Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a lovely break and Easter holiday. We have a busy and exciting term ahead along with some staffing changes. As you are aware Mr Greg Francis has taken up a new position as Deputy Principal at Gosford Public School. Mr Adam McCabe will be teaching 5/6F until such time as staffing replaces Mr Francis. We are very fortunate to have Mr McCabe with us and he is very excited about being a more permanent member of our staff. Mrs Stuckey will be relieving Assistant Principal for years 3-6. Mrs Vaughan has taken a couple of weeks leave and Mrs Rose will be taking K-6V until she returns and Miss Sewell will be relieving Assistant Principal until such time. We also have a new school counsellor Mrs Genevieve Chivers who will be with us 3 days a fortnight.

Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 entry in 2015

All year 4 students this year should have received information about entry to Opportunity Class places for year 5 next year. You are able to apply online up until May 16. If you intend to apply but do NOT have internet access you can collect a paper copy at the front office. Please contact me if you would like more information.

School Contributions

It is not too late to pay school contribution fees but the raffle has been drawn. Thank you to all the families who have paid these fees and congratulations to Mr Vaynman and Mrs Jennings on their winnings. Both families were the recipients of a $50 Myer gift voucher. Please see Mrs Denning in the front office to pay this contribution.

Anzac Day Service

Thank you to the school leaders who braved the weather on Anzac Day and the families and staff members who also attended the dawn service at Terrigal Beach. It was a lovely service even though the weather was not kind to us.

It was great to see many parents at our school Anzac Day service here at school on Friday 11 April. Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to attend this ceremony.
French Country Markets

The French Country markets will be held at our school once again on Saturday May 10. Visitors will be charged an entry fee of $2 which will be donated to our school. All money received will go to teacher aide work to support students in all classes. The staff will be manning the 2 entry points for the duration of the day but we would love to hear from you if you could give up an hour or two to also help out on the day. If you do have an hour spare please give me a ring at school or drop in and see either Mrs Denning or myself.

Free Tickets

The Rotary Club of Gosford is hosting the annual International Entertainment Australia’s RAZZAMATAZZ concert at the Central Coast Youth Club. This production is on Friday May 16 commencing at 4:30pm and we have some tickets available for interested families at no charge.

If you would like a ticket please come to the front office. There are limited numbers so be quick!!

Mother’s Day

I would like to wish all of the mums, grandmothers and aunties out there a very happy Mother’s Day this Sunday. I hope the children bought you some lovely gifts at our stall today. Thank you again to the mums who ran the stall this year. Your ongoing dedication and time is much appreciated.

Please join us on Friday May 9 at 8.30am in the hall for coffee and croissants, to celebrate Mother’s Day.

Healthy Harold

Thank you to Mrs Fantoni for coordinating the Healthy Harold visit. There was a slight hic up last week with the van breaking down on the freeway on Wednesday morning. The van however was up and running to commence on Thursday and classes who missed out on the Wednesday had the lessons made up on Monday this week.

NAPLAN testing

Naplan testing will be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Any missed tests will be made up on Friday. If you would like more information about this please contact your class teacher or myself. This test is for years 3 and 5 only.

P&C meetings

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday May 13 in the staffroom at 6:30pm. All welcome!

Thank you

Toni Skinner
Principal

SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to Hayley of class 5/6S who won this week’s hat draw. Hayley wins a slushy, courtesy of our canteen and our P&C. It is great to see our students proudly wearing their summer uniform.

Congratulations Hayley enjoy your slushy.
Easter Raffle

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Easter Raffle. We raised just over $700.00. We hope that the winners enjoyed their prizes. Our winners were:

1st Prize  Madeline Hynes (5/6F)
2nd Prize  3/4W
3rd Prize  Melinda Hayes (Rowan Hayes 5/6S)
4th Prize  Amara Pearson (2/3B)
5th Prize  Adrienne Kentuck (James Moore 1W)

Thank you to Brandon Frazer and the other family members, who stamped tickets, made up books and folded the returned tickets. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Next Events

P & C Meeting – Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 6.30pm in the staffroom. New members (and their children) are always welcome. We are always on the lookout for new ideas and input. We keep our meetings to a time limit (finished by 8.30pm) as we realise everyone has other commitments. Come occasionally or come every month, just come along and see what it’s all about. We’d love to see you there.

