



15 November 2011 Working Together Term 4 Week 6



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From The Principal's Desk

IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

- 17th November- Yr 6 Mini Fair
- 26th November- Dad's HEADSTART
- 1st December- HEADSTART Graduation
- 2nd December-KLA Presentation Day
- 5th December- Erina HS Year 6 Orientation Day + Yr 6 to 7 Transition Evening for Parents at Erina HS
- 7th December- Helpers' Morning Tea- 11am
- 8th December- K-2 Presentation Day Assembly (9.30am-11.00am)
- 9th December- 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly (1.00pm-3.00pm) + Student Reports- home
- 12th December- Year 6 Farewell
- 13th December- Beaut Behaviour BBQ + P&C Meeting
- 19th/20th December- Pupil Free Days

WELCOME TO STUDENT TEACHER

Class KH have a student teacher, **Mr Naughton** for the next four weeks gaining valuable teaching experience and sharing his knowledge and interests with the KH students. I am sure he will find his time at Chertsey a very rewarding experience. Thank you to **Mrs Hynes** for volunteering to be the supervising teacher for this practicum.

YEAR 6 MINI FAIR

This Thursday, 17th November, will see the annual Year 6 Mini Fair take place. I am sure the students will once again organise a very successful mini fair and everyone will thoroughly enjoy themselves. There will be plenty of activities, prizes and food. The money raised will go towards a Year 6 gift to the school. Well done to the Year 6 teachers, staff and students who put much work into the organisation of this great event. I know Mr Francis would love to hear from any parents who might be able to assist, especially with cooking duties at our BBQ.

ACCEPTANCE, ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT, INTEGRITY AND RESPECT

COMMUNITY RADIO

Tune into COAST FM-96.3FM this Wednesday, November 16 at 11am and listen to senior students present their fourth and final **Kidz Biz program** for 2011. The students will present samples of student's work, interviews and reports on the recent happenings in and around the school.

SCHOOL EVALUATION SURVEYS

Each year NSW Public Schools are required to evaluate both an academic and a management area and publish the results in the school's **Annual School Report**.

This year our two focus areas as determined by our school's Evaluation & Improvement Team are **'MATHEMATICS'** and **'REPORTING'**. Staff and a random sample of students will be surveyed along with parents. I am sending home copies of these surveys this week and would be very appreciative of parents who have returned the surveys by **FRIDAY, November 25**. This will enable our School Evaluation Team to assess and guide our future directions in these areas.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM INFORMATION and SURVEY

Recently I mentioned that **Donna Knee** from Grace City Church and **Miss Daley**, our Special Religious Coordinator were working on an information sheet and a survey aimed at obtaining our parents and carers views on the proposed School Chaplaincy program for our school. This survey will be sent home this week together with our two focus area surveys. I would be appreciative if you could take a little time to read about the program and where applicable make comment by **FRIDAY week, November 25**.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The final stage of our school's fitness track, a climbing net, has now been installed. This is a great resource that will allow students to build their fitness levels in a safe, fun manner. The students enjoyed testing their skills and fitness last Friday after being shown the correct way of using the equipment by four of Mr MacFarlane's trainee fitness instructors! Thank you to **Nada** who obtained funding for this through a Federal Government Healthy Lifestyle grant.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Last Friday we commemorated Remembrance Day at Chertsey with a special ceremony led by three senior students, **Tamara, Brock and Zachary**. As was noted it was the only time that all of the 'elevens' have lined up and it will not occur for another 100 years!

Thank you to **Felicity of class 4/5S** and the students and staff of classes **K-2F** and **K-6D** who made special poppies for the occasion.

SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to **Jessica of class 5/6F** who won this week's hat draw. Jessica wins a slushy, courtesy of our canteen and our P&C, for simply having a school hat on that she wears at all times whilst out in the playground.

John Anderson



School Holiday Hockey Clinic

WHERE: Wyong Hockey Centre
WHEN: Wednesday 18th January, 2012
COST: \$5.00 (to be paid on the day)
TIME: 9:00am – 12:00pm
WHAT TO BRING: Hat, water and mouthguard (also sold in the canteen)

HOW TO REGISTER

Email your name, age, phone number to Emma Cobbin at Hockey NSW as soon as possible,
emma.c@hockeynsw.com.au



Assembly times

K-6 Friday (Even Weeks) 1:45-2:45

K-2 Wednesday (Odd Weeks) 9:15-9:45

3-6 Friday (Odd Weeks) 1:45-2:30

Parents & Citizens Association



Meetings are held
every 2nd Tuesday of
each month 6.30pm.
All parents are
welcome!

