From the Principal’s desk

Congratulations to all of our swimming competitors at our Swimming Carnival a fortnight ago. We had a great afternoon and loved cheering on the children competing in many different races. We have 8 students representing our school at the zone carnival on March 8 and I would like to congratulate them on making it to the next level and wish them all the best of luck! GO CHERTSEY!!! Big thank you to Mrs Scott for her wonderful organisation and of course all of the staff who gave up their afternoon to come along and support this carnival.

On Tuesday last week we had our school photos taken and I would like to commend the children on their wonderful behaviour. It was a hot day and each class were patient whilst they waited for their turn. The family portraits were also taken on this day along with the school leaders. Later in the year the photographers will return to take House Leaders, Parliament, sporting team and special event photos. Notes will come home later in the year advising parents as to when this will occur.

Last Friday all students K-6 would have brought home their Chester Challenge Card. Congratulations to all of the students who received a level 4 or 5. I look forward to acknowledging and rewarding many students here on a weekly basis for their wonderful behaviour and meeting these challenges.

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney with some of our school leaders. This event is funded by our P&C and I would like to thank them for giving our leaders an opportunity to listen to some inspiring leaders. These leaders gave up their time to speak to thousands of young Australians about their journey in life. It was an early start where we all met at 6:30am caught the train and made our way down to ALLPHONES Arena in Sydney Olympic Park. Thank you to all of the parents who had their children there on time and I am sure they enjoyed the day and have taken some great memories away with them. It was a very long day but most enjoyable.
Next Thursday March 3 from 9:30am – 10:30am we will be holding an OPEN day for Kindergarten families in 2017. Fliers have been distributed to local preschools and we hope to have some new families visit us here at school where we can show them our lovely school and answer any questions about starting their schooling journey. If you know of any families that live in our area and may like to attend this open day please tell them to come along and meet our staff over a coffee and piece of cake.

We have recently partnered with Australian Mobile Dental care to offer an excellent dental program at NO COST to all of our students who are eligible under the federal government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule. In order to support a healthier school community, students wishing to have their teeth checked will soon have the chance not to only have this done but be in the running to win an iPad and gift vouchers. The Dental Care providers will be visiting our school at our next whole school assembly and providing all of our students with a parental consent form and further information. Please keep an eye out for this and I encourage all families eligible to take advantage of this generous initiative from the government. The Dental clinic will be here at Chertsey Primary School in Term 2 week 7 to provide the fully bulked billed service.

Thank you to all of the families who were able to purchase the Maths text books. 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.

Toni Skinner
Principal

SCHOOL HAT UPDATE

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

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets will be going home next week for our amazing Easter Raffle. 1 book per family will be sent home with more available at the office.

There will be 5 chocolatey prizes.

Look out for more details to come.

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.
CHOOSH Care UPDATE

To CHOOSH Care Parents & Chertsey Community Members,

This letter is to inform you of where we are at this time in relation to CHOOSH Care becoming a stand-alone service, separate from WOOSH Care. This process has been slower and more complicated than initially anticipated and we have aimed to keep families informed at each step of this process.

In late January, we arranged a free Management Committee Information session for interested parties, which was run by the Peak Body for OOSH in NSW - Network of Community Activites. Unfortunately, we only had a small number of participants on the day, so to ensure that this important information is shared widely with the community, we will arrange another information session in the near future.

After the session, Pauline from Network toured the CHOOSH Care site, including viewing the temporary premises and the repairs that are required to the permanent downstairs site. Pauline was very concerned that management of the repair process would be extremely challenging for a new committee, as well as placing additional strain on children and staff at the service while operating from a temporary site. Network strongly recommended that CHOOSH Care continue to operate under the existing WOOSH Care Management until these repairs are completed and CHOOSH Care returns to their permanent downstairs site.

This recommendation was then reinforced after a Monitoring Visit from the Department of Education (DEC) in early February. The Assessment & Ratings officer identified that the current temporary premises was unsuitable for long term use, and as a result of this visit, has contacted DEC to attempt to obtain a timeframe for the repairs to the downstairs area. The WOOSH Care Management, Chertsey Principal and Network are all also working on having these repairs prioritised with the DEC.

At this point in time, we will not take any further steps in this stand-alone process until a concrete timeframe has been provided for repairs to the building and we are confident that CHOOSH Care is in a position to operate viably and sustainably once stand alone.

We thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this process. We will continue to communicate with parents in relation to any changes or information. If you would like to discuss this any further, please do not hesitate to contact Milka Roach on 0414 678 648.
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
2016 CHERTSEY STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Last Friday, the Chertsey Student Parliament met for the first time. We have moved to a parliamentary system of student representation so that our students may develop greater leadership skills, responsibility and have a say in the running of their school.

Our school leaders will form the Cabinet of our Parliament in the roles of Prime Minister (Joel Trainor), Deputy Prime Minister (Sophie Steele), Leader of the Opposition (Matthew Brown), Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Lucia Richards) and Secretary (Michelle Prachatik).

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully gained ministerial roles within our new parliament for Semester 1: Minister for Chester: Logan Mears

- Minister for Youth Affairs (K-2): Macey Hosking
- Minister for Health, Safety and Infrastructure: Mara Harden
- Minister for Communication and Technology: Jasper Schulz
- Minister for Information and Research: Kiara McCaw
- Minister for Trade (Fundraising): Kayla Wilson
- Minister for the Environment: Jessica Winter
- Minister for Sport: Brandon Frazer

The parliament will meet twice a term to discuss issues in our school and plan upcoming events. Classes will also be invited to send a representative to these meetings. Keep an eye out for our regular reports here in the newsletter!

Mrs Scott

2016 BADGE PRESENTATION

Just a reminder that badges will be presented to our five school leaders, as well as our House Captains and Vice-Captains at this Friday’s K-6 Assembly starting at 1:45pm in the hall. We welcome all parents and friends to join in this special assembly.

Mrs Scott

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.
Swimming Carnival
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:

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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 is 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 student’s name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the student’s 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.
## Merit Awards

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**CLOTHING POOL – PLEASE HELP**

Our clothing pool is very short on girls small school uniforms. If you have small sizes that you no longer need, our clothing pool would greatly appreciate them.

Thank you
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

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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 par-
ents/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.

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.