Mother’s Day Stall Thank You!

Thank You to all the wonderful volunteers that helped with our Mother’s Day Stall. Your assistance made the day a big success and bought smiles to all the children’s faces.

Thank You to all the fantastic Chertsey students for using their very best manners throughout the morning. We appreciate your effort.

Thank you to Kim Arevalo for her thoughtful and welcome donation.

Volunteers Needed for Grounds/Garden Maintenance.....

Chertsey has beautiful grounds and a great outdoor learning area that needs assistance to stay that way. If you can spare the time to do a little bit of gardening for our school please contact Mark Deuxberry on 0424 177 339.

If we all do a little we can accomplish a lot.
Student Representative Council

Dear Families,

The badges for Term 2 Student Council Representatives will be presented during K—6 Assembly on Friday 9, May at 2pm. The badges will be presented by Mrs Skinner and Ms Whitty.

Thank you, Ms Whitty

Cross Country Carnival

Dear Families,

Prize ribbons for place-getters 1st—4th will be presented at this weeks - 6 Assembly on Friday 9, May at 2pm.

The Southern Central Coast Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 23rd, May at Umina Oval. A separate note will be given to eligible participants this week.

Thank you, Ms Whitty

Mr Francis’ farewell. Good bye and Good luck at Gosford. We will miss you.
ANZAC DAY
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollamites have found sunken treasure in the Lot City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major prize.
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes.
130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

Things to know before you Care: NSW Permit No. LTPS/14/2016; VIC Permit No. 14/5549; ACT Permit No. TP14/00075; SA Permit No. 114/2014. Competition opens 2/4/2014 and closes 4/3/2014. Prizes will be drawn on 14/3/14 at Commonwealth Bank, 2/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 from 10.00am AEST. Winners' names will be published in the print edition section of The Australian on 19/3/14. Student Prize valued at approximately $7,395.84 includes a $3,000 Flight Centre Gift Card, VIP Passes to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast, Australia for two adults and three children; a Sea World Resort 'Dolphin Family Adventure' and a 5 nights' accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park, Gold Coast Australia; 130 Runner Up Student Prize of a $250 Toys"R"Us Gift Card each; Eight School Prize of $1,000 each each. Up to 24 School Banking Co-ordinator Prize of a $250 Commonwealth Bank Gift Card each. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, 2/11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at commbank.com.au/deepseasavers.
Aboriginal Home Care

Are You ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER?

Do you, or someone you know, require help in the home with Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, or help with Shopping, due to frailty or disability?

Did you know there is a Home Care service that meets the needs of Indigenous individuals within the Central Coast, Newcastle, Taree, and Lake Macquarie Areas?

Daramulen Aboriginal Home Care offers a wide variety of services to enable older, frail, and persons with disability to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible.

Our culturally appropriate services are delivered by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people.

For more information please call Aboriginal Access and Assessment Team on 1300 797 606.

Daramulen Aboriginal Home Care

www.ahc.c.w.gov.au
STEEPING STONES TRIPLE P

We are currently seeking expressions of interest, from parents / caregivers to participate in the Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Program (SSTP) in Term 3, 2014.

The Stepping Stones Triple P Positive Parenting Program is an intervention program specifically developed for families of pre-adolescent children with autism and/or intellectual disabilities who currently have, or are at risk of developing, behaviour problems. No other parenting program in the world has an evidence base as extensive as that of Triple P. It is number one on the World Health Organisation's ranking of parenting programs, based on the extent of its body of evidence.

Last year Chertsey was included in a small group of only 20 schools selected throughout NSW to participate in a research project aimed at assisting parents who have a child with autism and/or intellectual disability with behaviour and developmental issues. Ms Heidi Daley, our class teacher on Support Class Autism, attended Facilitator Training and accreditation at Westmead Hospital as part of this research project.

