## **Chertsey Primary School** *Growing and learning for academic success*



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## Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter

## Tuesday 23/10/2018



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Access our Newsletter at any time, on our website: <u>www.chertsey-</u> <u>p.schools.nsw.edu.au</u> Or via the School Stream App.



## From the Principal's desk

Last Friday we had a special assembly to say thank you to Mrs Skinner. We will all miss her while she is at Kariong and really appreciate everything she has done for staff and students during her time at Chertsey. I'm looking forward to filling in for her during this busy term.

Last term we scheduled Grandparents Day for this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am. Due to Swimming Scheme we have to change the time on that day so that all students are here to visit with their grandparents. Grandparents and Grandfriends are now invited to visit classrooms from 1:45pm (this is the end of lunch 2). There will also be an afternoon tea in the hall at 2:30pm for grandparents to enjoy with their grandchildren. We apologise for the change in time and look forward welcoming all of our beautiful Grandparents and Grandfriends.

We are in the middle of another successful Swimming School. Students from Years 2 to 6 have been going to the pool each day of these first two weeks of term for their lessons. The teachers going with them have reported excellent behaviour from most students. It's great to hear that our students are being respectful and being their best while they learn this important skill. **Thank you to Mr McLeod** for organising the program this year and encouraging our students to participate.

Stage 3 parents please make sure your notes for camp are returned this week and all payments are finalised as we need to make a decision as to whether the camp goes ahead. At this stage we don't have a firm commitment from enough students for the camp to go ahead. It's been a long tradition at Chertsey for Stage 3 students to go to camp in even years and Canberra in odd years and it'd be sad if this is the year we break that tradition. This is an excellent camp where students are challenged by the activities and develop important teamwork skills. It's also a great way for Year 6 to finish off their primary school years.

Just a reminder, that if your child is away from school **you must inform their** class teacher in writing the reasons for their absence.

Alternatively you may ring the front office and leave a message for the class teacher.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 are now being taken. If you know anyone who is of school age in our local area please remind them to collect an enrolment form from the front office and return it with copies of there birth certificate and immunisation records as soon as possible. Our Headstart program has begun and we have enjoyed meeting our new Kindergarten students for next year. This program runs each Thursday from 9:30-11am. If you have any questions please ask at the front office.

Ms Robynne Scott Acting Principal



# **Treetops Excursion**











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Dear Grandparents and Grandfriends

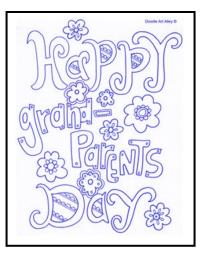
We hope that you can join us this Friday 26 October 2018 at 1:45pm to celebrate

grandparents day

You are invited to visit your grandchildren in their classrooms and join in with the activities.

At 2:30pm, please join us for afternoon tea in the hall with your grandchildren. We look forward to seeing you there. You're the best! Thanks for everything.

### Happy Grandparents' Day!





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## School students and



The smarter way for students to travel to and from school.





## Introducing the School **Opal card**

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using the train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

#### Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school-

#### Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

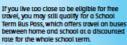
#### Years 3-6 (Primary)

least 2.3km walking. Years 7-12 (Secondary) More than 2.0km straight line distance or at

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at



## least 2.9km walking.



#### Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts

#### How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

#### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

#### Step 2

The school endorses your application.

#### Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



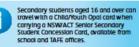
#### Better together

The School Opal card Is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/ Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

#### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- · Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week\*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one Journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off <sup>†</sup>
- The Opal Transfer Discount doesn't apply when transferring between light rail and Sydney Ferries.
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more and apply at opal.com.au or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find one in your area visit retailers.opal.com.au



\* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

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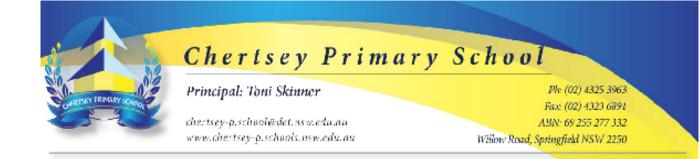


#### Privacy

The personal information collected for the purposes of the Opal Ticketing System will be treated in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (PPIPA). For information on how we handle such personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy published on **opal.com.au** Terms of Use

By ordering, using a School Opal Card you agree to be bound by the School Pass Terms and the Student Codes of Conduct, available at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.



