



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9/12	Parent and Scripture Helpers Morning Tea Carols on the Bus	11.15am 6.10-7.40pm
Friday 11/12	Student Reports sent home Reverse Santa	
Monday 14/12	Year 6 Farewell evening	
Tuesday 15/12	Movie Day and Beaut Behaviour BBQ	
Wednesday 16/12	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (afternoon)	Time TBC
Thursday 17/12 and Friday 18/12	Pupil Free Days due to staff development.	
Thursday 28/12/2010	Students Return to school	

REMINDER:

P+C MEETING

TONIGHT (Tuesday-December 7th) IS THE MONTHLY P+C MEETING, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM IN THE STAFFROOM. IT IS AN ESPECIALLY GOOD NIGHT TO COME ALONG AS THE FORMALITIES WILL BE MINIMAL AND THERE ARE NO JOBS GOING. WE WELCOME NEW PARENTS. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND JOIN IN WITH A CELEBRATION FOR WHAT HAS BEEN A GREAT 2009.

Final Newsletter for 2009

For several weeks now I have been asking myself "Where has this year gone?". It wasn't until I began summarising the year for our Presentation Day that I realised the reason it has gone so fast was because it has been extremely busy.....or I am getting old. (A bit of both maybe?)

As next week is finishing on Wednesday for our students this will be the final newsletter for 2009. I would like to sincerely thank Loida for being able to understand my sometimes obscure directions and put together a very professional and information-packed newsletter each and every school week. I know on occasions other staff have been known to pop into the office to assist collating and distributing newsletters to classes. Everyone's help has been greatly appreciated!

Farewell Mrs Callachor

For a number of years now we have been fortunate to have the services of Mrs Sue Callachor, an itinerant Intensive English teacher visit our school once a week. Mrs Callachor has assisted many children who often do not have English as their first language. Due to less students who are from international cultures attending Chertsey at present, Mrs Callachor's skills and services are being directed elsewhere. I am sure I speak on behalf of the many students and families of whom she has assisted when I say a sincere thank you for your patience, understanding and assistance you have provided to students whilst at Chertsey. Thank you Mrs Callachor.

A Fond Farewell to the Woodleys

Well done to the Ros and Peter Woodley who were the joint winners of the P+C Appreciation Shield for service to our school. Even though youngest child Kahli is heading off to High School Peter and Ros were at school this past week repairing the shade shelter and generously replacing the tattered old cover with a brand new one. Volunteers like Ros and Peter are going to be sorely missed. They will forever

be an important part of the history of our school and I sincerely thank them both for all they have contributed to Chertsey.

REPORTS

Teachers have been busy writing end of year reports for all children in both our mainstream and support classes. I am reading and commenting on each child's report and they reaffirm what I already know about our Chertsey students. That is, their efforts are being recognised through academic success and/or outstanding effort. I anticipate reports going home with students this Friday 11th December. Well done to our students for a great year.

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR BEAUT BEHAVIOUR BBQ

It's on again! The Principal's Beaut Behaviour BBQ has made me get organised quickly to host next Tuesday's giant sausage sizzle. Students should receive one of two types of invitation to attend the BBQ. One will commend students for their **excellent consistent** behaviour. The other will state we acknowledge their efforts to **improve their behaviour**. Why make such a big deal about behaviour? There are many reasons but perhaps the most important is that **learning opportunities** are more readily available to students if teachers are able to focus on teaching and learning rather than behaviour management.

Now, I seek your assistance. Please indicate on the slip below if you can assist in any way. Please return the slip to me via the office and meet outside the school canteen next Tuesday, 15th December at 10.30am if you are able to help.

Beaut Behaviour BBQ

I am able to assist with the Beaut Behaviour BBQ on Tuesday 15th December from 10.30am until 1pm.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

THANK YOU!

Reverse Santa

Last week I mentioned that Chertsey families are invited to participate in the **REVERSE SANTA** activity where students can bring in a gift for children of families who require a little cheer this coming Christmas. I have now been informed that Santa will be at our school on Friday 11th December to collect presents which will be given to the Central Coast Community Chest to be distributed to needy families. More details will soon be provided by Mrs Heath who is the school coordinator for the Chertsey Reverse Santa.

Sunrise and Proud

This week's lucky hat draw winner is **Bradley Deegan** of 5/6F. Congratulations Bradley and enjoy your slushie!!

Thank you everyone for helping to make this a terrific year, one where students have prospered, staff have worked hard to provide students with outstanding opportunities and parents have worked with the school to create a great learning environment. I wish a safe and enjoyable holiday and a merry Christmas to all of our Chertsey families. I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2010 to commence a new decade and a new school year....or maybe before at the **Out and About Carols on the Bus** on Wednesday 9th December.

John Anderson

Holiday Reading Is Rad

The Holiday reading Is Rad kits will be ready for distribution shortly. Well done to all the families who have decided to participate in the fantastic reading program. The program assists in the continuation of reading skills over the summer holidays.

Happy Reading!

Carols on the Bus

Dear wonderful parents of Chertsey Primary school and residents of Springfield. K/1p and 5/6W will be

caroling on Wednesday 9th December on Carol bus.

They will be stopping at:

6.10pm Corner Dolly Avenue & Alison Road

6.30pm Bushlands avenue Park

6.50pm Corner of Sherwood Drive & Calvert

7.20pm Corner of Robinia Parade & Cypress St

We hope that you can join us singing out the Carols stops. It will be just lovely see you on Wednesday at the stops. The community carols will be reschedule, more information will be sent later.

Nada

Farewell and Thank You

Unfortunately Chertsey has lost its ESL position for 2010, as the position has been transferred to a school with a higher number of ESL students.

So it is very reluctantly, that I must say farewell to the Chertsey school community. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with the staff and wonderful students at this school. Thank you to all the teachers who have allowed me into their classrooms, the staff who have assisted me and the families who have supported me. But most of all, thank you to the wonderful students I have worked with. You make it very hard to leave. I hope that I might see you at Chertsey from time to time in a different role.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday, and best wishes for the future.

Sue Callachor ESL Teacher

2010 Rugby League News

A message regarding our rugby league team for 2010. A number of students (mainly stage 3) have expressed interest in playing in the rugby League team next year. If any parent is interested in taking on a coaching role could you please contact me at school before the end of term.

Regards Mr McFarlane

Reverse Santa

Don't forget Friday 11th December (this week) at 11am Santa will be visiting classrooms to collect your gift for a boy or girl less fortunate than yourself.

If you wrap your gift please indicate whether it is for a boy or girl & age – no perishables thank you. Christmas is time of giving, so please help spread Christmas Blessings & make children smile.

The gifts will be distributed through United Way Central Coast Community Chest to various charitable organisations.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Heath

Northern Valleys Netball

Northern Valleys Netball Club is a family friendly club which plays in the Gosford Netball Association winter competition. We cater for both the social and competitive players and have Netta (6 – 9 year olds), junior (10 – 13 year olds), intermediate juniors (13 – 15 years), cadet (16 – 20 year olds) and senior teams. Teams train mid-week and play on Saturdays at Adcock Park West Gosford.

Registration days are to be held on Sunday January 31st at Bunnings West Gosford during the clubs sausage sizzle & after school on Wednesday 3rd February at 130 Berrys Head Road Wyoming. Further information can be obtained from Cheryl Leeson, the Club Registrar on 4328 2213 or from the club web site - <http://www.northernvalleysnetballclub.com/index.html>

Challenged by your child's asthma?

'Parenting Children with Asthma'

Researchers from the University of Queensland are investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

What does participation involve?

Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at:

<http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact
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Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

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