Stepping Stones Triple P teaches parents how to help their child develop the skills they need to get along with others and feel good about themselves. Specific parenting strategies cover:-

- Developing Positive Relationships
- Encouraging Desirable Behaviour
- Teaching New Skills and Behaviours
- Managing Misbehaviour

The 9 week program consists of five weekly group sessions of 2 ½ hours each followed by 3 weekly individual telephone sessions and one final 2 ½ hour group session. In order to provide parents with sufficient individual attention we are looking at a maximum group size of 8 – 10 parents.

There is no cost to participate in this program and I encourage you to take this opportunity to access a program that is Australian based, has been recognised worldwide and has had measured, positive results for many parents of children with autism and/or intellectual disability.

Toni Skinner  
Principal

Heidi Daley  
SSTP Facilitator

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I am interested in participating in Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Program at Chertsey Primary School in Term 3, 2014.

Name ..............................................

Preferred Contact Number ..................................
Term 2
Saturday 10-11.30 am

3rd May ~ Fun with Pom-Poms
10th May ~ Gift for Mum
17th May ~ Design your own jewellery (shrinkies, loom bands, beads etc.)
24th May ~ Sock Pet
31st May ~ Mystery craft box
7th June ~ Weaving
14th June ~ Junk mail tree
21st June ~ Finger knitting

To enquire contact Vanja on 0423268929 or email to vanjasdesign@gmail.com

Limited places~Booking essential
Price $12 per class
Dear Parents,

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Chertsey Primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, and problem-solving, effective communication and support networks and runs for 8 weeks with each weekly session 40-50 minutes. The program ends with a ‘celebration’ session.

Seasons for Growth will commence week 3 term 2 and will be facilitated by Donna Knee who has received special training in this program. If you think your child would benefit from this program we would encourage you to talk to them about this. If you would like your child to participate please fill in the section below and return to school by Monday 5th of May in a sealed envelope marked ‘Seasons for Growth’.

An information session for parents and carers who would like their children to participate will be run by Donna Knee. We require you to attend this session to support your child effectively and gain an insight into the value of this program.

Please understand there are limited places available for this program however, it will be offered again at a date to be confirmed

Thank you

Donna Knee
School Chaplain
Seasons for Growth Facilitator

Toni Skinner
School Principal
Chertsey Primary School

Please return this slip to the office ATT: Donna Knee SEASONS FOR GROWTH

I, ___________________________ (parent name) am interested in my child ___________________________ participating in the Seasons For Growth program beginning week 3 in term 2. I have discussed this with him/her.
Reason for attending ___________________________
My child is in class ___________________________ and is __________ years old.
I am able to attend the parent information session in week 2.
Phone Number: ___________________________

Parent /Guardian Signature ___________________________ Child’s Signature ___________________________
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

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Wed 7th May               Stage 2 Excursion
Sat 10th May              French Markets
Tues 13th—Thurs 15th May  NAPLAN
Mon 19th May              Boys & Girls Soccer Vs Point Clare @ Chertsey
Tues 20th May             ICAS Computers
Wed 28th May              Road Safety K-2
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DIARY**

**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

**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.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Is open on THURSDAY MORNINGs from 8:30am until 9:00am

**Canteen**
Our canteen is now open on:
Wednesday
Thursday and
Friday
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
email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au
THURSDAYS

KIDZ ON THE MOVE 3-5 YEARS
9.45AM

This is a movement program for 3-5 year olds designed to build confidence, self-esteem, listening and comprehension skills, gross and fine motor skills through play and activity stations. This program will be mainly outside, however there are indoor activities if wet. Please bring hats and drink bottles.
FREE to attend. Registrations essential, places limited.

