## 20th June 2011 Working Together Term 2 Week 9



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## OUR DANCE GROUP WAS OUTSTANDING!

Last evening, Monday $20^{\text {th }}$ June, Mrs Denning and myself were privileged to be invited to view the performances at the Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock Street Theatre. Of course all of the students representing a large number of schools deserve credit for their excellent efforts but it was the loud applause for the Chertsey Dance Group that I thought was indicative of both their performance and their presentation. Mrs Hynes should be applauded for giving up much of her own time to choreograph and rehearse the girls during many a lunchtime, and Mrs Denning employed her seamstress skills to assist with costumes. Also thank you to Ms Sewell for assisting with supervision on the evening of the performance. It was a long but hopefully a rewarding night for everyone!

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Last Friday, we had all students participate in the 'Jump Off' for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising activity. This is the second successive year that our School Learning Support Officer and Active After Schools Community coordinator, Kate Currie has coordinated this worthwhile activity. Everyone had a lot of fun and raised important funds and awareness for the Heart Foundation. Kate also organised a visit from the Anna Bay Rope-Burners, a group of students who visited from near Nelsons Bay to inspire our students. Congratulations Kate and everyone else who participated!

## PRACTICUM STUDENTS

It has been remiss of me not to previously acknowledge and welcome our practicum students from Newcastle University. So a belated welcome to Veda Hunter (class KH), Rebecca Tayler (class 2A), Rachel Howard (class 4/5S), and Jessica Tysoe (class 5/6W). I am impressed with how quickly they have assimilated into our school and the contributions they are making. Thanks must go to the teachers who have volunteered to mentor these students: Mrs Hynes, Mrs Auinger, Mrs Stuckey and Miss Wiseman.


## LEARN FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Learning For Life and The Smith Family coordinator, Regina Gilbert has informed me that a number of scholarship places have recently become available for students from Chertsey PS. The criteria is as follows: Excellent school attendance (over $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ ), an ability to be responsible for the necessary paperwork to be completed (one profile and a copy of the end of year student report are to be mailed). The family also needs to be in possession of a health care card or pension concession card.
Regina would like to have families contact our office by this Friday $\mathbf{2 4}{ }^{\text {th }}$ June as this will enable families to receive the second semester payment. These scholarships are funded by combined corporate support and I would urge all families who do not yet participate in this worthwhile program and who CAN meet the requirements to contact our office ASAP for the application form.
Thanks once again to Regina for your support by offering outstanding opportunities to our families.

## EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to Penelope Tillers and Tania Rendall who were nominated at last week's P\&C meeting to receive special awards that are presented on an annual basis. It was confirmed that they would be Chertsey's two Education Week
Appreciation Award recipients for 2011. Mrs Tillers will be recognised for her outstanding work as a teacher at Chertsey PS over a number of years, particularly in the area of Deaf Education. Whilst Tania is to be acknowledged for her terrific volunteer work at Chertsey. Especially at Active After School Sport, CHOOSH and SaCC. Well done Mrs Tillers and Mrs
Rendall.

## STUDENT REPORTS

Over the weekend I have commenced reading mid year reports for children in our mainstream classes and class K-2S. I am sure that once you receive them later this week they will inform you of your child's specific area/s of strength and any area to focus on during the second semester.
I strongly advise you to take the opportunity and make an interview time to discuss your child's progress next week. This is when teachers have set aside time for Parent / Teacher Interviews. Thank you to the teachers for the many hours spent comparing assessment results with grade colleagues and then writing the student reports.

## PRINCIPAL'S GOLD LETTERS

I have asked teachers to nominate students who can be recognised for their exceptional work during Term 2. These students will receive a letter home explaining the reason for the recognition. It has been difficult for the teachers to limit the number of Principal Letters to the number I have set for this term so I have decided to make it the same number of letters for Terms 3 and 4. This provides many more students with the opportunity to receive these letters printed on gold coloured paper.

CONGRATULATIONS to those children who will receive their letters this week.

