From the Principal’s desk

Welcome once again to 2016. We have enjoyed greeting our newest additions to Chertsey this morning with our delightful Kindergarten students beginning their school journey.

I would also like to welcome our old and new families back to another school year and we look forward to working with everyone throughout the year.

I trust you all had a lovely Christmas/New Year break with your families and are ready for another busy year ahead. During the holiday period our school suffered from some minor damage with two huge branches falling into our school and another across Willow Road. This resulted in our phone lines being affected and since this date we have had no phones operating. Telstra have told us that they will have this corrected by the end of this week and we have been able to have some calls diverted. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

This year we welcome Mrs Tweedie to our support unit teaching K-6 T and Mr McLeod will be teaching 2/3M. They are both very excited about being a part of our lovely school and getting to know our families and of course all of the students.

We have had a very settled start to our school year and the children were happy to see who their teachers were for the year. This week we will finalise all class places and get started on the busy programs we have ready for the year. We are very excited to be providing science lessons to all of our students K-6 this year through our release from face to face program. Ms Whitty has taken this project on board and she is very excited about teaching this subject to our students here at Chertsey.

All students will receive a note tomorrow inviting you to a meet and greet breakfast next Friday February 12. Breakfast will be served in the hall from 8am-9am and then we invite you back to your child’s class to meet the teacher from 9am -9:30am.
Next week our first P&C meeting will be held for 2016. We welcome any parent to attend and we will be meeting on Tuesday February 9 at 6:30pm in our staffroom. Children are welcome to attend if need be. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and have a say about what is going on in our school.

Our school hats are on their way! We have been waiting since the end of last year for a large amount of medium sized hats to be delivered. We apologise that these were not here ready for the start of the year but will let you know as soon as they come in. In the meantime please send you child with any hat ensuring their names are on them.

Just a reminder if your child is away from school for any reason please ensure that you let your child’s teacher know with a note or ring the school office informing us of their absence. In order to justify all absences through the department of Education we need this information within seven days of your child being absent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Toni Skinner
Principal
Our first P & C Meeting for 2016

Tuesday 9 February 2016 at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

For further information do not hesitate to contact Michelle Frazer via the school office or if you see her around the school.

All welcome. We’d love to see you and new faces and ideas are always welcome.

Hope to see you there.

Canteen News

Our canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday every week.

Volunteers are always appreciated....... so please leave your contact details at the office or go and visit Di in the canteen.

CHANGES TO ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS

As the new year is just beginning—please notify the school as soon as possible if there has been any changes to contact details, address and phone numbers etc.
School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016
The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Toilets and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo
This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pet wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
School Banking Account Opening Day

Chertsey is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School Banking day is TUESDAY. Send money and Bank folder to the office via the classroom.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 8:30AM-9:30AM

**Date:** 9th FEBRUARY

**Location:** COLA AREA

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No id required for children enrolled at Chertsey. No cash required to open a account.

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To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your school's SunSmart advice by heading to www.sunsmart.com.au

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**The simplest way**

...to protect your skin.

Did you know?
Sun exposure during the first 15 years of life significantly increases your chance of getting skin cancer later in life.

**Be SunSmart**
Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 and above.

- Slip on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs.
- Slap on SPF30+ or higher broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- Slap on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects your face, ears and neck.
- Seek shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- Slide on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).

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B e r e s p o n s i b l e     B e  r e s p e c t f u l     B e  y o u r  b e s t
Welcome to another exciting banking year at Chertsey.

Our Banking day is Tuesday.

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are 8 new reward items for 2016 from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

Please note  An account opening day is being held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 (8.30am to 9.30am) in the COLA. Hope to see you there.
2016 TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2016 Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held Wednesday 17th February 2016 (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 $3.60 while spectators (adult and/or child) are $2.20. 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 next Monday 8th 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 8th March (Week 7).

Mrs Scott

2016 SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

This Friday, we will hold our first House Meetings for the year. The upcoming swimming carnival will be discussed and all students in Years 2-6 will vote 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.

Mrs Scott

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Students in Year 6 have received an order form for their commemorative polo-shirts last week. The navy polo with white trim cost $25 each and is available in a variety of sizes. Mrs Blumer has some samples so please see her to arrange a suitable time to size your child if you wish. Please ensure all forms and payments are returned as soon as possible (no later than Friday 12th March) so that our order can be processed without delay.

Mrs Scott
RED CROSS/CHERTSEY BREAKFAST CLUB

Did you know that we serve breakfast each day at Chertsey Primary School?

