On Thursday 30 April we held our Anzac service and unveiling of our beautiful poppy sculpture. It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends come to pay their respects and witness the unveiling by Mrs Lucy Wicks. Thank you to Ms Whitty and her committee for all of her hard work in organising the grant for the sculpture and a very special thank you to Mr Michael Vaynman our talented artist who designed and made the sculpture we are now so lucky to have here as a permanent fixture acknowledging our Anzacs. It was wonderful to see so many parents stay behind for afternoon tea and recognise our special guests.

We are all cleaned up now after the storms and once the new carpet is laid in the cottage we should be back on track. The new disabled toilet block is well under way and should be completed over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Mr Winspear and Mrs Daley and the children in their classes for coping with the noise so well.

This week, May 12, 13 and 14 our year 3 and 5 children will sit the NAPLAN tests. If your child is absent during this testing period a makeup test day will be on Friday May 15. On Tuesday May 12 the children will sit the Language Conventions and Writing test, Wednesday May 13 the Reading test will be completed and on Thursday the children will sit Numeracy. Results for these tests will become available in October this year.

Year 4 children are now being invited to sit the opportunity class placement test. If you are interested in your child applying for a place next year please apply on line at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

If you would like more information please collect an information booklet at the front office or speak to your child’s class teacher. All applications must be submitted before Friday May 15.

On Saturday May 9 Chertsey Primary School hosted once again the lovely French Markets here on our school grounds. The organisers of these markets had a hard time reorganising the stalls as our oval was still far too wet from all of the rain but the day was still successful. These markets attract a lot of funding as all entry costs are donated to our school. I would like to thank the many parents who came along to have a look at these markets and to the staff for volunteering their time to help out on the day.

The Mother’s day stall was held last Tuesday and I would like to thank Michelle Frazer and all of the wonderful volunteers for their hard work. I am sure that there were many happy mums on Sunday with the beautiful gifts the children bought specially for them.

Thank you to the many mums, grandmas and aunties who were able to come to our Mother’s day breakfast here at school last Friday. I hope you all had a lovely day on Sunday and were spoilt by...
Later this month Lachlan Pemberton will represent NSW in the National Championships as part of the 2015 Trampoline Gymnastics State Team. Being selected onto the NSW state team is a tremendous achievement that has required many months of vigorous training and preparation. Congratulations Lachlan for this fantastic achievement and we all here at Chertsey Public School are looking forward to hearing of your successes. All the very best of luck from all of us!

Chertsey Primary School is looking into some fun and exciting changes to our school rules and values and therefore we thought it would be a perfect time to introduce a school mascot. Next week children will be invited to enter a competition where they will be asked to come up with any ideas, names and designs. I hope you all get involved and we come up with something unique and fun for our wonderful school.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated at the Zone Cross Country carnival at Umina on Friday. We had some great competitors and Ms Whitty along with Mr Makepeace were impressed with the wonderful behaviour of our students. Thank you also to Ms Whitty for organising this event and Mr Makepeace for helping out.

Next year seems a long way off but if you know any child that is turning 5 next year we are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Please ring the office if you would like more information or drop in and fill out an enrolment form.

Don’t forget our monthly P&C meeting will be held tonight from 6:30pm in our staffroom. All welcome.

Toni Skinner
Principal

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**StudentBanking 2015**

Welcome to a new term 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.

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. 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 Rewards now available! Term 2**

The School banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. New rewards have just been released for Term 2, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Planet Handball (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens – released term 2
- Intergalactic Rockets – released term 2

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$2000 spending money.


Things to know before you Can:

Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/01/2015 and ends 11.59pm 18/12/2015. 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 12/01/2016 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* on 26/01/2016. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking).

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P & C NEWS

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. It’s not too late to be involved.
Remember it’s for our kids and our school.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mother’s Day stall was held on Tuesday 5 May 2015.
Thank you to the following people who assisted on the day. Without your help we cannot do these stalls.

Val Dunker     Jody Jobe     Jessica Potts
Kim Keirnan    Margy Swanson Helen Unterholzer  Vicki Mulyk
Rebecca Jenkins Katie Cann    Rachael Tindall
    Kanyarat Moser

Special Thank You to students Brandon, Ashleigh and Dylan for helping to set up and carry boxes.

Michelle Frazer
P and C President
Gecko Club News – Composting

Chertsey Primary School has started composting our fruit scraps every day. Last week four Gecko Club students – Alyssa, Midnight, Jade and Kiyani, attended a composting workshop at Kariong Eco Gardens. These students have taken on a leadership role in the Gecko Club and are teaching us all how to compost effectively.