## DAD \& ME FISHING DAY

The activity that I receive the most comment each year is the Dad \& Me Fishing Day. Unfortunately it was too wet to go ahead with it in Term 1 but I am hopeful of it being a great day for our second attempt this Sunday, June 26. I hope you can make it. If dad can't be present any family member is welcome to accompany their child/ren. Thank you Nada for your persistence with this FUN activity.

## KINDERGARTEN 2012

The time has come to start the enrolment process for children starting Kindergarten in 2011. If you have a child who turns five before 31 July, 2007, they are eligible to start school in 2011. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the office, for eligible children. For families who have had forms sent home please fill them in and return them to school with the relevant documents as soon as you are able. Also, if you know of other families in the area who will have a child enrolling for the first time, please make them aware that it is time to give the school their enrolment details.

The dates for this year's HEADSTART program are :
Thursdays, commencing 18/8/11 till Thursday 17/11/11 from 9:30-11:00. I believe that the Chertsey 'Transition to School' program has deservedly built a reputation of the highest standard. Please tell parents with eligible students that HEAD-
START begins on THURSDAY 18th August 2011.

## K-2 EXCURSION

I look forward to hearing about and seeing the photographs from the K-2 excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and I MAX Theatre that occurred today, Tuesday $21^{\text {st }}$ June.

BEAUT BEHAVIOUR BBQ- Tuesday June 28
Please circle if you can assist in any of the following ways:

- Cooking
- Serving
- Pick up Bread
- Pick up Sausages
- Pick up paper toweling and sauce

You know of someone/somewhere who will support the school in the donation/purchase of the above foods.
Thank You!
NAME: $\qquad$ PH.NO. $\qquad$

Please indicate on the slip above if you can assist in any of the listed ways and return the slip to me via the office.
At present I have just one helper for the Principal's Beaut Behaviour BBQ. It will be held next Tuesday June $28^{\text {th }}$ and will involve a sausage sizzle and perhaps a chocolate crackle. I envisage helpers arriving around 10.00am to start preparations for the BBQ , ready to serve our students at first lunch (11.00am).
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. Students who we currently have a doubt over their behaviour will receive a note home stating their behaviour needs to improve for them to be eligible to attend. There are many reasons to encourage positive student behaviour 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.
Please indicate on the slip above if you can assist in any of the listed ways and return the slip to me via the office.

## KIDS CONNEXIONS PROGRAM

Thank you to Nada for initiating the 'Kids Connexions' for our Year 6 students. This $2 \times 1.5 \mathrm{hr}$ program is aiming to develop healthy relationships through school-based education. Specifically, it hopes to see children build RESILIENCE in their relationships. Thank you also to the Interrelate Family Centres trainer, Kristen Donaghey for running the program and Mr Francis for coordinating it from the schools end.

## THIS WEEK'S CLASSY ARTICLE

This week class 2A share with us Colour Poems.
Well done 2A.

## SUNSAFE and PROUD

Well done to Krystal of class $\mathbf{4} / \mathbf{5 S}$ who won this week's hat draw. Krystal 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.
Congratulations Krystal enjoy your slushy!

## FITNESS TRACK EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED SOON

The final piece of equipment from the Healthy Active Australia Community and Schools grant. A climbing net will be installed once our oval has dried out from the recent rain. This will complete our fitness track which I believe is superior to any I have seen at other schools. Over $\mathbf{\$ 1 6 , 5 0 0}$ has been spent in constructing this high quality equipment and soft fall. A huge thank you to Nada for writing the original grant application. The community also received similar equipment at Bushlands Park as part of this grant.

## THANK YOU GOSFORD ROTARY

Last week I was contacted by Gosford Rotary Club's President, Terry Devine. Terry wanted to donate the sum of $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 0}$ to Chertsey to support our involvement in the Life Education program. The Rotary organisation see the tremendous value in this program which promotes healthy lifestyle choices for children. Miss Sewell, our Life Education coordinator welcomes the donation and believes it will optimise the opportunity for ALL our students to participate in the program when it is next due at Chertsey PS, early 2012 (date to be advised).

