We had an amazing time at the Dad's Fishing morning with our lovely Chertsey families. The whole of the Gosford waterfront was filled with our Families wanting to catch the biggest fish! It was such a wonderful day!

Our biggest fish winner was Tiga Rayson who caught a 28cm whiting. Congratulations Tiga this was excellent fishing! Everyone was a winner and we all had a great time.

There is no doubt about it Chertsey is the best school on the coast; we even have our very own paramedic at events!. Scott Dries was just amazing when there was an accident on Saturday. The child involved had the best person on the job immediately and even had the ambulance available. It was just a blessing that everything was available to help our little friend.

Not only did Scott help with the accident but he also brought his boat and gave the families a ride.

Now where in the state or world would you have a school that even has speedboats come to a fishing morning? Thankyou Scott you were just fantastic.

A big thank you to the teachers who came to help - thankyou Stuart Jo, Anne, Penelope, Anne and John.

Thank you to Kate Hoban who worked so hard with the lunch and then walked around with baskets of goodies. Kate was just fantastic. Thank you to Frank and all the people who came and helped at lunch time.

Thank you to Kim Keirnan our very own master chef who came with cakes and biscuits! Kim is just the best and does so much top help us out with baking and just being her wonderful self.

So all in all it was a wonderful day and we have great pictures that will be on the website very soon showing the Chertsey fishermen who were after that big fish that got away!

Next year I think we will have categories such as the first person who got bitten by a fish!, the smallest fish, the biggest bit of seaweed caught and the most relaxed fisherman! Thankyou everyone for a great day!

Harmony Day

We had a wonderful day last Friday celebrating Harmony day. The children looked great dressing up in traditional costume and wearing orange t shirts, it was just great.

Special mention to Kira Rayson who was dressed in traditional Japanese Kimono and Serayah Gibbs in traditional Tonga dress. Both girls looked exceptional and so gorgeous.

Gosford TAFE students also came and spoke to the Assembly. The students spoke on what is harmony day, they also said hello in their native language and they showed the children a game that they do in the Philippines. There was a power point showing different aspects of harmony day and what it all means as well as singing it is a small world after all. The students then went into the K-2 classes and spoke to the students. It was a really special time. I would like to thank Heidi Nader for organizing the students and all the students from Gosford TAFE who participated. It was a morning to remember.

We all belong and this is true especially here at Chertsey.

Dad’s Day Out

On Sunday we celebrated DAD’S Day Out. This too was a great day and the families who joined us there had a wonderful time. The lovely Sarah Tomlinson and Tania Rendall came and did face painting for me. The face painting was different as they asked the children to paint the Dad’s faces! Sarah and Tanya were able to talk to families about Chertsey and many were interested in our school and activities. The girls were flat out all day. Thank you so much Sarah and Tania for all that you did for me there and for being such wonderful people and thankyou Jasmine and Hope for all your help too!
Go into the library and you will see the Dad photography exhibition. Look for the Seaman family and the Mitrevski family. These photographs are just beautiful.

If the family wins their pictures will go to Canberra for the big exhibition. There is also a small monetary prize. So we do hope that they win! It is just so special seeing the kids with their dads and grandfathers. Thankyou dearest Lisa and Katrina for putting in your photos and making us proud!

Community Newsletter
Lisa Seaman is also madly putting the community newsletter together. If you have anything that you would like to put in this newsletter. Please see Lisa or myself this week. We’ll be at the cottage or in ‘Our Place” SaCCs room.

We are emphasising the community garden; celebrating what people have done in Springfield and looking at all the groups that are in Springfield as well. Your input will be greatly received. We hope to put this newsletter out over the Easter break.

Term 2 Activities
Thank you to all the people who have helped me this term. Thank you to Vanja Zetovic, Sarah Tomlinson, Natalie Onley and Vicki Schofield who have helped me with childcare and who do an amazing job. They are just the best child carers and the families really praise the work that they do.

Thank you to Christina Mc Mahon who has run great parenting programs for us.

Thankyou to Alex, Di and Kerrie Greenhalgh who have helped me with catering for functions at the school.

Thankyou to Kim Keirnan who has been an angel in all that she does to assist me in helping families.

Thankyou to Cathy Moore who does so much with me for all the families here. We are so blessed to have her with us.

Wiggle and giggle and Carmen’s school of dance who have a great and dance music programs for our children. CHOOSH who give so much to our families with Christine and Tia running the program.

New program next term is ‘Super kids’, this is a gross motor program for children under five. This is a partnership with Gosford City Council and Chertsey Primary School.

Next Term we are having Families Flicks and the opening of the Cola. We’ll have the date soon. It may be during Families week in May. Keep you posted.

We’ll also be doing a Mother’s day Pamper evening with a few surprises in stall for you. Watch this space for more info........

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR GREAT HELP THIS TERM AND FOR ALL THAT YOU DO IN OUR SCHOOL AND FOR THIS COMMUNITY. WE COULDN’T DO WITHOUT YOU!

School Watch

Guidelines for School Watch

WHAT IS SCHOOL WATCH?

School Watch is a Volunteer crime prevention and awareness program that enlists the assistance of the school staff, students and local community in improving the safety and security of school sites after hours and preventing damage to school property.

School Watch was initiated by the Federation of Parents and Citizens’ Associations of New South Wales. It is supported by the DepSchool Watch can operate in a number of ways. For example, local residents and businesses which live and operate near schools should be encouraged to become more aware of people in the school grounds after hours, particularly on weekends and be able to report illegal activity to the relevant authorities.

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**BENEFITS OF SCHOOL WATCH**

In locations where School Watch has been commenced in support of other risk management strategies schools have had a significant reduction in crime and gained other benefits such as:

- Increased awareness of security issues;
- Reduced risk of devastating fires;
- Reduced loss of time and disruption; and
- Increased “school pride” and a sense of personal responsibility.

Please call security if you see any inappropriate behaviour in the school, you input would be of great benefit to our school.

Thankyou everyone for a great term.

I hope that you have a wonderful Easter break and that you are all blessed by this season.

Enjoy the holiday break and see you soon!

Love,

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