From the Principal’s desk

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers for joining us for breakfast last Friday. The teachers enjoyed meeting many new families and explaining the expectations for 2016. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year please contact your child’s teacher and they will be happy to help you out.

We have had a lovely start to our school year and the classes are all very settled and enjoying getting into class routines and programs. Ms Whitty is enjoying her role as Science teacher and there have been lots of positive comments from both students and parents.

This year, starting next week, every child will receive a Chester’s Challenge card. This is a new system we have decided to trial in order to report to all parents about how wonderful their child’s behaviour has been at school for the week. Children who continually do the right thing and follow our school expectations; Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Your Best will receive an end of term reward. The challenge will be set for each child to achieve a level on their card for both behaviour in class and the playground. We are very excited about this new initiative and the children will be introduced to this at our whole school assembly on Friday. The card will explain to parents the expectations to achieve these levels.

During the week I have the privilege of seeing many students wonderful work that they do in class. I am impressed every day as to how well our students work here at Chertsey and the eagerness they show when writing stories and reading. The year two boys certainly know how to write a long story and Addison loves to give up her own time each week to read me her favourite book. I look forward each week to seeing the lovely work being produced by all of our students.

The swimming carnival is today, Wednesday February 17 and we are looking forward to cheering on all of our competitors. Hopefully the weather stays nice and warm and the skies are blue! Good luck to all of our swimmers and may the best house win. Congratulations to our newly appointed House leaders and I look forward to formally congratulating you in our assembly once the badges arrive.

Toni Skinner
Principal
Thank you to all of the families who were able to purchase the Maths text books this week. If you are unable to pay for these in one payment please see Mrs Denning at the front desk to organise a payment plan. We understand that this has come at the same time as school photos and therefore we are happy for families to pay these off throughout the year.

Last year our year 6 students bought the school a **House Points sign**. This is to keep track of the house points and the children will be able to see first-hand what points their house is on. This board will be permanently displayed in the school hall for all to see.

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**The Annual General meeting of Chertseydale Community Cottage Inc will be held in the staffroom at 4pm on Monday, 29 February.**

The aim of this group is to create community identity, encouraging pride and respect and providing a basis for networking for the families of this area. All who are interested are welcome to attend. **Enquiries phone Nada Potter 0438 237 158 Judith Wallace 0439 475 765.**

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**SCHOOL HAT UPDATE**

We hope to have medium sized hats available to buy in mid March.

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- **Seek** shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- **Slide** on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartsw.com.au)
P & C NEWS

P & C AGM Tuesday 8 March 2016
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.
Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

*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 do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Michelle Frazer
Student banking Co-Ordinator
say cheese

School Photo Day is
23 February 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request

- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us

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Welcome breakfast

Looking forward to another great year of working together!!!

Be responsible
Be respectful
Be your best
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 CHOOSH)

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***
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)

**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.
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 16th Feb, Thursday 18th Feb & Thursday 25th 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 27th.
eagles@erinajuniors.com.au, registrar@erinajuniors.com.au

Free lower limb assessment

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Children and their families can receive advice on footwear and normal development, and receive treatment of foot warts, foot and leg pain, walking problems, and night-time ‘growing pains’.

When: Mondays from 3.15 to 5.00pm from 29th February to 30th May

To make a booking, or for more information, call 43947280
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.
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Youth Girls: U16’s

For further information please contact Craig Williams on 0437 772 290
Or head to play afl.com.au
Netball team of girls turning 13 this year requires two players

A promising team of girls needs two players to have a full team plus a reserve for the Gosford Association Winter competition at Adcock Park on Saturday mornings.

Enthusiastic team with a ‘netball nut’ coach who has coaching accreditations from Netball NSW and a Working with Children clearance.

The girls made the finals in 2015 and aspire to make the Grand Final in 2016. Our club has a lovely new uniform and coach has great plans for an exciting and fun season.

