March 21, Harmony Day was a great success thanks to Mrs Donna Knee and the many parents who gave up their time to talk at our assembly and help out with the decorations. Every child in the school made a decoration that was displayed in the hall and added to our orange theme. The students looked great in their orange inspired attire and thank you to all of the children who went to so much effort to dress up.

The day started with a lovely multi-cultural breakfast organised by Mrs Wastell and the canteen offered many ‘orange food items’ that the children loved. Thank you to Di our canteen lady for the effort she made in preparing the extra food items to sell on this day. The assembly held in the afternoon saw our beautiful choir sing and everyone would agree as to how delightful they sounded. Thank you to Mrs Scott for all of the hard work she has invested in getting our school choir up and going so quickly this year.

The parents that spoke to our children represented the countries Indonesia, Brazil, Greece, New Zealand and our traditional custodians of this land. It was fantastic listening to these parents talk about their native country. Thank you to Brock, Kahil, Ismal, Lucy, Joahnne, Konstantinos, Nancy, Seraya and Elga for speaking at our Harmony Day assembly in order to highlight cultural diversity, inclusivity and respect.

Red Cross Breakfast

The Red Cross have donated to Chertsey Primary School for many years now so our breakfast club can run effectively. On Tuesday last week we held a BBQ breakfast of bacon and egg sandwiches to raise money to donate back to this very generous charity. Mrs Wastell coordinated this event and we rose over $200. Thank you to all of the staff members who helped out on Tuesday morning and to the many families for supporting this event.

High School Expression of Interest forms

Thank you to all of the parents who returned the high school expression of interest forms before the closing date. I will now be passing these forms onto relevant high schools and they will be in touch with families later in the year. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me in regard to local high schools.
School Contributions

Please see Mrs Denning in the front office to pay this contribution by the end of next week if you wish to be in draw for the 2 Coles/Myer gift vouchers worth $50 each. These will be raffled off in week 11 so be quick!

Maluerindi Clan – Aboriginal Workshop

The performance and all day workshop went ahead last Thursday March 20. The children were involved in workshops including painting, dream time stories and music. They then were involved in an afternoon performance which the children enjoyed immensely. Thank you to Ms Craig for organising this worthwhile event and to the families for supporting this workshop.

Young Leaders Day

Yesterday I attended the Young Leaders Day with our 6 prefects. This was held at The Entertainment Centre Sydney and was an exciting day. We were lucky enough to hear from 4 inspirational people including, Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose, Coen Ashton and The Hon Bob Carr. Thank you to the P&C who subsidised the tickets for the students to attend. It was certainly a long day but well worthwhile.

Cross Country

This event will be held on Friday this week. Children are to wear their sports uniform and running will begin at 1pm. The canteen will be available for the duration of the afternoon. Thank you to Ms Whitty for coordinating this event and the extra time she has put into training the keen participants. Good luck to all of our runners. Unfortunately I will be at a Principal’s conference on this day but I am looking forward to hearing about the day and learning the results of our runners.

Easter Raffle

Don’t forget to hop to and sell the Easter Raffle tickets that were sent home to all families last week. There are 5 amazing baskets sitting in my office ready to be eaten by the lucky winners! If you would like another booklet please see our office ladies for another. Mrs Frazer has once again done a great job on making up these prizes and I wish all of you good luck but I am sure I will win one of them! Thank you Mrs Frazer and good luck boys and girls!

Anzac Day Service

On Friday April 11 we will be holding our Anzac Day service at school on this day. We will be holding a full school assembly at 9:15am in our school hall to mark this special occasion and all parents and friends are welcome. We have visitors from the sub branch of Terrigal/Wamberal attending to speak to the students about Anzac Day and then visiting classes to answer questions the children may have. The dawn service on April 25 will once again go ahead. Prefects, staff members and myself will be in attendance and I hope to see many more representatives from Chertsey Primary School there bright and early! If you intend on coming please meet at the police station at 5:15am to join the march around to the surf club where the service and wreath laying will go ahead.

