

22 November 2011 Working Together Term 4 Week 7



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From The Principal's Desk

IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

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

AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Thank you to **Miss Sammut** and **members of our Gecko Club, Stephanie, Krystal and Hope** who represented our school at Gosford City Council's **Greenhouse Awards**. These are always worth attending as participating schools showcase their environmental programs. They were held at Laycock St Theatre on Monday.

Also on Monday, I will be taking 15 Year 5 and 6 students to **Somersby** to trial a new **camp** with a view to booking it for our major Stage 3 excursion for next year. It comes highly recommended from other schools and the camp is organising the day at no cost to the students.

And finally, good luck to our **Year 5 students who have nominated as a 2012 prefect nominee**. The prefect speeches and election will take place this Thursday. Whether successful or not in the quest to become a prefect I know there are many opportunities for leadership at Chertsey.

Our six prefects for 2012 will be announced at the Year 3-6 Presentation Assembly on December 9.

ACCEPTANCE , ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT, INTEGRITY AND RESPECT

DAD'S HEADSTART

This Saturday, November 26 I am looking forward to seeing a group of dads and their children attend the special **Dad's HEADSTART** session. **Mrs Auinger, Nada** and I will aim to provide an insight of the activities and the setting their child will experience when they attend 'BIG school' at Chertsey in 2012. Currently, we are planning to form two kindergarten classes for next year which is great for our staffing and the additional resources that are provided by our Department of Education & Communities.

YEAR 6 MINI FAIR

As is clearly evident by the photographs in this newsletter the annual Year 6 Mini Fair held last Thursday was a tremendous success. A grand total of over \$2100 was taken on the day with a profit of over \$1500 likely to be the outcome after expenses are deducted. **Congratulations to our Year 6 students, Mr Francis, Miss Wiseman, Mrs Currie, and the other staff and parents** who assisted to make it such a success!

The money raised will assist to subsidise the cost of attending the Year 6 Farewell evening and also a gift to the school.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Last Saturday I met with a group of parent volunteers to look at the new venue for the Year 6 Farewell, the **Terrigal Surf Lifesaving Club**. What a great venue with ocean views which will make a lovely backdrop for all of those end-of-an-era photographs.

With our dance program including a free disco for the Farewell it promises to be memorable evening. **Thank you to the parents** who have volunteered to assist with catering and decorations. Without your assistance this night wouldn't be possible in its planned format.

COMMUNITY RADIO

Well done to Tamara, Skye, Chantelle and Brandon who last Wednesday presented their fourth and final **Kidz Biz program** for 2011. I was extremely proud of all of our students who have presented a program throughout the year. The students will present samples of student's work , interviews and reports on the recent happenings in and around the school. The confidence, organisation and leadership demonstrated was beyond their years.

SCHOOL EVALUATION SURVEYS

Thank you to the parents who have returned the surveys I sent home last week. 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 **this 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 (Repeat)

Recently I mentioned that **Donna Knee** from Grace City Church and **Miss Daley**, our Special Religious Coordinator were working on a 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 been 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**.

HELPERS REQUIRED FOR BEAUT BEHAVIOUR BBQ

It's on again! The Principal's Beaut Behaviour BBQ will be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. Students may 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**. Again, this year, the vast majority of students have consistently demonstrated our core values of: **ACCEPTANCE, ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITMENT, INTEGRITY and RESPECT**. And most importantly, teachers have been able to consistently provide **learning opportunities** within their teaching and learning program rather than behaviour management.

Now, I seek your assistance. Please indicate **on the slip below** if you can assist in any way to with the organisation of the BBQ. Please return the slip to me via the office and meet outside the school canteen on Tuesday, 13th December at 10.30am if you are able to help.

Should your child/ren have special dietary needs I request a written note preferably at least a week prior to the BBQ.

 Please return to Mr Anderson	Beaut Behaviour BBQ
I am able to assist with the Beaut Behaviour BBQ on Tuesday 13th December from 10.30am until 1pm. Name: _____ Child's Name: _____ Phone: _____	
Mobile: _____	
THANK YOU!	
	

SCHOOL A – Z MOBILE APP

I have previously mentioned the School A – Z site developed by the Department of Education and Communities. The site now has an App that can be downloaded to your iPhone, iPad or Android device. The School A – Z site provides help with homework and technology. It also provides information on student well being and going to school. It is worth exploring. The App can be downloaded from the Apple App store or the Android market. Details are on the School A – Z website. The web address is: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

STUDY PLUS

Our Year 6 students are currently involved in the Study Plus program at Erina High School. The Study Plus program is part of the Erina Learning Community transition program. Study Plus allows students to participate in workshops around areas of interest or talent at the high school.

SCHOOL FACILITIES STANDARDS SURVEY

The Department of Education and Communities is asking parents for feedback on school facilities with a view to update the standards that have been in place for a very long time. I encourage parents to have their say on what facilities schools should have into the future. The link is listed below: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/sfsparent>

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR 2012 ?

We are currently reviewing our student numbers for 2012 and have commenced planning. If you definitely know that your child will NOT be attending our school in 2012 please inform the school of your intentions, in writing. If you know of someone who will be enrolling their child next year, please encourage them to contact the school office and enrol as soon as possible.

As previously mentioned, parents are invited to write to me should they wish to provide information about their child's social needs that may impact on their placement next year.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2013

Information has been sent home to parents of Year 5 students regarding the Selective High School Placement. Selective high schools are one strategy used by the Department of Education and Training to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students.

Applications have closed of Monday this week, however, if for an unforeseen reason you have yet to apply please contact the office ASAP and I will endeavour to organise a late application.