## A POSITIVE COMMENT

I was pleased to receive a phone call from a lady who drives past our school sign on week days as she has one child at St Edwards College and another at Terrigal High School. She wanted to say what a great school we must have as there always are a number of positive activities happening at Chertsey. It is important for our school community to be just as positive. These messages spread the good news about our great school which in turn attracts enrolments. Without sufficient enrolments we lose staff and we find it difficult to run the number of extra programs that we currently do. SO PLEASE spread the word...Chertsey is a fantastic school!

## John Anderson

## Central Coast Dance Festival

What a GREAT night!! The Dance Group have done Chertsey PROUD.
Thankyou to all the girls who performed last night at the Central Coast Dance Festival you were
wonderful. Your performance was excellent your behaviour was excellent and your commitment was excellent. Well done to all of you we had many compliments from people watching the show.

Thankyou also to Kris Denning, Loretta Sewell, Sharon Rowlands and Lianne Rijff for your help and support it was very much appreciated.

Sharon Hynes
Dance Coordinator

## 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 information. (See form below)

CHERTSEY PRIMARY SCHDOL STUDENT INFORMATION UPIDATE


## Emergency contacts -full name :

 Relationship to the student:Contact Phone no. Other Changes:

## Signature

$\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
*Please return to office

## MERIT AWARDS

| , Bree | KH |
| :---: | :---: |
| * Caleb | KH |
| ${ }^{2}$ Ivy | K/1P |
| Renee | K/1P |
| Anton | 1S |
| * Campbell | 1 S |
| * Josie | 2A |
| ${ }^{\text {E }}$ Justin | 2A |
| Brock | 2/3W |
| Emma | 2/3W |
| \% Mikayla | K/2F |
| Fred | K/2S |
| Eabrielle | Library |
| 2 STLD | Hannah |
| \% Kyra | 3/4M |
| \% Jack | 3/4M |
| \% Hope | 4/5S |
| Brad | 4/5S |
| i Jacob | 3/6V |
| \% Jordon | K/6D |
| * Khalid | 5/6W |
| Emily | 5/6W |
| Marko | 5/6F |
| to Amy | 5/6F |
| \% Mitchell | Library |
| Jackson | STLD |

## FOUND

One pair of children's maroon framed reading glasses. Found on the school oval. Please contact the school office.


## Gecko Club News

This week Gecko Club visited the community garden in our school grounds to investigate a solution to the problem of keeping the cockatoos from eating all the yummy fruits and vegetables being grown there. The students decided that they would like to try to make some mobiles made from old CD's to scare the birds away from the garden area and to put some bird seed stations along the fence line to encourage the birds to a different area.

You can help by sending in any old CD's that we can use to make the mobiles as well as clean 1 litre soft drink bottles (with lids) that we can recycle to make seed stations.

Tomorrow, six of our Gecko Clubbers will be travelling to The Australian Reptile Park with Mr Anderson and Mr Martin to participate in an Environmental Leadership Day run by Gosford City Council. I'm sure that Lizzy, Brad, Jess, Chantelle, Martyn and Jasmine will have a fun and interesting day.

Gecko Club meet with Miss Sammitt and Ms Daley every Monday, weather permitting, at first lunch after eating time.

## Student Representative Council Crazy Hair Day for Cystic Fibrosis

The SRC will be hosting Crazy Hair Day on the last day of term, Friday, July 1. Students can come to
 school with their hair already crazy and pay a gold coin donation, or they can have their hair done by the SRC and pay \$2. The money raised from this will go to support research into Cystic Fibrosis.
If anyone has any crazy hair spray or stencils they would like to donate, it would be very much appreciated as that will keep our costs down.

