The last couple of weeks have been very busy with swimming carnivals, cricket games, dance group practice, choir rehearsals, cross country training and sporting team try outs. There are many extra curricula opportunities for children here at Chertsey Primary School to be involved in and these activities would not happen without the dedication and expertise of our wonderful staff who regularly give up their time to coordinate these activities.

Teachers often give up their lunch breaks to take on these teams and their efforts are very much appreciated. In return we ask that children involved in these extra activities abide by our school rules at all times in and out of the classroom. If student’s behaviour is not appropriate they may not be permitted to represent the school at events. This may also include school excursions. I would like to thank the many parents who help out with transporting students to and from sporting events, scoring at cricket games and assisting the teachers in organising students especially at our recent swimming carnival. Without the support and help of the many parents many of the children would not be able to be involved.

Parking around the school

I have had a few complaints from neighbours that parents have been parking in driveways and across streets that are potentially dangerous to our students whilst also being very inconvenient for neighbouring homes. The ranger has reported to me that they will patrol Bilgola and Willow Roads over the next few weeks and hefty fines will be enforced if road/parking rules are broken. It is everyone’s responsibility to keep our children safe whilst arriving and departing school and I ask that if you do drop your children off or pick them up in the afternoons you keep this in mind. Thank you.
P&C Meeting

The P&C AGM meeting was held last Tuesday 10 March. At this meeting the 2015 executive committee was elected and I would like to congratulate all of the newly appointed executive members. The work that the P&C do for our school is invaluable and we appreciate everything that you do. If you have an hour or so available once a month and would like to have input into your child’s education please come along to the meetings. Thank you to all involved.

Harmony Day

On Friday March 20 we will be having our Harmony Day celebrations at 9:15am in our school hall. Mrs Donna Knee is coordinating this event and a note explaining the day has been sent home. Children will be permitted to wear an article of clothing that is orange but school shoes must be worn. The theme for this year’s Harmony Day is ‘thank you’. All parents and friends are welcome to attend our assembly. I would like to thank Mrs Knee for all of her organisation and I am looking forward to the day.

Cross Country

After our Harmony Day assembly we will be having our cross country carnival here at school. Ms Whitty is running this carnival and I wish all of the competitors the very best of luck.

Young Leaders Day

On Monday March 23 our five school leaders will be attending the annual Young Leaders Day forum with Mrs Stuckey. The children will have the opportunity to listen to inspirational leaders such as Bindi Irwin, Dylan Parker, James Norton and The Hon. Mike Baird. Thank you once again to the P&C who have kindly sponsored this event and to Mrs Stuckey for supervising them to Sydney and back.

Canberra Excursion

Mrs Stuckey and Ms Scott have sent home information about the stage 3 excursion to Canberra. A suggested payment plan is also attached and we ask that if you have any problems meeting the payments to please talk to myself or Mrs Denning.

Head Lice

We have had a number of students with head lice recently. If your child has head lice please treat your child and inform us. Daily combing of dry hair with conditioner can get rid of head lice. You should continue to send your child to school.

Toni Skinner
Principal
P & C News

Working Bee

Saturday 21 March 2015 (8am to 10am)

Bring along your enthusiasm, gardening equipment, hats and sunscreen. All volunteers are welcome...... come for the whole time or just for a little. Morning tea will be provided.

Major Fundraiser 2015

It’s Fete time.

Volunteers are required to make this event happen so please give your time, be it a little or a lot.

Without volunteers this event is not possible and our kids miss out on the resources provided by what is raised.

Please leave your contact details at the office. A note has been sent home already.

Remember it's for our kids and our school. Be involved.

Easter Raffle 2015

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 25 March 2015.

Raffle will be drawn Friday 27 March 2015.
The UNIFORM SHOP which is located in the cottage opposite the carpark is open on THURSDAY MORNINGS from 8:30am until 9:00am

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**Breakfast Club News**

A HUGE “Thank You” to Kim Kearnan for donating goodies for us to share on our “Hot Breakfast Tuesdays!” The children have been enjoying baked beans, cheese on toast and pancakes!!

Another special treat soon to be offered on a regular basis are SMOOTHIES!!! Our proud sponsor, Red dross are coming to visit on Thursday, 12th March to donate and introduce what we will need to offer smoothies at our Breakfast Club! Everybody is welcome to come and sample these from 8.15 this Thursday!

Alex Wastell - Co-ordinator

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([http://www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au))
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 envelope will be sent home shortly detailing the wonderful rewards available.

The information envelope details how to open a school banking account if you don’t have one. It’s super easy and there are 4 ways you can do it:

- Online (for existing Commonwealth Bank Customers).
- In a Commonwealth Bank Branch
- Over the Phone (13 2221)
- An application form (either from the school or from the CBA website www.commbank.com.au).

Our weekly Banking Day is Tuesday.

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
Cross Country Sports Carnival: Friday 20th March 2015

Dear Families, our school Cross Country Sports Carnival is coming up soon. It will be held at here at school on Friday 20th, March 2015. 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). Students compete in the age race of the age they are turning this year. The Southern Central Coast Cross Country will be held in Term 2 on a date to be announced.

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. 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.