School Community Hall
for hire. Chertsey
Community Cottage for
hire
Phone school Office
for details

OUR PLACE

CHERTSEY SaCCs

**School as Community
Centres**

Phone: 4323 7158

Fax: 4323 7158

Facilitator: Nada Potter



Dates to remember

Thursday 17/11	Year 6 Mini Fair
Thursday 1/12	HEADSTART Graduation
Friday 2/12	KLA's Assembly 1.45pm
Monday 5/12	Erina Orientation Year 6. Parent-Teacher Evening Erina High School
Wednesday 7/12	Helpers' Morning Tea-11am
Wednesday 7/12	Combine Scripture Assembly
Thursday 8/12	Springfield Has Talent Evening
Thursday 8/12	Presentation Assembly K - 2 / 9.30 - 11pm
Friday 9/12	Presentation Assembly 3-6 / 1-3pm
Monday 12/12	Year 6 Farewell
Tuesday 13/12	Beaut Behaviour BBQ P & C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 16/12	Students Last Day Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.15pm
Monday 19/12 - Tuesday 20/12	Pupil Free Days

CHANGES OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please notify the office of
any address and
telephone number
changes. In the event of
an emergency we must
have current



Canteen



Our canteen is now
opened on :

**Wednesday
Thursday and
Friday**

CHERTSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

Spring 2011 – from Term 4 2011

Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Di on 0405 009 617



Before School

Milo (hot or cold)	0.65
Muffin (vegemite, jam or honey)	0.65

Hot Food



Cheese burger	3.10
Chicken burger	3.30
Chicken burger deluxe	4.50
Chicken balls each	0.60
Chicken nuggets each	0.50
Chicken fingers each	0.50
Dino snacks each	0.50

Ham & pineapple pizza	3.50
Mini pizza slice	0.25

Lasagna 125g	3.40
Fried Rice	4.30
Mega Noodle cup	0.50

Hot dog & sauce	2.20
Pie & sauce	2.50
Sausage roll (lite) & sauce	2.20

Tomato sauce – extra	0.30
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Sandwiches/Wraps

B beans/Spaghetti	1.50
Cheese	1.50
Cheese & Tomato	1.70
Chicken	3.00
Chicken & Cheese	3.30
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.30
Chicken salad	4.60
Egg	1.50
Egg and lettuce	2.00
Ham or Tuna	2.20
Ham & Cheese	2.60
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	2.80
Ham or Tuna & Salad	4.00
Salad	3.00
Vegemite	1.50



Rolls extra	0.20
Toasted extra	0.20

Wholemeal bread available

Salad – lettuce, tom, carrot, beet, cucumber



Salad Bowl/Plate

(with egg, ham or tuna)

Small salad bowl	3.50
Large salad plate	5.00



Meal Deals

Sumo Salad	5.00
Salad sandwich, flavoured milk, popcorn	

Loopy Lasagna	4.00
Lasagna, juice cup, wobble	

Cheeky Chicken	4.00
4 chicken balls, water or juice cup, triangle ice block or popcorn	

Tonsty Treat	3.40
Toasted cheese sandwich, water or juice cup, triangle ice block or popcorn	

Drinks



Flavoured milk 300ml	1.70
Juice 250ml popper	1.60
Water 600ml	1.20
Juice cup 110ml	0.70
Slush puppy	2.00



Frozen Treats

Jelly Stix	0.20
Wobble	0.40
Money triangle	0.80
TNT sour pop	0.90
Moose	1.60



Snacks

Cupcakes – high fibre	0.30
Finger bun – half	1.00
Fruit – seasonal prices	—
Us/Jumpys	1.20
Red Rock deli chips	1.50
Popcorn	0.80

Don't forget we will stinky your apple for free

Birthday Cakes



Freshly made and decorated cupcakes for the birthday child and their classmates, delivered to the classroom with candles and serviettes.

Please order a week in advance

Per child	0.50
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Note: copies of the menu are available from the school office.

PHOTOS

*Evie -Runner Up
PSP Regional Writing Competition*



Students receiving Principal's Awards



msp photography

Sport and Team Photography

Photographs 20cm x 25cm (with names & logo). Please specify teams required from black display folder located in the office

Order more than one group and you save!

- 1..... \$15
- 2..... \$29
- 3.....\$42
- 4.....\$54
- 5.....OR MORE ADD 12.00 Per Photo.

PLEASE INQUIRE AT THE OFFICE FOR PREPAID ENVELOPES

Orders must be in by Friday 25th of November.



SCHOOL PREFECT ELECTIONS 2012

It is that time of year when we are thinking about school leaders for 2012. Six Prefects will be elected for 2012. Year 5 students and the staff at Chertsey PS are currently submitting nominations for consideration as Prefect next year. Along with the honour of being elected as a Prefect, there is also added responsibility as they endeavour to balance their new leadership roles with their academic, extracurricular and social activities.

A special assembly will be held on Thursday 24th November (Week 7), commencing at 1:45 pm, at which successful nominees will present a short speech explaining why they would make the best Prefect. All Year 2 to 5 students and all staff will vote following the speeches, and the new Prefects will be announced at our annual Presentation Day Assembly on Friday 9th December (Week 9).

Good luck to all nominees!