School Holidays

The last day of term is Friday April 11 and children will return on Tuesday April 29. I take this opportunity to say what a wonderful first term I have had here at Chertsey Primary School. I am looking forward to seeing many refreshed faces next term and I would like to thank everyone for their support and kind welcome. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday.

Thank you

SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to Jack and Luka of classes 1W and 5/6F who won this week’s hat draw. Both students win a slushy, courtesy of our canteen and our P&C. It is great to see our students proudly wearing their summer uniform.

Congratulations Jack and Luka enjoy your slushy
We are currently seeking your help with payment of your voluntary contributions. All funds collected go directly to our school library for the purchase of new books for the children. This is the only income for the library so we would encourage you wherever possible to make this contribution to our school. A raffle will be held at the end of term 1 for all those who have paid the contribution. Good luck to all in the draw!
Cross Country Sports Carnival: Friday, April 4, 2014

Dear Families, our school Cross Country Sports Carnival is coming up soon. It will be held here at school on Friday 4th, April 2014. The full course includes a section outside our school boundary. Students aged 8, 9 and 10 years run 2km (one lap of the oval and 2 laps of the full course) and students aged 11, 12 and 13 years run 3km (two laps of the oval and three laps of the full course). The Southern Central Coast District Cross Country will be held in Week 4 of Term 2.

Our infant students, ages 5 and 6 years, will run one lap of the primary oval, and 7 year olds will run two laps. Infant’s races will start at 1:00pm. Lunch two will begin at 12:15 on this day. All students are expected to participate in the cross country as it is part of our PD/H/PE program. Non-participation will only be allowed with a written note from a parent. The students have been doing some training at lunchtimes and in the mornings but unfortunately the ground has been very wet the last few weeks.

A more detailed note, including an out of school permission note (for students 8years and above) was sent home last week. Please return this as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. Parent help on the day would be very welcome.

Anne Whitty

ANZAC Assembly

Our ANZAC assembly will be held on Friday, 11th April (the last day of this term) at 9:15 am. Parents are invited to attend and share this special occasion with us. Invited guests from the local Sub Branch of the RSL will also attend and spend time with students in the classroom. Prefects will run the assembly. They will also represent us at the Terrigal Dawn Service.

Anne Whitty

LOST ITEMS

There are a large number of lost items in the office. These include lunch boxes, etc. If your child has lost an item could you please check with the office as at the end of term these will be disposed of.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF AASC FOR THE TERM
**Student Council Representatives (SRC)**

Voting has been completed for our Term 2 Representatives. They will receive their badges at the K-6 Assembly in week 2 after the holidays. The representatives are:

- KA  Alexis and Max
- KH  Vienna and Asha
- K/2F  Jailyn
- 1S  Kiarnie and Alexander
- 2C  Eva and Zeb
- 2/3B  Aleida and Ricky
- 3/4W  Annika and Liam
- 3/4S  Nathaniel and Kaylah
- 3/6V  Lachlan
- K/6D  Tate and River
- 5/6F  Will and Amy
- 5/6S  Cooper and Kira

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**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.
All parents and friends are invited to the parade.

K-2 children will be making their hats at school with their buddy class on Monday 7th April.

Children should start collecting things at home to bring to school to decorate their hat. eg cotton balls; pictures; flowers; streamers; stickers; chicks; feathers; tinsel; corks; leaves. Children may bring in their decorations prior to Monday in a plastic bag clearly labeled with their name or on the Monday.

Please be aware that this is NOT a competition but a fun activity. NO prizes will be awarded. The important aspect of this event is not which hat looks the best but that every child has the experience of making a hat and being in a parade. Hats can be made from cardboard or a bought hat can be decorated by your child. Please do not send in chocolate eggs as they may melt and this may upset your child.

The parade will commence at 2:00pm in the COLA. K-2 children will parade around the COLA with their primary buddy.

After the parade the winners of the 3-6 Easter Design Competition will be announced and the P & C will draw ‘The Easter Raffle’.