When: EVERY DAY Where: Our School Hall

From: 8:15am-9:00am (Supervision available before 8:15 at CI/DOSSH)

Cost: No cost – service provided by Red Cross and volunteers.

We offer a special breakfast on Mondays, including scrambled eggs, pancakes, baked beans or porridge. On a daily basis, students are offered:

Cereals    Toast    Milk    Water

There is no need to ‘join’ our Breakfast Club, all families are welcome!

Students will be assisted to sign in, wash their hands, choose their breakfast, sit down at the table and interact with their peers. Self-help skills are encouraged along with good manners and a healthy attitude towards foods.

***Please let us know of any allergies your child may have***
Assembly times
K-6: Friday – Even Weeks
   From 1:45pm – 2:45pm
K-2: Wednesday – Odd Weeks
   From 9:15am – 9:45am

School Canteen
Our School Canteen is now open on:
   Wednesday
   Thursday
   Friday

P&C
Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.
   All Parents are welcome.

Hire
School Community Hall and Chertsey Community Cottage for hire to the public. Please see Office for further details.

Dates to remember:

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Changes to address and phone numbers
Please notify the Office as soon as you have a change of details.

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.
The UNIFORM SHOP is located in the cottage opposite the car park

Open on THURSDAY MORNINGS from 8:30am until 9:00am

ERINA EAGLES

Returning players & new to league players register online NOW @ www.erinajuniors.com.au

Contact Michele 0438 728 326 or Kylie 0434 549 761

Registration assistance days as follows: The Eagle Clubhouse, Erina Oval Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} Feb, Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} Feb & Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} Feb 4.30-6pm
Fee $135 per child
Includes training shirt, socks, shorts and insurances (club polo for new players)
Registrations after these dates will be taken at the clubhouse on Tues/Thur 5-6pm.
Players that have registered online – Gear collection will be Saturday Feb 27\textsuperscript{th}.

eagles@erinajuniors.com.au, registrar@erinajuniors.com.au
Next year the **Opal card** will replace the school bus pass. If your child has a bus pass and is going into year 1 or 2 they will automatically receive an Opal card. If your child has a bus pass and is going into year 3 they will have to **apply online** for an Opal card. All kindergarten children requiring a bus pass have to apply online. Any other years requiring bus passes have to apply online. **APPLICATIONS FOR A BUS PASS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL.** Please VISIT - transportnsw.info/school-students - for applications.
From the School Counsellor/Psychologist

I am highly recommending two courses being run by local agencies. First is a free Triple P Positive Parenting Course run 6 Thursdays in Gosford and also Being a Dad which showcases and develops further the important role Dads play in their child’s life. Run by Interrelate at Woy Woy for the last three Mondays in February for a small cost!

See both flyers at the end of this Newsletter.

Warm regards

Liane Porter-MAPS
This three-session program will help fathers to gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.

You will learn to:

- Connect with your children
- Discipline constructively
- Understand the special role of a father in a child’s life

**MONDAY, 6.30PM - 9.30PM**

15TH, 22ND & 29TH OF February 2016

**Cost:** $20.00 Concession $15.00

**Venue:** Peninsula Community Centre

Seniors Room
93 McMasters Road
Woy Woy

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - PHONE 02 4341 9333
Small changes,  
Big differences.

Mental Health and Parenting Program  
Are you living on the Central Coast, parenting or caring for children 2 – 12 years old? Have you experienced Mental Health Problems? Would you like to develop a better relationship with your children, as well as learn some different strategies to assist in your parenting role? Then this program may interest you.

Aim of program  To make parenting easier and more enjoyable  
The program offers suggestions, ideas and practice around positive parenting techniques. There is no single ‘right way’ to parent. In this group we will be discussing a variety of ideas and strategies.

Topics covered  
• Positive Parenting – What is it?  
• Possible Causes of Child Behaviour Problems  
• Mental Health and Parenting  
• Developing Positive Relationships with Children  
• Supporting Children’s Development  
• Managing Misbehaviour  
• Developing Family plans

The program is FREE and consists of six weekly group sessions (3 hours) and four individual follow up home visits to help implement new strategies. The program runs each school term in either the Gosford or Wyong area.

OUR NEXT GROUP:  
Dates:   Thursdays 11th February – 17th March 2016  
Time:   10.00am – 1.00pm  
Where:   Level 2  
         4 Watt Street  
         Gosford 2250 (opposite Centrelink)

Places are limited and booking is essential.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK INTO ONE OF OUR GROUPS, CALL:  
Ruth Phelan  4328 7350   OR Joanna Heap  4328 7350  
Children & Young People’s Mental Health

www.triplep.net  
NSW Health Central Coast  
CYPMH