Miss Wiseman and Mr Francis

Prefect Co-ordinators

Year 6 Mini-fair



This **Thursday 17th November** the Year 6 students will be holding a mini-fair at our school to raise money for their end of year farewell and for the present that Year 6 gives to the school at the end of the year. The fun and activities **start at 12:30 pm** and will **conclude at 2:30 p.m.** So bring your money, bring your family and friends and have a great time at our mini-fair!

Student Banking



Just a reminder that we bank on Tuesdays.

Our last banking day for the year will be Tuesday 6 December 2011.

If you would like to claim one of the great rewards on offer this year I need to know by Tuesday 29 November 2011 so that the order can be processed before the end of the term.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Michelle Frazer
Student Banking Coordinator



Free Screening Mammograms

- ♦ Are you **50 years of age or older** and have never had a mammogram?
- ♦ Is it more than **2 years** since your last screening mammogram?

If you answered yes to either of these questions then call BreastScreen NSW on 13 20 50 to make an appointment for your free screening mammogram.

BreastScreen NSW offers a free breast screening service for women over 40 with priority given to women aged 50 to 69 years.

75% of breast cancers are in women 50 years or older so the risk of a woman developing breast cancer increases as she gets older.

Mammograms save lives.

Location: Erina Fair Shopping Centre

Date: 24 Nov to Mid Dec

Parking: Free

Phone 13 20 50 or 4320 5678

Early Detection is Vital

Call **13 20 50**
For an appointment

Australian Early Development Index (AEDI)

Information for Parents



Australian Early Development Index

Background

The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a nation-wide program that looks at the development of young children.

In 2012, schools (both government and non-government) will be taking part in the second national implementation of the AEDI.

This will give each community in Australia a snapshot of how children have developed in the years before they begin school. It will help communities and governments pinpoint the services, resources and support young children and their families need to give children the best possible start in life.

The Australian Government and State and Territory

Governments are working in partnership with the Centre for Community Child Health (at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne and a key research centre of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute) and the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth, to deliver the AEDI.

Following the success of the first national implementation of the AEDI, the Australian Government has made a commitment to collect this important data

every three years. The commitment represents a total investment in the AEDI of \$51.2 million over five years (or \$28 million per collection cycle). The ongoing AEDI funding will ensure that governments and communities continue to have the information they need to make a difference in the lives of young children and their families.

The importance of a child's early years

The early years are crucial to the healthy development of a child. During the first few years of a child's life, their brain develops at a rapid rate. Investing resources and energy into these early years will bring life-long benefits to children and the community.

Both nature and nurture influence our children's development

How the AEDI works

The AEDI gathers information in a similar way to a census. It involves compiling information on groups of children around Australia who are in their first year of full-time school. To do this, teachers complete a checklist – like a survey or questionnaire – for every child in their class.

Between May and July 2012, schools will participate in the AEDI by completing checklists for children in their first year of full-time school.

The AEDI Checklist includes more than 100 questions that look at five areas of child development:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school based)
- communication skills and general knowledge

Every child deserves the best start in life

The AEDI is designed as a population measure. This means it looks at whole groups of children in the community – not individuals. It is not a test or assessment of a child's development or performance in class.

The AEDI and your child

An AEDI Checklist is completed by your child's teacher.

There is no need for parents or children to provide any new or extra information to schools for the AEDI.

Children will not be taken out of class and do not need to be present while their teacher completes the checklist.



Has the AEDI been done before?

In 2009, the AEDI was completed nationwide for the first time. Between 1 May and 31 July, information was collected on 261,147 children (97.5 per cent of the estimated national five-year-old population). This involved 15,522 teachers from 7,422 Government, Catholic and Independent schools around Australia.

How does the AEDI help my child and our community?

The AEDI provides communities with essential information about their children's development.

The findings from the AEDI will benefit the whole community – helping local schools, community groups and government understand what's working well in the community and what needs to be improved or developed to better support children and their families.

It will also help strengthen links between schools, kindergartens/ preschools, playgroups, health centres, libraries and other local organisations who support children and families.

Children need supportive and caring families and communities to thrive

How is the AEDI Checklist completed?

The AEDI Checklist is like a survey or questionnaire.

Teachers complete an AEDI Checklist for every child in their first year of full-time school. Each checklist takes around 20 minutes to complete.

Teachers complete the checklists based on their knowledge and observations of the child in class. Teachers are highly skilled professionals with an understanding of early childhood development issues. This makes them well-placed to observe the development of children as they enter school.

Does my child have to participate in the AEDI?

Participation in the AEDI is not compulsory, however if you do not want your child's teacher to complete an AEDI Checklist for your child, you need to contact the teacher or school principal directly to opt-out. Unless you contact the school to opt-out of the AEDI, a checklist will be completed for your child.

When and how will I see findings from the AEDI?

Findings from the AEDI are released at the community level where children live.

Results from the 2012 data collection will be available in 2013 through reports, online maps, community profiles and school profiles.

To see results from the first national implementation of the AEDI go to www.aedi.org.au



For more information please visit www.aedi.org.au