#### Dear Families,

We are aware that mornings can be busy and challenging with a lot to do to get ready for the school day.

The first half hour of the morning in a classroom is the most important time of the day.

A lot happens in this time:

- Students find out what is on the agenda for the day.
- Work tasks are explained.
- Homework is handed out.
- The roll is marked.
- Notes or money are handed to the teacher.
- Friendships are consolidated.
- The day often starts with a pleasant morning activity.

It is a very important time for developing the positive culture of a classroom.

Please don't let your child miss out.

Be on time; beat the bell!

Thank you, Anne Whitty (Attendance Officer)

per Mrs Skinner.



Be your best

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## **Driving safely near school buses**

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children. This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

Lights will flash on the front and back of the bus reminding drivers that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Buses can't stop quickly because they are large and heavy vehicles. So, remember:

- Reduce speed to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing
- · Give way to buses
- · Watch out for children crossing
- Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

#### Informal school bus stops

Informal bus stops are not sign posted and are usually found in rural areas. They may be at the front of a property, or on the side of the road, which may make children difficult to see.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Lives lost on NSW roads. Our goal is zero.



## Trash Free Tuesday

Chertsey Primary School encourages Trash Free Tuesdays. Many children have taken to this easy action to help reduce our rubbish. This means bring no rubbish with your lunch (fruit is the exception of course). Use lunchboxes, drink bottles and *containers that can be re-used*. Just one easy sandwich box makes a difference.

Trash Free lunches tend to result in reduced litter and they encourage healthy eating. This will benefit the environment by reducing packaging waste, which in turn reduces energy and resource use. So PLEASE participate in this easy option to help our school environment - no rubbish on a Tuesday.

Thanks, Mrs Campbell





# What is Saver Plus?

A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.

Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community organisations.

Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.

Offered in communities  $(\mathbf{n})$ across Australia in every state and territory.

Education

Completes the MoneyMinded

financial education program with support from a Saver Plus Coordinator



#### Matching

Reaches savings goal and receives matched funds, up to \$500, for their own or their children's education costs

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey

Goal Talks to a Saver Plus Coordinator from a community organisation and, if eligible for the program, sets a goal to save a regular amount of money over 10 months



Saving **Opens an ANZ Progress Saver account** and makes regular deposits

### Benefits for participants<sup>1</sup>

## 87%

93%

self-esteem

continue to save the same amount or more up to three years after completing the program

reported increased

81% were better equipped for unexpected expenses

85% had more control over their finances

### Who can join?

#### Participants must meet all of the below criteria:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card .
- be at least 18 years old

How did it start?

and New South Wales.

of its kind in the world.

- have some regular income from work
- (themselves or their partner)

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood

of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories,

reaching more than 32,000 people, making

it the largest and longest-running program

have a child at school or attend vocational education themselves.

### Since 2004<sup>1</sup>:

- 32,000+ participants
  - \$17.3m total amount saved by participants





\$753 average amount saved per participant

#### Find out more

#### 1300 610 355

- saverplus@bsl.org.au
- 🖸 www.saverplus.org.au



<sup>1</sup> RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local munity agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more inforr

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# ARE YOU READY FOR SCOUTS?

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS NOW!

## **East Gosford Scouts Open Day** Saturday 27th October '18 10am till 2pm

**15 Wattle Street, EAST GOSFORD** 

## Assembly times

K-6: Friday – Even Weeks From 1:45pm – 2:45pm

K-2: Thursday – Odd Weeks

From 9:15am – 9:45am

3-6: Friday—Odd Weeks From 1:45pm—2:45pm

## **School Canteen**

Our School Canteen is now open on: Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

## <u>P&C</u>

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. All Parents are welcome.

## <u>Hire</u>

School Community Hall and Chertsey Community Cottage for hire to the public. Please see Office for further details.

## Dates to remember:

Monday 15 October to Friday 26 October	Swim Scheme
Thursday 1 November	Outdoor Classroom Day
Monday 5 November – Wednesday 7 November	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday 20 November	Year 6 Mini Fair
Friday 26 October	Grandparents Day

## CHANGES TO ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS

Please notify the school as soon as possible if

there has been any changes to

contact details, address and phone numbers

<u>etc.</u>

## ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

#### Dear Parents/Guardian

When medication is needed to be administered at school it is a departmental requirement that a form be filled out before we are able to administer the medication. Please see the office staff for a form when needed.