All students applying for Year 7 selective high school entry will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of 15th March 2012. The test will be held in a test centre to be advised individually to all applicants by 1st March 2012. Parents will be responsible for transporting their own children to and from the test centres.

SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to **Jye 3/6V** who won this week's hat draw. Jye wins a slushy, courtesy of our canteen and our P&C, for simply having a school hat on that he wears at all times whilst out in the playground. Congratulations Jye enjoy your slushy.

John Anderson

Kindergarten Orientation



This Thursday 24th November is our Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am -11:00am. All children and families starting school next year should attend to receive information packs and information about the first few weeks.

The children will continue their transition program in the classroom with Mrs Hynes and Miss Sewell. All parents should meet at the hall for a 9:40am start. Please bring along your child's:-

1. Enrolment form
2. Birth certificate
3. Blue book or immunisation

Mrs Denning needs to sight these documents in order to complete your child's enrolment.

Second hand clothing pool

If your child has outgrown their uniform the P&C greatly appreciates donations of clean uniforms in good condition. With the new Kindergarten children coming in there is currently a demand for small sizes.

Thank you for your support and helping out other families.

Karen Auinger



Reverse Santa

This Christmas Chertsey students will be thinking again of others less fortunate than themselves. We are asking all students to bring a small gift suitable for a boy or girl their age, to school on Tuesday 6th December, Santa will visit our school and walk around each classroom to collect the gifts. The gifts then will be distributed to various Central Coast Charities through Community Chest. **If you wrap your gift please write if its for a boy or girl and age.** You do not need to write who the gift is from. Gifts do not need to be expensive. Your child may want to make a gift. A gift given from the heart is the best gift of all. **This will be Reverse Santa's third year at Chertsey and many families have already had a happier Christmas due to your past generosity.**

Mrs Heath.

ICAS Certificates

will be handed out at this week's 3-6 assembly on Friday 25th November at 1.45pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.



Thank you
Mrs Stuckey
Co-ordinator

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 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**

4/5S & 3-6V Assembly Item

Boys Dance Group



Year Six Mini Fair



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 (This Week), 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

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers for helping to make our mini-fair an enjoyable and successful day for Year 6. We were able to raise approximately \$2000.00 which will be used to buy an end-of-year gift for the school and support the Year 6 farewell. I would especially like to thank all Year 6 students and parents for helping with the preparations, donations and clean-up of our fundraising event. A special thanks to Kate Currie who worked tirelessly in organising all of the donations so that every student went home with a prize! Greg Francis



Student Banking

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.

Just to let you know that the watches and all the other rewards will still be available next year (2012) until stocks run out. Some new and exciting rewards will also be on offer from next year so watch this space for details. I promise to let you know as soon as I have details.

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

Michelle Frazer
Student Banking Coordinator

Merit Awards

Jye	KH
Dylan	KH
Jessica	K/1P
Ethan	K/1P
Liam	1S
Brandon	1S
Marcus	2A
Kaleb	2A
Sebastian	2/3W
Jasper	2/3W
Tye	K/2F
Mimi	K/2S
Ayden	3/4M
Indiana	3/4M
Tully	4/5S
Krystal	4/5S
Cathy	3/6V
Jordan	K/6D
Blake	5/6W
Daniel	5/6W
Alec	5/6F
Aithne	5/6F
Reading	Elise 3/4M
Reading	Tanesha K/1P

Ways to Get More Veggies in your Family Meals



- Make veggie chips by chopping potatoes, parsnips, or carrots into thick sticks, brush with olive oil and oven bake.
- Add veggies like corn kernels, capsicum, peas, potatoes and broccoli to soups, pasta sauces, and rice or noodle dishes.
- Grate carrot or zucchini and add to homemade hamburger patties or pasta sauces.
- Add some salad to rolls, sandwiches or wraps for lunch.
- Put out a platter of different veggies & let everyone choose which ones they want to eat.
- Try to serve veggies with each meal – don't worry too much if it is the same ones your child wants each night, as long as they eat them!

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



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 Childrens 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 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



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Would \$500 assist you with education costs?



You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons.

Saver Plus is delivered by The Smith Family in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself



To find out more contact
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the smith family

Bunnings
7-12 Stockyard Place,
West Gosford. NSW
2250

Bunnings will once again be holding a family Christmas night on **Thursday 8th December.**

Further inquiries
43 238600



Driving and parking safely near Chertsey Public School



School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicle traffic outside our school in Willow & Springfield Roads and Bilgola Close. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of ALL children so....

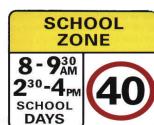
Always take extra care in the 40km/h school zone - slow down as there are many children around
Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate

Observe all parking signs at the front of the school - these signs help keep our children safe

Always drop your children on the school side of the road in surrounding streets

Meet your children inside the school gate - especially in wet weather

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you



NEVER perform a U-turn in the intersection of Springfield and Willow Roads - this blocks the vision of other drivers and puts children at risk

NEVER park in the bus or no standing zones or across the children's crossing in Willow Road.

NEVER call to your children from across the road - teach them to wait until you come to them



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Christmas Disco!

SNACKS!
GAMES!

Chertsey School Hall
Friday 9th December
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Cost \$5 per child

LOLLIES!
PRIZES!

Places are limited...Book at CHOOSH!!

All Chertsey school children welcome
(younger siblings also welcome if parent
stays in hall for duration of disco)

Phone: 0405 164 176

Come dressed in your best Christmas
outfit!

Parent volunteers are welcome

CHRISTMAS
GIFT FOR EACH
CHILD!