TRIPLE P PARENTING GROUP WORKSHOPS

Practical parenting tips for everyday parenting workshop. 4 x 2.5hr sessions.
Term 2 – Thursdays 22, 29 May & 5 & 12 June (10 am – 12.30pm)
Facilitated by Central Coast Family Support. Child care is not available for this program.
Registrations essential. Free to attend. Call to Register: 0477 317862

FRIDAYS

1-2-3 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM

Easy to use strategies to communicate and deal with difficult behaviours your children start to display in 3 x 2 hr sessions.
Term 1 – Friday 2, 9 & 16 May (10am-12pm)
Registrations essential. Call SaCC to register: 0477 317862.
Child care is not available for this program.
Venue is Wingello Cottage, Wyoming Public School, Maidens Brush Road Wyoming

READY STEADY GO KIDS SPORTS PROGRAM 2.5-5 YRS
9.45 am

The Ready Steady Go Kids program is designed to build confidence and self-esteem, boost school readiness skills and have fun. 45 minute sessions.
Registrations essential, places limited. Hats are to be worn. Please bring a drink bottle.

Contact Philippa Skipper, Facilitator at Wyoming SaCC on 0477 317 862
email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au
Schools as Community Centres Wyoming, Wingello Cottage, Maidens Brush Road, Wyoming
M: 0477 317 862 W: www.ccsacc.com
Why not visit the
Impact Markets in 2014!
19 Chetwynd Rd, Erina – See map on reverse
(Road opposite McDonalds on Terrigal Dr)

Large indoor market with cafe and kids’ play centre
Plus a huge variety of stalls selling items for the whole family

April 26
May 24
June 28
July 26
August 23
October 25
(All Saturdays 9am-2pm)

For more info please phone Sue at Fairhaven 43233566 or 0407757866
sue.chidgey@fairhavenservices.org.au   www.facebook.com/FairhavenServices
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

High Tea & Fashion Parade

‘LINA’S CHALLENGE’
FUNDRAISER
Sunday 1st June

Please join us to support ‘Lina’s Challenge’ at Mingara Recreation Club on Sunday 1 June at 1.30pm (for a 2pm start). Tickets are $40 per person and includes a wonderful High Tea and Fashion Parade by Sea Change of Avoca Beach.

Lina suffers from a rare disease—Transverse Myelitis and needs specialist treatment in America. This fundraiser is in Lina’s honour.

There will be an amazing raffle and lucky door prizes.

For more information or to purchase tickets - please contact:
President Gail – 0409 585 510
Lioness Debra – 0417 208 147

proudly hosted by East Gosford Lioness Club
Supported Playgroup is moving to Chertsey

Starting in Term 2 Coastwide Child and Family Services will be running a Supported Playgroup at your school.

Where: Chertseydale Community Cottage  
When: Tuesday afternoons, 12:30–2:00pm  
Who: Families with young children aged 0–6 years

Are you interested in a facilitated playgroup with fun activities for your child?

Playgroup at Chertseydale Cottage provides

• a welcoming, friendly and relaxed environment for families to meet, share ideas and experiences  
• an opportunity to gain extra support for smooth transition to school, or to access specialist referrals to early childhood services

Coastwide Child and Family Services run seven playgroups across the Gosford region
and parent feedback is always positive. Soujanya and her son, Lohith have been attending playgroup for over three years.

‘My 3 year old son thoroughly enjoys his time at the playgroup each week. It has been a great pleasure watching him develop valuable skills including sharing and socialising. He loves his art and craft activities. He especially enjoys group morning tea with stories and music time. He proudly brings home all his art work to show to his Dad.

The staff make sure there are different craft and other activities each week to make it interesting for the kids. We also get valuable information from various sessions like the Triple P Parenting Program or a visit from a nutritionist, etc. The staff also provide good advice and support on any issues we have.

I like going to playgroup as I get to socialise with other mothers and make new friends. We want to say a big Thank You to all the staff and the volunteers for their support.’

Please contact us on 4340 1111 or admin@ccfdc.com.au, prior to attending to confirm your enrolment.

What to bring: A piece of fruit to share for afternoon tea and a gold coin donation is appreciated.