Happy Easter from the staff and students of Chertsey Primary School
We wish you a safe and happy holiday.
What's Happening in 2/3B?

Year 3 have been working on writing interesting introductions for our stories. Here are some of our starters. Do they make you want to read the rest of the story?

It was a nice sunny day, too hot for frogs, so Freddy the Frog was resting on a lily pad. He was thinking of a cool, cool day and him swimming in the water and jumping in excitement. - Miles

The pond was sparkling and the sun was shining and Benny the frog was lying on a lily pad. He was thinking about catching a nice tasty fly! - Amara

Jake the frog was relaxing in the sun on the lily pad thinking about his old home. A fish had eaten his home so he had to leave it. He was a bit sad and he missed his old home. But he was feeling glad he had been out shopping and didn’t get eaten. – Eleanor

Annabel the wonderful and curious frog was resting on a lily pad. It was a sunny and peaceful day, and she was day dreaming about pirates! – Ricky

It was a sunny warm day and Fred the frog was relaxing in the sun. He was feeling happy and calm, thinking about his favourite food, fish. “Yum, I think I will have three fish for lunch and dinner,” he thought. – Allanah

Emett the frog was relaxing on a lily pad. It was a hot day and he was happily doing nothing. – Zeke

James the frog was relaxing on a lily pad, dreaming about a water slide. He had always wanted a water slide. He wanted the highest water slide in the world. – Zac

Freddy Frog was laying down on a lily pad on a hot day, and he was eating flies. – Saxon

Year 2 are writing speeches about whether or not they would like to be a pirate. Here are some of their ideas:

I would not like to be a pirate because they don’t have enough food to survive. I also wouldn’t like to be a pirate because of the clothes I would have to wear. I would not like to be a pirate because I would like to go to the toilet in private. – Kiarnie

I would like to be a pirate because you would be allowed to kill people and throw them overboard. You can also get lots of treasure. Also you can make people walk the plank. – Chloe

I would not like to be a pirate because of the poor conditions on the ships. I would like to sleep in a hammock, but in a storm I could fall out. I also don’t want to have a hook and a wooden leg. Also I do not want my enemies to kill me. – Kelsey

I would not like to be a pirate because you wouldn’t get to go to the toilet on your own and have some privacy. I wouldn’t want to get sea sick or kill people. Also I wouldn’t like to drink rum and wear their wrecked clothes. I wouldn’t like to get thrown overboard or sleep in a hammock. – Eden

I would not like to be a pirate because I don’t want to kill anyone or get hurt or have a peg leg or eye patch. There could be a storm and I could fall off the boat and drown. Sometimes I would have to drink sea water. – Aleida

I would not like to be a pirate because you could die and couldn’t go to the toilet. My next reason is that you can drown in the sea when you sit on the front of the ship. My third reason is that I don’t want to be mean and I don’t want to be rich. – Isaiah

I would like to be a pirate because I will kill my enemies and get treasure. I would shoot ships with a cannon and I would help my captain. – Hayley

I would like to be a pirate because I would stab me enemies. I would be a crew member and help my captain. And the captain would give me $5000 when we found treasure and I would buy cool gadgets. – Jack
2C Classy Article

This term 2C have been developing their sentence writings skills and writing a recount. Included are some of the recounts that have been written in our literacy groups. The art project we have just finished is called ‘Freight train through the trees’.

The Park

On Saturday I went to the park with my mum and sister. I wanted to play on the slide. First we drove to the park. Next I went on the slide. Then I played with my sister. Finally we went home for dinner. I had fun chasing my sister at the park.

Aboriginal Workshops

Today at school we danced, had stories and painted. We did it with the Maluerindi Clan and learnt about Aboriginal culture. First we did dancing with Toby and he had a didgeridoo. Next we did story telling with Fred and he showed us the boomerang. After that we did some painting. Finally we had lunch. I loved the Aboriginal Workshops. It was fun.

