On Wednesday last week we welcomed back all of our students from years 1 to 6. It was great to see so many smiling faces and enthusiastic children ready to start the school year. We also welcomed some new students to our school and we hope you enjoy your time here at Chertsey Primary School.

We have established a tenth mainstream class and a forth class in our support unit. We have also welcomed many new staff including Ms Robynne Scott as Assistant Principal (3-6). Mr Paul Winspear will teach the Multi category class in our support unit, Miss Kirsten Gorsky will take over Mrs Vaughan hearing impaired class, Miss Naomi Gay will teach year 1 and Miss Zanna Owens year 2. Mr Matthew Makepeace will be taking Release from Face to Face classes and will teach a range of PDHPE lessons. Miss Sewell will be relieving Assistant Principal for our support unit as Mrs Vaughan has retired after a long and fantastic career here at Chertsey.

I would like to also welcome back our lovely staff including our support staff. It is great to have Mrs Jenny Webb back on deck and I know she is extremely happy to be back here at Chertsey supporting our students.

On Monday this week our new Kindergarten students started their big school journey and they looked adorable in their new school uniforms. There were not many tears, from the children at least and their transition to primary school ran very smoothly thanks to Mrs Auinger, Mrs Hynes, Miss Sewell and Mrs Denning. We are very excited to welcome all of the kindergarten children and look forward to seeing them learn and grow.

The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and routines. I am really looking forward to working closely with the students and school community here at Chertsey Primary School once again this year.

From February 11 to February 25, I will be on leave; Mrs Karen Auinger will be replacing me in the office.

If you have any concerns please consult your child’s class teacher, myself or Mrs
Auinger whilst I am on leave. If something is bothering you please speak to someone about your concerns so we can rectify any problems as soon as possible.

**Breakfast meet and greet**

On Friday 6 February we would like to invite you to a breakfast meet and greet. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to not only meet your child’s teachers but to understand expectations and class routines. The staff and I look forward to meeting many parents at this event. If you are able to attend this event please arrive at school from 8am onwards and meet in the school hall area for a sausage sandwich and coffee followed by a short get together in the children’s classrooms.

**Swimming Carnival**

Mrs Scott has sent home a note in regard to our annual swimming carnival, scheduled for Wednesday February 18 for children aged 8 years and above. As in the past we will be holding this event after school and we encourage all participating students to return their permission and medical notes to their class teacher as soon as possible. All students 8 years and older have received a note from their class teacher. If you need another copy they can be found in the front office.

**Pet dogs on school grounds**

The Department of Education has instructed all schools to kindly ask parents and friends NOT to bring any dogs onto school grounds even if they are on a leash. This is a departmental rule and I am sorry if this affects any families here at Chertsey who has previously brought their puppies for a walk to pick up their children. There are a number of students enrolled at our school this year who also have allergies to pets and some children have a genuine fear of animals. Thank you for you cooperation with this matter.

**School Photos**

The school photos for this year have been booked in for February 24. Please keep an eye out for your child’s envelop which will be sent home very shortly.

**P&C Meeting**

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 10 February in our school staff room from 6:30pm. If you are new to our school and have an hour or two to spare please come along and get to know what is happening in our school and the community. All welcome!

I look forward to meeting with you all on Friday at our meet and greet breakfast.

**Toni Skinner**

Principal

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**UNIFORM SHOP** which is located in the cottage opposite the carpark

is open on **THURSDAY MORNINGS** from 8:30am until 9:00am
Dear Parents and Carers for ease with school payments there is a number of payment options:

- Cash or Cheque (unless otherwise stated, made out to Chertsey Primary School)
- EFTPOS
- Credit Card (but not a debit card) over the phone
- POP Payments (see below)

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POP PAYMENTS

You can now make online payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (choir and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and class and reference number OR
- the students name, and date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR ere is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For your convenience we have uploaded a PowerPoint presentation to the school’s website under Notes – General - How to make an online payment. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.
2015 Twilight Swimming Carnival

The 2015 Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held Wednesday 18th February 2015 (Week 4) from 4pm until completion at Gosford Olympic Swimming Pool. Competing students will be expected to make their own way to and from the carnival by private transport. Cost to each competing student is $3.40 while spectators (adult and/or child) are $2.10. This is to be paid upon entry to Gosford Pool on the day – no payment is to come to school.

