monthly P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 14th May at 6.30 pm in the school staffroom. With a time limit of just 2 hours we hope to encourage as many parents and carers to attend. It is a great way to be informed as to what is happening at your child’s school. We hope to see you there.

THIS WEEK’S CLASSY ARTICLE

This week’s class K6JV share with us Australian geography, flora, fauna and culture. Well done K6JV.

SUNSAFE AND UNIFORM PROUD WINNER

Our Sunsafe and Uniform Proud Hat draw winner for this week is Kyah of class 3/4WS who wins a slushy from the school canteen. Congratulations Allanah! 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!

Looking forward to beaut Term2!
John Anderson

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AASC

Active will begin for Term 2 on Monday 6th May. Both days are full, so I am unable to accept any new children.

Kate

Before School Care at CHOOSEH Care

As you may be aware, CHOOSEH Care issued a Before School Care (BSC) survey during Term 1, to determine whether there was a need for BSC on site at Chertsey Primary School. The feedback from this survey was very positive, with many parents identifying that they would utilize Before School Care.

We are pleased to announce that CHOOSEH care will be trialing Before School Care during Term 2 & 3 2013, and will be commencing from Monday 13th May (Week 3).

Before School Care will operate from CHOOSEH Care (Chertseydale Community Cottage) from 6:30am – 8:30am Monday – Friday during school terms. Children attending BSC will be supervised by our experienced and qualified staff and will be provided with breakfast and activities during morning care.

If you would like to enrol your child at CHOOSEH Care for Before or After School Care, please pick up an enrolment form from Bec at CHOOSEH or contact WOOSH Care on (02) 4367 8666 for more information.

Please note: Enrolments and bookings must be received ASAP to ensure that this trial is successful.

Thank you - we look forward to meeting all of the new families and children who will be attending Before School Care.

Milka Roach
Director
CHOOSEH Care (WOOSH Care Inc)
In term 1, students in K-6JV learnt about Australian geography, flora, fauna and culture. Below are a few examples of the magnificent work currently displayed in our classroom.

**Australian Flora**
“Bottlebrush and Wattle”
Acrylic Paint

**Australian Fauna**
“Kookaburra”
Watercolour and Pastel

**Culture – Built Australian Icons**
“Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge”
Acrylic Paint, Coloured Paper, Texta
Funco After School Activities

Dear Chertsey Primary School Parents,

This letter is to gauge your interest in your child/children taking part in ongoing Friday afternoon activities at the school. The diverse options we are proposing such as drama and/or music games; art and craft; outdoor games; homework help, reading groups and technology sessions would provide your children with a positive start to their weekend and to build relationships with people in their neighbourhood.

We are a group of Springfield residents (teachers, senior high school students and young adults) wanting to give back to our community. Our plan is for these activity afternoons to run every second Friday from 3.15 - 4.15 during Term Two. If you would like your child to be a part of this, could you please indicate which of the above activities they would be interested in pursuing, by completing the short questionnaire below.

Yours Sincerely
Funco members.

Please return to the school office

Funco After School Activities

My child __________________Class ____________________ would be interested in participating in the following aspects of the program, drama and/or music games;

- art and craft;
- outdoor games;
- homework help and
- technology sessions

Please circle the activity/activities that your child would like to participate in.
At the entertainment centre, Sydney, the other prefects and I attended the Young Leaders Day. Then after we had finished eating a speaker came on, her name was Jess Fox, Jess Fox is an Olympic Silver Medallist.

At the age of 18 Jess attended the 2012 Olympic games and won a silver medal in kayaking for Australia. It all started with a dream, a dream to go to the Olympic Games. She said that anyone can achieve their dream if they try hard. Jess stayed loyal to her sport and school so she had no free time to do the things she loved because she had a juggle her school work and kayaking.

I admire the way she persevered through thick and thin to finally plant herself in among the heroes she had seen on TV, and to truly make a dream come true.

Indy 5/6S

Jessica Fox

By Kales

All of the speeches at young leader’s day really inspired me but Jessica’s speech really stood out.

She isn’t that much older than us so it was easy to understand what she was trying to say. She didn’t exactly tell us how to be a good leader but she said she had been doing sports since she was pretty young and she still does those sports, and that’s amazing because she is now 18yrs old.

I was guessing that what she said all came from persistence and a bit of confidence. But the thing that amazed me was that when she was in high school she estimated that her ATAR would be about 97.3, but through that year she really did her best and she got 99.1 and came first in her year. That showed me that you can still do the things you love and still get things right if you work hard and always do your best.
One of the speakers at Young Leaders Day was Creel Price: Creel Price is a man who as a child started a strawberry business. Eventually he expanded that business and before he left high school he had 8 businesses. Then when he left University he had at least 13 businesses. He sold one of them and made millions of dollars and owns a few today. He has been very successful and encourages young people to be the best they can be. That’s why Creel Price is a big inspiration to me and hopefully every young leader because if you persevere you can do anything.

by Matthew 5/6F

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Young Leader’s Day

Creel price

The prefects and I went to the Young Leaders Day. Creel Price inspired me to run charities and to challenge myself at all times and to set goals. I believe creel price is a great role model.

