On Saturday May 10 we hosted the French Country Markets once again here at school. The teachers and some parents kindly gave up their time to man the gates. Each adult who entered the markets were charged a $2 entry fee to raise funds for the school. Over the course of the day we raised $3800 which will be used to support students in class. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day and to all of the families who supported these lovely markets and attended. The markets will be on again here at Chertsey school on Saturday November 8. I am very much looking forward to them.

Opportunity Class Placement for Year 5 entry in 2015

Online applications have now closed for Opportunity Class places for 2015. If you intended to apply but did not get around to it please ring me this week and a paper application may be used. All applications need to be to me by this Friday.

Mother’s Day

Thank you to Michelle Frazer and Lisa Seaman who organised the Mother’s day stall here at school prior to Mother’s day. Many mums turned up on the day to help out and the stall once again served to be a wonderful money raiser for the P&C. The assortments of gifts that the children had to choose from were lovely and I am sure there were many happy mums on Sunday receiving their beautiful gifts. Thank you to everyone involved.

NAPLAN testing

Naplan testing was held last week and the children completed 4 tests over a period of 3 days. Many children especially year 3 students sat their first formal tests and everyone seemed to cope extremely well. All the tests were conducted with minimal interruptions to the remainder of the school. Well done to year 3 and 5 for coping so well throughout these 3 days. Results will be posted to schools later in the year.

P&C meetings

There have been some minor changes to the way P&C association will be run in the future and this will be discussed at our next P&C meeting in June. The NSW
Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday June 10 in the staffroom at 6:30pm. All welcome!

Junkyard Orchestra

2/3B have been very busy all year making instruments with recycled materials and writing a song in order to perform at the Atrium on Thursday May 29 as part of the Junkyard orchestra. The children have all made an instrument and with the help of Mr Henderson and Mrs Blumer a song has been written to accompany the music. The students will be performing at the Atrium, Erina Fair next Thursday 29 May from 5:30pm. If you are free to come and watch we would love to see as many parents as possible there supporting our band.

Thank you to Mr Henderson and Mrs Blumer for all the extra work that has gone into making this a fun and exciting event to be a part of. I am very much looking forward to hearing the performance on the night.

Bike Licences

The school has a specific bike policy that adheres to the Department of Education and Traffic authorities recommendations. We ask that children not ride their bikes to school under the age of 10 years unless accompanied by an adult. If your child is in years 5 or 6 and they would like to ride to school please see me to obtain a licence.

Parking around the school

It has come to my attention that many parents are parking in no stopping zones around our school. Please ensure that you do not park in bus zones or in the way of our taxis. This hinders our public transport vehicles from safely picking up our students and may result to fines being issued by the ranger.

Thank you
Toni Skinner
Principal

SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to Michelle of class 3/4W who won this week’s hat draw. Michelle wins a slushy, courtesy of our canteen and our P&C. It is great to see our students proudly wearing their summer uniform.

Congratulations Michelle enjoy your slushy.
Did you know.............
The canteen and uniform pool are run by with P & C with the awesome assistance of Di Dyer in the Canteen and Natalie King in the Uniform Pool. Thanks to these 2 wonderful people for the help and support.
Our Canteen Days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can help out please contact Di in the canteen or via the office.

The Uniform Pool is open Thursday mornings 8.30am to 9am. Clothing can be purchased at other times by contacting the office

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.

Trivia Night
Save the date......... Saturday 18 October 2014
More exciting details to follow!!!
KA have been making repeating patterns using classroom objects.
IW enjoyed their visit to Healthy Harold on Friday the 2nd of May. They participated in many fun adventures whilst with Harold. Firstly they learnt about choosing healthy food and discussed why we need to make these healthy choices. Next they located some body parts and had to put them in the correct position. They also discussed each body parts function and why they are important. Their favourite part was finally meeting Harold and having a laugh with him.
CHOIR AND DANCE GROUP NEWS

There are lots of exciting things happening for the students of choir and dance group. These include participation in the Central Coast Dance Festival, Education Week rehearsals and performances at both Erina Fair and here at school, and the opportunity to see one of the best stage shows currently on in Sydney – “The Lion King”.

Students wishing to attend “The Lion King” must return their green order form along with a $20 deposit PER TICKET ORDERED, by this Friday 23rd May. Please note, only students involved in choir or dance group, along with their parents, may order tickets. Students or younger/older siblings who are not in the choir or dance group may not attend this excursion.

Students also need to be aware that their behaviour here at school and during extracurricular activities (such as choir, dance group and sporting teams), can have an impact on their participation in these events. Students who cannot demonstrate the appropriate behaviour expected of them in the structured school environment may find their participation in these events is put in jeopardy. Last week we sent home a choir and dance group code of conduct. Please make sure you have discussed this with your child, sign it and return it to Mrs Hynes, Mrs Blumer or Mrs Scott by the end of this week.

Mrs Hynes, Mrs Blumer and Mrs Scott (Dance and Choir Coordinators)

Breakfast Club

Great to see so many students coming for a healthy breakfast! Just a reminder that Breakfast Club does not open until 8:15am. If you require supervision prior to this time, please enquire about our Before School Care. Breakfast is also offered there.

A very BIG thank you to Kim, Felix and Angus’ mum for the wonderful food donations! We have enjoyed pikelets, spaghetti and scramble eggs!

Alex Wastell
Co-ordinator
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost 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

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Things to know before you Care: NSW Permit No. LTPS/14/201689; VIC Permit No. 14/55-92; ACT Permit No. TP14/007/15; SA Permit No. 114/2014. Competition opens 21/04/14 and closes 4/07/14. Raffles will be drawn on 16/07/14 at Commonwealth Bank, 2/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 from 10:00am AEST. Winners' names will be published in the public notice section of The Australian on 16/07/14. Student Prize valued at approximately $7,537.84 includes $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 5 night's accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park, Gold Coast Australia. 130 Runner Up Student Prizes of a $250 Toys"R"Us Gift Card each. Eight School Prize of $1,000 each. Up to 24 School Banking Co-ordinator Prizes of a $250 Commonwealth Bank Dine 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
Home Care

www.adhc.nsw.gov.au
STEPPING 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 ............................
Seasons for Growth

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

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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.
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.

Registrations for all programs is essential
Contact Philippa on 0477 317 862 or
email: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au

Do you want free training?
Are you interested in gaining hands-on skills in landscaping or construction?
Would you like the chance to earn a nationally recognised qualification?
No Previous Skills required

What a great opportunity
TAFE NSW, Hunter TAFE and Terrigal Public School P & C are looking for unemployed Jobless families, Single Parents or Teenage Parents who would like to participate in a project at Terrigal Primary School.

The project will run during term 2, 2014
If you are interested in participating please contact Leza Atkinson M: 0409 300 511
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.csaccc.com
Why not visit the Impact Markets in 2014!
19 Chetwynd Rd, Erina – See map on reverse
(Road opposite McDonalds on Terrigal Dr)

Please place on your fridge for handy reference

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

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
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.