Only children 8 years and over who can confidently swim at least 50m unaided and without stopping will be eligible to register for swimming carnival events.

A blue permission notes was sent home last Friday. Only students who wish to attend the carnival need to return a note. These must be completed and returned prior to your child’s teacher by this Monday 10th February (Week 3). No child will be allowed into the venue without having returned a note (even if they are not swimming). Competing students need to register the events they wish to enter.

Successful students will go on to represent Chertsey at the Southern Central Coast PSSA District Carnival to be held at The Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy later on Tuesday 10th March (Week 7).

Mrs Scott

2015 Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains

Last Friday, we held our first House Meetings for the year. The upcoming swimming carnival was discussed and all students in Years 2-6 also voted for their House Captains and Vice Captains. These student leaders will have an important role in our school, particularly in the playground, ensuring everyone has a fun, safe and active play time.

Congratulations to the following students:

ARURA
House Captain (Boys) Ben Mitchell (Girls) Kiara McCaw
Vice-Captain (Boys) Jaydenn Moulds (Girls) Michelle Prachatik

TCHANKA
House Captain (Boys) Marcus Champion (Girls) Annika Cann
Vice-Captain (Boys) Jacob Berdon (Girls) Sorannah Bracken

ERTWAITCHA
House Captain (Boys) Joe Vaynman (Girls) Sebastian Gritten-Krause
Vice-Captain (Boys) Hayley Hawker (Girls) Darlene Groves

IRRITCHA
House Captain (Boys) Cooper Dunlop (Girls) Kyah Schofield
Vice-Captain (Boys) Sam Bissett (Girls) Sophie Steele

Badges will be presented to our new House Captains and Vice-Captains at an upcoming assembly. These students will receive a note inviting their parents to be a part of this special occasion.

Mrs Scott
Welcome back to another awesome year at Chertsey Primary School.
We look forward to seeing you.

Canteen News
Our canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week.
Don’t forget about our great rewards program.
Volunteers are always appreciated....... so please leave your contact details at the office or go and visit Di in the canteen.

Next P & C Meeting
Tuesday 10 February 2015 at 6.30pm in the staffroom.
All welcome.
Hope to see you there.

Student Banking 2015
Welcome to the new year of student banking here at Chertsey. Whether you’ve banked with us before or are just starting out there are heaps of great new rewards to collect your tokens for this year. An information envelop will be sent home shortly detailing the wonderful rewards available.
Our weekly Banking Day is Tuesday.
We will commence banking on Tuesday 3 February 2015.
Did you see the exciting flyer regarding a new competition for our student bankers?? It’s in this newsletter and you’ll get a flyer the next time you bank with the school.
Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. I can be contacted through the school office or when you see me around the school.

Michelle Frazer
Student Banking Coordinator
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator. Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5–13 years who participate in Commbank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEDT on 10/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian. 2011/15. Promoter is Commbank of Australia A6/123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.
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

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

Wed 18/2/15 Twilight Swimming Carnival
Fri 6/2 Meet and Greet Breakfast – School Hall 8am-9:00am then to Classrooms
Tue 10/2 P & C Meeting 6:30pm.
Wed 18/2/15 Twilight Swimming Carnival
Tue 24/2 Whole school photos

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.

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.
Congratulations to Brock Wilson, one of our 2014 prefects, who was awarded the volunteer (Youth) award at the Gosford City Council Australia Day ceremony held in Gosford on Australia Day, 2015. Brock was nominated by Mrs Wastell for his invaluable efforts at Breakfast Club as well as his assistance in many other areas of school life. Chertsey Primary School is very proud of you Brock!
Parents as well as accessing our newsletter from the email and internet you can now access it from the school APP. See instructions below on how to upload to your phone.

**An APP — for Chertsey**

You can now download your Chertsey Primary newsletter to your phone and much, much more!

Our school now has a free app to deliver school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.