CLASSY ARTICLE 3-6G

Last term in 3-6G, we learnt about Dinosaurs! We researched all different types of dinosaurs, where they lived and what they ate. We did Science experiments, writing and art/craft activities throughout the term. Here are some of our beautiful dinosaur artworks!
I love my mum because...

gives me big kiss and hugs.

makes pancakes.

she helps me work things out.

she hugs me lots.

she sleeps with me.

she says "I love you!"

By K-2F
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.

‘Seasons for Growth’ runs for 8 weeks and each weekly session is 40 minutes. The program ends with a ‘celebration’ session. This Program will commence 2nd Term and run into term 3. This will be facilitated by Donnna Knee who has received special training in the use of this program. If you think your child would benefit 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 Wednesday the 20th of May in a sealed envelope marked ‘Seasons for Growth’.

A special session for parents entitled “How to support your child through Seasons for Growth session” will be held before the group commences and you will be required to attend this session so you can best support your child through this journey.

Please understand there are limited places available for the program and children will be placed on a needs basis.

Thank you

Donna Knee
Seasons for Growth Facilitator

Toni Skinner
Principal

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Please return this slip to the school office.

I, ______________________________ (parent/guardian name) am interested in my child ______________________________ participating in the ‘Seasons for Growth’ program Term 2. I have discussed this with him/her.

Best Contact phone number __________________________

My child is in class _____________ and is _____________ years old.

Reason for registration _________________________________________________________________________

If this application is successful, I am committed to attend the session “How to support your child through Seasons for Growth” in week 5 term 2.

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Parent /Guardian Signature

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Child’s Signature
SRC REPRESENTATIVES

DEAF SPORT’S DAY
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The school has registered to take part in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. This is a reading scheme promoted by the Department of Education. It is not compulsory but it is an opportunity for you to support and encourage your child’s/children’s love of books and learning. For Years K-2 30 books must be read from a set list. These books can be read by students, read by you to the student. For Years 3-6 15 books must be read from a set list and 5 other books of similar difficulty. Students have until September to complete the ‘challenge’ and will receive a Premier’s Certificate for having taken part. All students entering the Premier’s Reading Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear in the PRC Honour Roll if the challenge is completed independently at home. Books are available in our school library and community libraries. For the complete list of books log on to -

http://www.schoolsnsw.edu/premier’sreadingchallenge/

If you wish to find out more information, please contact Mrs Auinger or Mrs Tialshinsky
Karen Auinger

Merit Awards—1st May

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Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday of each month 6.30pm.
All parents are welcome!

Assembly Times
K-6 Friday (Even Weeks) 1:45-2:45
K-2 Wednesday (Odd Weeks) 9:15-9:45

School Community Hall for hire.
Chertsey Community Cottage for hire.
Phone school Office for details.

P&C

Our canteen is now open on:
Wednesday
Thursday and
Friday

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Please notify the office of any address and

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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Tues 19/5  ICAS Digital Technology
Thurs 28/5  Reconciliation Week - Aboriginal Performance
Wed 3/6  ICAS Science
Tue 9/6  Stge 2 Active Education Excursion
The UNIFORM SHOP which is located in the cottage opposite the carpark is open on THURSDAY MORNINGS from 8:30am until 9:00am
AVOCA beachside Markets

2015 Markets
April 26
May 24
June 28
July 26
Aug 23
Sep 27
Oct 25
Nov 22

SUNDAY MAR 22
Heazlett Park Foreshore 9am-2pm

fixxevents.com.au

NEW!
Erina Swim Centre
17 Bonnal Road – Open 7 Days
25 Metre – 7 Lane 30°C Heated Pool
Book Now on 4365 0024
ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

The teenage years can be a challenge. Parents often struggle to maintain positive relationships with their adolescent children.

How do you set limits?

What behaviour is acceptable and what isn't?

What do we do when an adolescent has behaved in a way that breaches family values and expectations?

The answers aren't always clear cut.

The Engaging Adolescents program helps parents learn some new skills to make life with their adolescent more peaceful and enjoyable for all. It is designed to give parents relevant, current information and practical strategies for dealing with adolescent behaviour.

I recently completed the necessary training to deliver this program to parents and I am hoping to conduct this course at Erina H.S. early in Term 3, 2015. This is an open invitation for parents interested in learning new skills to move towards better, more open, communicative relationships with the adolescents in their lives.

At this stage I am asking parents who are interested in attending the course to contact me so that I can get an idea of possible numbers. The course will run in the first 3 weeks of Term 3, 2015 and will consist of three two hour sessions. These sessions will take place during school hours. The cost will be around $12 for the Parent Workbook.

If you are interested or have questions regarding the course please contact me at Erina H.S. on 43 677 353 or by email on michael.jaemm@det.nsw.edu.au.

I look forward to meeting you at the course and presenting ideas and strategies that may make a difference.

Michael Jaemm
School Counsellor
Registered Psychologist No. 1372238