Students should begin training for the race after school hours. They will need to eat nutritious meals and get plenty of sleep. Students have been training for the race during fitness twice a week and at the beginning of sport each week. A more detailed note, including an out of school permission note (for students 8 years and above) will be sent home later this week. Parent help on the day would be very welcome.

Thank you, Anne Whitty
Dear Parents/Carers

Chertsey will hold its annual Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 20th March 2015. It will be run on our primary oval and also around a section outside our school. 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). **These students will need to return the note below giving parental permission to run the part of the course that is outside the school grounds.** All students are expected to participate in the cross country as it is part of our PD/H/PE program. Only students with a written note from their parents will be exempt from participating.

**Lunch 2 on this day will be 12:00-12:45**

Our infant students, ages 5 and 6 years, will run one lap of the primary student’s oval (from start to finish) and 7 year olds will run two laps. **Infant’s races will start at 1:00pm.** These students do not need to return the permission note below as they will not be running outside the school grounds.

Primary students will run in one of four age groups: Your age group is the age you have turned or are turning this year. Girls and boys run in separate races.

1. 8 and 9 years
2. 10 years
3. 11 years
4. 12 and 13 years

The first six place getters of each group (8 years and older only) **may** be eligible to go through to the Southern Central Coast District Carnival to be held in Term 2. (To gain selection in the SCC, students should have completed the course in good time and have maintained a running pace all the way.)

All parents are welcome to attend the carnival (spectator area on the grassy hill on the primary oval) as your support cheers on our students to achieve their best! If any parents are able to assist with checkpoint supervision, please meet Ms Whitty at 12:45pm on the primary student’s oval on the day if you can help.

Please complete and return the form below to your class teacher by **Monday 16th, March.** This is a permission form to leave the school grounds supervised by the teachers. It **only applies to students 8 year age group and older.** If your child is turning 5, 6 or 7 years of age this year, you do not need to send the form back.

Happy training and good luck!

Anne Whitty

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I, ___________________ give permission for my child/ren_____________________________ of class______________ to participate in the Cross Country Carnival on **Friday 20th March, 2015,** and on days and times prior to that for training purposes. I understand that part of the course for ages 8 – 13 will be outside the school grounds, on the footpath along Willow Rd and Springfield Rd. There will be parent and teacher supervision at checkpoint intervals. (We would appreciate some parent volunteers)

I am able to assist on the day - yes / no.

Signed: _____________________________ Date: __________________
Trash Free Tuesdays are designed to encourage children to bring lunches that don’t generate much rubbish. This is done by using trash free lunch boxes, re-usable containers and drink bottles. Chertsey Primary School will begin Trash Free Tuesdays next week. Each class will have a Trash Tally and we will be monitoring the improvement in our rubbish and waste use. Mrs Campbell will be collecting our waste data for an environmental project that the Gecko Club are doing with Gosford City Council. The class with the lowest trash tally will receive a class award and the best over the term will receive a special reward.

Trash Free lunches tend to result in reduced litter and they encourage healthy eating. This will benefit the environment by reducing packaging waste, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. So PLEASE participate in our new health and environmental challenge – no rubbish on a Tuesday.

Thanks, Mrs Campbell

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We look forward to seeing all families who are able to attend.

Donna Knee
School Chaplain
2O read Roble’s Rain Dance with Mrs Campbell. The students painted their favourite part from the book and wrote about what the story reminded them of.
Zone Swimming Carnival
## Merit Awards

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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 1st, 2nd & 3rd

All entries to be lodged at Horticultural Pavilion, Gosford Showground
From 3.00pm to 5.00pm Friday 1st 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
  - Berries, nuts etc

- **Vegetables**
  - Grown above ground – cabbage, lettuce, spinach (bunch) etc.
  - Grown under ground – potatoes, carrots, beetroot etc.
  - 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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National Child Restraint Laws

Children under 7 years of age must be secured in an approved child restraint when travelling in a vehicle. More specifically:

- Children up to 6 months of age must be restrained in an approved rearward-facing child restraint.
- Children from 6 months to under 4 years of age must be restrained in an approved rearward- or forward-facing child restraint.
- Children from 4 to under 7 years of age must be restrained in an approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.
- Children under 4 years of age must not be in the front row of a vehicle that has two or more rows.
- Children from 4 years to under 7 years of age can only sit in the front row of a vehicle with two or more rows when all other seats are occupied by children under 7 years of age in approved child restraints or booster seats.

The ages specified above are a guide for children's safety. If a child is too small for a restraint specified for their age, they should be kept in their current restraint for as long as necessary. If a child is too large for a restraint specified for their age, they must move to the next level of restraint.

A child between 6 months and 4 years of age will need to move to the next level of child restraint when:
- Their shoulders no longer fit comfortably within the restraint; or
- Their eye-level is higher than the back of the restraint; or
- The top insertion slots for the shoulder straps are below the level of the child's shoulders.

A child between 4 and 7 years of age will need to move to the next level of child restraint if:
- Their shoulders no longer fit comfortably within the restraint; or
- Their eye-level is higher than the back of the booster seat (when measured perpendicularly from the seat back).

Children should remain in a child restraint for as long as physically possible.

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Assembly Times
K-6 Friday (Even Weeks) 1.45-2.45
K-2 Wednesday (Odd Weeks) 9.15-9.45

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please notify the office of any address and

Canteen
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.

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