How to download your Free app

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.
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Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW

Suzuki Beach Fest 2015

Event Overview:
What: Surfing and Bodyboard Competition, Ocean Swim, Beach Fun Run, Plenty of Family Entertainment
When: 7th & 8th February - 7am - 4pm
Where: Avoca Beach
Web: www.ccbeachfest.com.au
Dear Parents/Carers

A number of our students have been identified as having an allergy to nuts (including peanuts) and nut products. This allergy can be life threatening so we are requesting your support to help us to keep our students safe. Firstly, we request that our students do not bring foods to school made from nuts or products containing nuts. In particular, it is requested that alternatives to peanut butter or nutella be provided, including biscuits, cakes or health bars which list nuts as an ingredient.

Further information about allergies and Anaphylaxis will be provided in early Term 1.

Gosford Showground Trust
ABN 59 162 148 935
www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au

Phone: (02) 4332 4770
Email: jenniferwinslade@bigpond.com

Gosford Regional Show
4th & 5th May, 2015

This year we are also holding a baking section for those children who love to cook. Other activities are Art, Photography, Senior & Junior Showgirls and Produce Judging with the winner proceeding to the Royal Easter Show.

Please check our web site for more information.

Jennifer Winslade
The Show Committee is most appreciative of our local Schools which have for several years provided Displays of their Farm Animals, adding greatly to the agricultural aspect of the Show. It is hoped 2015 will see this involvement continue, showcasing each school’s particular focus.

If your School is able to mount a Display that will include any of the Farm Animal Sections shown or others please contact Grant Jackson, Gosford High School Email grant.jackson@det.nsw.edu.au. There is no cost involved with 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons to be awarded in all categories, Sash for Champions & a Trophy will be awarded to the Best Schools Display.

The Animal Nursery has become a popular attraction with the young children, please indicate if your School can contribute to this feature. Your space will be allocated with the setting up to take place on Friday 1st May in the Horticultural Pavilion at the Showground. A number of passes will be allocated per School to allow handlers to be in attendance to monitor & care for the welfare of the animals on show. The committee looks forward to again hosting the Schools Animal Display.

The Show is hosting for the first time the Zone Junior Judging Comp of Fruit & Vegies, the Winners to represent at the 2016 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Forms will be available on www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au, Jennifer Winslade is the contact person & for the individual Fruit & Vegie Competition. jenniferwinslade@bigpond.com Ph 4332 4770
**PRODUCE SECTION**

**All entries to be labelled** by Name, School, Age & Category

Special Awards, Ribbons 1\(^{st}\), 2\(^{nd}\) & 3\(^{rd}\)

All entries to be lodged at Horticultural Pavilion, Gosford Showground

From 3.00pm to 5.00pm Friday 1\(^{st}\) May, 2015 & to be picked up at 4.30pm Sunday

Enquiries: Jennifer Ph: 4332 4770 Email: jenniferwinslade@bigpond.com

**AGE OR SECTIONS.**

a) INFANTS - Children 1 – 6 years  
b) JUNIOR- Children 7 – 12 years  
c) SENIOR - Children 13 - 18yrs  
d) Central Coast Schools  
e) OPEN – Over 18yrs

**CATEGORIES**

Fruit - Citrus or Stone  
Fruit – Berries, nuts etc  
Vegetables – Grown above ground – cabbage, lettuce, spinach (bunch) etc.  
Vegetables – Grown under ground – potatoes, carrots, beetroot etc.  
Vegetables – Grown on vine or bush – pumpkin, squash, beans, peas etc.

6. Best Decorated Pumpkin &/or Biggest Pumpkin  
7. Eggs – Hen or Duck  
8. Herbs – Single herb  
10. Flowers – Single Flower  
11. Flowers – Posy of Flowers  
12. Basket of mixed vegetables or flowers

**JUNIOR JUDGING COMPETITION OF FRUIT & VEGIE - SEE SEPARATE FORM**

**ENTRY FORM**

Name: ___________________________  Age or Section: ____________________

Email: ___________________________  Phone: ___________________________

School: __________________________

Category: ________________________ Class: ________________________

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Every Saturday in February we will be taking registrations at various locations. Please see our website for more details -
Saturday 7th February
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm
Saturday 15th February
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm
Saturday 22nd February
West Gosford McDonalds & Wyoming Shopping Centre 10am – 2pm
Saturday 28th February
Wyoming McDonalds & Gosford Showground 10am – 2pm

Not sure about playing rugby? Come along to our “Come & Try” Nights on Friday 20th & 27th February from 5-6pm at the Gosford Showground.
Contact Details
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