The Beach

On the weekend I went to the beach with my dad and my brother and my sister. My mum’s friend came with her baby too. First we drove to the beach. Then we played on the sand. Next we went in the water and jumped in the waves. After that we had fish and chips for lunch. Finally we went home. It was really fun.
STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the Central Coast area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. **Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.**

Banking day at Chertsey is every TUESDAY

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**Seasons for growth**

will be running next term.

Seasons for Growth® is a small group loss and grief education program. The Young People’s Program aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people who are dealing with significant loss or change including the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster and moving house or school as well as many other life changes and losses.

Small groups of 4-7 children work with a trained adult Companion (facilitator) who supports the children to have a say and learn new ways to think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief, and build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

Please talk to your child about this group and look out for the form in the first week back of term 2!

Miss Donna
Chaplain
**Meatings 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**

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**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

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

- Is open on THURSDAY MORNINGS from 8:30am until 9:00am

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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

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MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2014.

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

Easter Raffle 2014

Tickets for this year's fantastic P and C Easter Raffle are on sale now.

One book per family has been sent home.

Extra books are available at the office.

There are 5 chocolatey prizes to be won!

Tickets are $1.00 each or 3 for $2.00

Money needs to be returned to the office by Wednesday 9 April 2014.

Raffle will be drawn Thursday 10 April 2014.

So hop to it and sell some tickets.

Thank you for supporting our school.

Michelle Frazer
P and C Secretary
Schools as Community Centres
Wyoming Public School

Term 2 is just around the corner!
We have some new activities for next term. Don’t delay and register now!

TRIPLE P PARENTING GROUP WORKSHOP

Thursdays 22, 29 May & 5, 12 June
10am - 12.30 pm
Facilitated by Central Coast Family Support in partnership with Wyoming SACC.
FREE to attend.
Venue is Wingello Cottage, Wyoming Public School, Maidens Brush Road.

123 Magic Emotion Coaching & Parenting Skills Workshop

Fridays 2, 9 May & 16 May 2014
10am - 12.00 pm
Facilitated by SaCC. Fee $20/person
Venue is Wingello Cottage, Wyoming Public School, Maidens Brush Road.

KIDZ ON THE MOVE

Thursdays 9.45am
Commencing 8 May

A fun movement and learning program for 3-5 year olds. We will have obstacle courses, cardio health exercise, aerobic exercise, sports, music and dance.

This is a free class held on Thursday mornings at 9.45am outdoors. The class runs for approx. 40 mins

Registrations for all programs is essential
Contact Philippa on 0477 317 862 or
e-mail: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au
WEST GOSFORD

Easter Family Fun Night
April 10th 2013
6pm till 8pm

Interactive Dinosaur show, fossil dig, Rockpool Adventures, Face painting, craft, light refreshments, Easter Egg hunt and of course the Easter Bunny
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In April 2011 Lina was a fit and healthy 13 year old, attending Henry Kendall High School (after graduating year 6 at Gosford Public School), then Longitudinally Extensive Transverse Myelitis (LETM) struck and she was paralysed from the chest down in a matter of a few hours. For some unknown reason Lina's immune system attacked her spinal cord causing irreversible spinal cord injury leaving her now, at 16 years old, an incomplete paraplegic with extensive medical issues. Little is known about this condition, especially in Australia.

On a quest for better quality of life, Lina and her mother are going to the USA to attend a Transverse Myelitis Family Camp, hosted by the Centre for Courageous Kids in Kentucky, to meet up with other children with the condition and see Transverse Myelitis Specialists and Researchers of this rare neuro-autoimmune condition. Lina is one of only 40 children worldwide accepted into the camp this year. It is an amazing opportunity but to travel to the USA from Australia they require funds for flights, medical insurance and accommodation and we are asking for your help.

Lina’s mother Susi has also established a Go Fund Me site for anybody who cannot attend the fundraiser or for those who may just like to help by donating a few dollars. The following link will take you to this site:

http://www.gofundme.com/6daeu0