Thankyou from the SRC and Ms Whitty

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2011- THIS THURSDAY

The annual Athletics Carnival is being held in Week 9 of this term -THIS WEEK. It will be held on Thursday 23rd of June 2011. It will be held at the Mingara Athletics Centre and the cost is $\$ 8$.
The green permission note and money need to be returned to the class teacher by Monday 20th of
 June (Week 9).
Please keep the permission note and money separate. Money envelopes are available from class teachers and the office. Ms Wiseman
Co-ordinator
PLEASE NOTE THE SCHOOL CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN THURSDAY 23RD

## ENVELOPES

Special School envelopes are available from class teachers for excursion/school payments etc. Please ask teachers for envelopes when paying school fees.

Important Dates for 2011 International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS)

| Subject | Sitting Date |
| :--- | :--- |
| English | Tuesday 2 August |
| Mathematics | Tuesday 16 August |

Thank you


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

## CHERISEY SaCCs

## School as Community Centres

Phone: 43237158
Fax: 43237158
Facilitator: Nada Potter

DIARY

| Thursday 23/6 <br> School canteen not open <br> today | $\bullet$School Athletics Carnival <br> Mingara |
| :---: | :---: |
| Friday 24/6 | $\bullet$ Reports Home |
| Sunday 26/6 | $\bullet$ Fishing Day |
| Monday 27/6 | $\bullet$Parent Teacher Meetings <br> (All week) |
| Tuesday 28/6 | $\bullet$Beaut Behaviour BBQ |
| Friday 1/7 | $\bullet$Cystic Fibrosis (Crazy hair <br> day) <br> LAST DAY OF TERM 2 |
| Monday 18/7 | $\bullet$ Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday 19/7 | $\bullet$All children <br> K-6 RETURN |



SATURDAY MORNING CRAFT CLASSES FOR KIDS AGED BETWEEN 8 \& 12 YEARS OLD. LEARN, HAVE FUN AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

When ~ 11th June ~ Canvas Scrapbooking (bring a smal phota) 18th June ~Wool Craft 25th June ~Recycling Craft 2nd July ~ Fabric Craft
Where ~ Chertseydale Community Cottage, Willow Road, Springfield at 10am to 11.30am
To enquire contact Vanja on 0423268929 or email


## Class Article -Colour Poems <br> By 2A

Red is the colour of my blood
Red balloons floating in the sky
Red lady bugs in the long, green grass
Red, crunchy, juicy apples
Red, sweet watermelon
Red roses and poppies
By 2 A


Blue sky shining
Blue sea waving
Blue pencil
Blue diamond sparkling
Blue hoola hoop swinging
Blue berries


By Zali

Yellow flowers waving in the wind
Yellow seahorses racing by
Yellow fish dancing in the sea
Yellow chicks chirping in the nest
Yellow sun shining down
Yellow tigers running around the place By Joe


Green crunchy apples
Green trees swishing in the wind
Green plants growing in the garden
Green skipping ropes
Green scary dinosaur
By Marcus



Blue sky shining
Blue sea waving
Blue pencil drawing
Blue crystal made of glass
Blue hair bands
By Amy

Blue clouds in the sky


Blue sea with big waves
Blue pencil that is blunt
Blue crystal shining
Blue water in a stomach
Blue rubbers shaking on the work
By Sam

Red crayon on the table
Red pencil is sharp
Red texta drawing
Red lipstick
Red apples
Red sweet strawberries

By Justin


Blue is the colour of the shining sky Blue is the colour of a coloured pencil

Blue is the colour of the sea
Blue is my favourite colour
Blue is the colour of blue tac Blue is an Australian colour By Khalil


Green leaves flying in the sky

Green tub with books in it Green thick books

Green dinosaurs with sharp teeth
Green lunch ox
By Jaydenn

## Green grass moving

Green leaves on tall trees
Green books to read
Green walls help us feel safe
Green plants growing
Green is my favourite
colour
By Luka

Pink pigs in mud
Pink fairy floss
Pink hair bands
Pink jelly beans
Pink icing on cupcakes
Pink balloons flying in the sky
By Kyah \& Darlene


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## Half Yearly Reporting

## Dear Parents and Carers

We are planning to have your child's half yearly report sent home on Friday, $24^{\text {th }}$ June 2011.
This report meets the standard requirements as determined by NSW Department of Education and Communities for reporting to parents and carers.