Ryan 5/6F
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:

***OVERDUE***
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

CHOIR NEWS

In week 7, all students in our primary choir received a yellow information and permission note as we are lucky enough to be participating in the Central Coast Choral Festival this year. We will be performing with over ten other schools at a concert on Thursday 5th September at Mingara Recreation Club Auditorium. In preparation for this event, our choir will be attending a number of rehearsals at other schools.

The dates for these are as follows:

- **Rehearsal 1** - Thursday 30th May - Ettalong Public School (full day)
- **Composer Workshop** - Thursday 6th June - Niagara Park Public School (half day only - venue/time to be confirmed)
- **Rehearsal 2** - Thursday 25th July - Woy Woy South Public School (full day)
- **Rehearsal 3** - Thursday 22nd August - Wamberal Public School (full day)

We are hoping to minimise costs by using private transport rather than hiring a bus each time. As our choir group is quite large we would require a minimum of 10-15 parents willing to transport up to 4 students each. Please indicate on the note if you are able to transport on even one of the above dates. If we don’t have enough volunteers we will be hiring a bus which will cost approximately $8 -$10 per trip. It is very important that all students attend all rehearsals.

Please return the yellow permission note (along with transport availability) as well as the **$10 choir participation fee** in a labelled envelope to the office by the end of the term.

Whilst I am on leave Mrs Blumer will be holding one lunchtime rehearsal session each week. I look forward to learning more fantastic songs with the choir in Term 2!

Miss Wiseman
Choir Co-ordinator
Calling all Mums, Carers, Aunties and Grandparents!!

we are having a Mother’s Day Breakfast on

*Thursday 9th May at 8am-9am. In the School Hall*

Let’s take some time to honour
YOU!

The amazing women who care for our children and
truly make
a difference in Chertsey Children’s lives

Please put this date in your diary

(it’s the second Thursday of term 2!)

*Please fill in the form below and return to school office to let us know if you are coming for catering purposes.*

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**MOTHER’S DAY– BREAKFAST**

I _______ can come to the Mother’s Day Breakfast on Thursday 9th May, 2013 at 8am-9am.

My children are coming with me ___________________________ Others who are coming with me are ________.

(Name/s) (Class)

Thank you
MERIT AWARDS (Week 10 Term 2)

KA
Angela
Steven

K/1H
Alexander
Chloe

1/2W
Ben
Ivy

2B
Saxon
Bree

K-2F
Luke

Library
Amara

3/4WS
Jaydenn
Joe

3/4W
Trent
Mia

K-6JV
Lachlan

K-6D
Elijah

5/6S
Jack
Khaleesa

5/6F
Cody
Sami

Library
Sarah

Reading
Heath

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure
by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to me or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

Things to know before you Can:

Remember our weekly banking day is Tuesday.
Michelle Frazer
Student Banking Coordinator
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

Monday 6/5
AASC Gymnastics

Tuesday 7/5
Mother’s Day Stall (Gifts priced between $2 and $8)

Thursday 9/5
Mother’s Day Breakfast
Hearing Test (Aboriginal Children)
AASC—AFL

Tuesday 14/5–16/5
NAPLAN (YRS 3 AND 5)

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

Our canteen is now open on:
Wednesday
Thursday and Friday

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.

Chertsey Primary School is not responsible for, and expressly disclaims all liability for, damages of any kind arising out of use, reference to, or reliance on any information contained within advertisements placed in our Newsletters.
**Mother’s Day Stall**
*Tuesday 7 May 2013*

*Gifts priced between $2.00 and $8.00*

To make it easier for our stall volunteers we ask that money be placed in an envelope with the child’s name, class and who they are buying for (and dollar value) on the front.

Volunteers – If you can help we are meeting at 9am on the day to set up.

Michelle Frazer  
P and C Secretary

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**Bring cultural exchange into your home!**

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family.

Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

Contact us today to start your adventure in student exchange!  
Charge free: 1800 263 964  
Email: stsf@people.net.au  
Web: www.sts-education.com.au

STS Student Exchange, PO Box 666, Hornsby NSW 1630 ABN 35 095790177  
STS is registered with the Department of Education of New South Wales.
Gosford Regional Show
4th & 5th May, 2013
See "Kids Produce Section " on website

125 Years Of Family Fun At Gosford Regional Show 2013
Saturday 4th 9am – 7pm & Sunday 5th May 9am – 4.30pm

TWO FULL DAYS OF FAMILY FUN

Celebrate 125 years of tradition as Gosford Regional Show brings out the best in family fun and value for the family $$ at Gosford Showground the weekend of 4-5 May.

Photographs, Video Footage, YouTube & Social Media

This is a reminder to all parents that we need to continue to respect the privacy of other students and their families. If you are taking photos or video footage of school activities, please stay focused on your child. The images that you capture are not to be uploaded onto any social media sites, including YouTube and FaceBook, without the express permission of the students concerned, their parents and the school. We appreciate your ongoing cooperation in regard to this matter.