Any girls that have played before in the C or D grade will fit in nicely however girls brand new to our sport are very welcome. As long as you’ve got a big happy smile, enthusiastic positive attitude and willing to learn, we’ll have you running and catching in no time!

If you want to join a team where you’re learning something new every week and where the coach gets in and runs around with you to show you not just tell you how to do things, then this is the team for you.

Please call or text Fiona 0437 874983 or email firitchie@yahoo.com.au if you are interested.

Alternatively if you’d like to come and try it out, we’re at court 5, Adcock Park at 7pm on Tuesday nights for an hour of our “Skills, Fun and Fitness” preseason practice.

All girls turning 13 in 2016 very welcome to come and try, just send me a message to let me know you’re coming. Bring a friend to combat any shyness or feelings of being new, however the girls are very kind and inclusive.

If you have a younger or older daughter who would like to play please contact our club secretary on email: nvncsecretary@hotmail.com as to available team spots.

Our 9’s have vacancies at the moment for players and our social ladies divisions also have spots available.

Fiona Ritchie
Chertsey Primary School’s Clean Up Day

Friday, 19th February
after Lunch 1 all students and staff will meet in the Cola, gloves will be distributed, areas allocated and a school clean up will be completed to align with Cool Australia’s National School’s Clean Up Day.

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HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is a supervised group tutoring session conducted on **Monday afternoons 3:00pm – 4:00pm** by a teacher at Chertsey Primary School. The aim of Homework Help is to assist the children who may be having some difficulty, or if their parents/guardians feel that their child needs the extra supervision because they are unable to help them (due to work etc).

I ________________________________ give permission for my

(Parent/Guardian/Approved Person)

child to attend ________________________________ to attend

Homework Help on Monday afternoons, from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. This will be a supervised session to assist children and will be conducted by a Chertsey Primary School teacher, in their classroom. The children will be supervised to and from CHOOSH Care. I understand that for the period my child is undertaking this tutoring, they will **not be** under the direct supervision of CHOOSH Care staff. I also understand that there will be a cost of $5.00 per child for children enrolled at CHOOSH Care, and $7.00* per child for any other children.

* Children not enrolled at CHOOSH must be collected from the centre immediately after completion of Homework Help at 4:30pm

☐ I agree to the cost of lessons being added to my bill

☐ I agree to pay for Homework Help by cash (to be paid on the day of lesson)

Parent/Guardians Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Contact Phone Number: ___________________
Dance Lessons 2016

Dance Lessons will be held on Friday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:15 in the school hall. Leanne is a professional dance teacher who is hired through CHOOSH to bring your child/children a great dance experience for the best possible price. They will be able to perform a concert for everyone at the end of the year. This is a great experience to build children’s confidence.

Cost

Children attending CHOOSH Care on the day $5 per session
Children not attending CHOOSH Care on the day $10 per session*

*Please Note: if your child is only coming for Dance lessons, they can come straight down to CHOOSH from school. Children must be collected immediately once their lesson is completed, otherwise the full afternoon fee will be charged.

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BOOKING FORM – Dance Lessons

I give permission for my child ________________________________ to participate in Dance Lessons on Friday afternoons from 4:15pm – 5:15pm. I agree to the cost of the lesson being added to my bill.

I understand that for the duration of the session, my child will not be under the direct supervision of CHOOSH Care staff.

Parent/Caregiver’s name: __________________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________________

My child is already enrolled at CHOOSH Care Inc

My child is NOT enrolled at CHOOSH Care. If you have ticked this box, we require you to complete ALL of the additional information below in order to issue weekly Invoices.

Child’s DOB: _________________________ Parent / Carer’s DOB: _________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Contact ___________________________ Phone ___________________________ Number/s: ___________________________

Email _____________________________________________________________________________ Address: ___________________________

Emergency Contact ______________ Name __________________ & Phone __________________ Number: ___________________________

Does your child have any allergies? Y/N

PLEASE NOTE: Two weeks’ notice MUST be given for any cancellations, otherwise you will be charged for non-attendance.