Students will be given a grade for both their ACHIEVEMENT and for their EFFORT with their class work. EFFORT is important to acknowledge as it informs you of the amount of work each child puts into his or her work.

Teachers examine a large range of material in order to assess each child. As set out by the Department of Education and Communities, grades of OUTSTANDING, HIGH, SOUND, BASIC and LIMITED are given on each key learning area to describe how each child is performing against the expected outcomes for mid-year.

## A grade of sound means that the student is on track in that particular KLA for this time of

 year. A grade of 'basic' means there is work to do to bring the student up to year expectations. That is another reason that it is important to know what level of effort is put into work. If a child is doing his or her very best it is important to acknowledge this and give positive feedback for this effort.| Achievement | This achievement means |
| :--- | :--- |
| Outstanding | The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of <br> the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, <br> the sudent has achieved a very high level of competence in the <br> processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations. |
| High | The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the <br> content and a high level of competence in the processes and <br> skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge <br> and these skills to most situations. |
| Sound | The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the <br> main areas of content and has accieved an adequate level of <br> competence in the processes and skills. |
| Basic | The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the <br> content and has achieved a basic level of competence in the <br> processes and skills. |
| Limited | The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in <br> few areas of the content and has achieved very limited compe- <br> tence in some of the processes and skills. |

## Dad's Fishing Day

## Dear wonderful families,

This Sunday $26^{\text {th }}$ June from 10am-12.00pm we will be having our annual fishing day at Gosford Lion's Park, Mason's Parade East Gosford.
We would love you to come!
All you need to do is to bring yourselves, your fishing gear and a chair to relax.
We will organise the BBQ, special treats to keep you going and soft drink for you!
The children will have an invite for you to fill in with the number of people coming. It is a special day for father figures but families can also come along.
Looking forward to a sunny day with lots of fishes coming our way!
See you soon and have a wonderful week
Take care—Nada 0438237158


## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Our children had their Jump Off days last Thursday and Friday with great success. It has been amazing to watch the children developing their skills over the past few weeks and especially to see how proud they are of their achievements. The fundraising money will need to be returned to school by this Friday 24th June. This can be handed into the office. Thank you for your participation in this event. I will let you know shortly how much was raised. The children should receive their prizes during term 3.


## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL -Gymnastics

Last Thursday, 40 of our AASC children were given the opportunity to spend an hour at Gosford Gymnastlcs (Holgate). This was the first time many of them had seen Inside a real gymnasium and they were very excited. The behaviour of the children was fantastic and I was very proud of them. Thls Thursday is the final gymnastics for Term 2.

## TAEKWONDO



Monday (27/6) will be the final session for the term. The children will be tested on their skills and if attained will receive a ribbon. Please feel free to come earlier and watch.

## Kate Currie

## Fund Raising Concert <br> For Japan Disasters Relief

WEDNESDAY JULY 6, $2011 @ 2: 00$ PM
International Sister Cities Day
Where: Gosford/Edogawa Commemorative Garden
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Program suitable for all ages.
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PROGRAM

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## WOOSH Vacation Care



If you are working or just want something fun for your child to do, our Vacation Care program for the July 2011 school holidays is out now.

July 2011
$4^{\text {th }}$ July - Jumping Castle $11^{\text {th }}$ July - Sport and Rec
$5^{\text {th }}$ July - Craft, Cooking \& Fishing,
$12^{\text {th }}$ July - Art Attack
$6^{\text {th }}$ July - Movies at the Club
$7^{\text {th }}$ July - Rock Star Music Bus
$8^{\text {th }}$ July - NAIDOC Week Celebrations
$13^{\text {th }}$ July - Kindy-Yr3 Jnr Masterchef
Yr4+ - Sydney Excursion
$14^{\text {th }}$ July - Mini Jeeps
$15^{\text {th }}$ July - Disco at the Club
$18^{\text {th }}$ July - Kids HQ

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Please phone WOOSH Care on 43678666 for either an Enrolment, Vacation Care Program and Booking form or for more details.

