



Chertsey Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Term 2, Week 6 Newsletter



From The Principal's Desk

Principal's Report Term 2 Week 6

Last week was wonderful! Once again, we greeted mornings with a range of students playing 'Duck, Duck, Goose' under the COLA, witnessed students beaming with smiles and laughter with their fellow students and saw students participating in physical activities. Walking around the school, it was wonderful to see and hear students engaged in learning with rich discussions, explicit teaching, utilising our new class laptops during English lessons, learning Auslan and building on the learning that they have acquired over the previous weeks. We are looking forward to continuing these fantastic learning experiences with our excited students.

Phase 3 Important Information

Thank you to parents and carers who are working with us to ensure that social distancing and the Department of Education guidelines are maintained. All parents/carers are to drop off and pick up children from outside of the gates unless an alternative arrangement has been organised with executive staff (Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Auinger, Ms Vaughan, Mrs Skehan or myself). If your child is brought to school late or you need to pick up early due to a medical appointment, please phone the front



office and we will assist you. Our office staff (Mrs Verolin, Mrs Woodley, Mrs Denning or Mrs Mills) will keep you on the phone until your child is in the office building.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club has recently received a wonderful donation of \$500 from Rotary at Gosford City. What a kind and generous donation. Thank you, Gosford Rotary!

4 Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

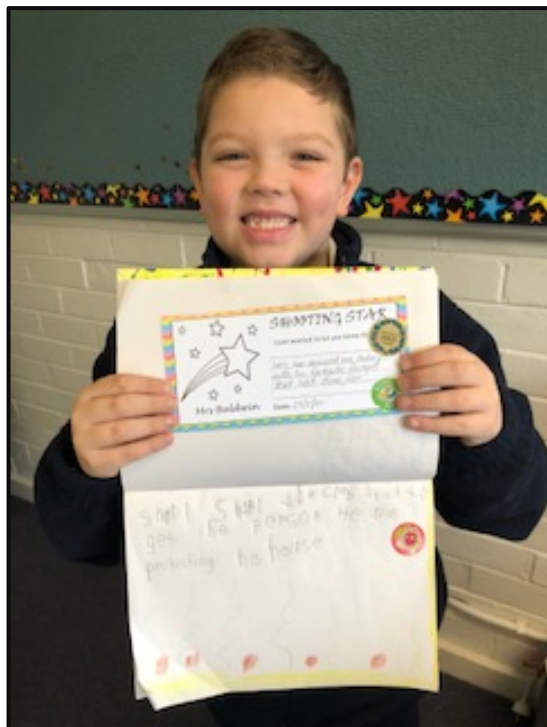
The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.
- A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores. There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)

Mrs Baldwin's Wall of Fame



Levi has created a wonderful story about a crab protecting its house.



Lydia was being a wonderful Chertsey ambassador. Respectful, responsible and being her best. Well done, Lydia!



Look at Bailey's and Faith's drawing inspired by 'Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas' by Lucinda Gifford.



Stage 3 have been learning about Aboriginal artwork. Matthew (K6T) has created a wonderful artwork inspired by Albert Namatjira



KG have worked very hard to create persuasive posters to save the turtles. Excellent work Gemma, Stevie and Mia!



Charlie D (K6S) has crafted an amazing story about ducks. Fantastic work!

"Let us learn to appreciate there will be times when the trees will be bare, and look forward to the time when we may pick the fruit." – Anton Chekhov

Mrs Sarah Baldwin

Principal

NSW Department of Education

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry in 2021

Information for parents/carers and students

The department is committed to the continued education of all students across NSW, including advanced learning programs for high potential and gifted students.

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We have now rescheduled and streamlined the application process. Please note the details of the changes below and assist parents and carers to understand these changes.

Why have changes been made to the 2020 opportunity class placement process?

Due to the shorter time frame available for the OC placement process, changes have been made to the process for this year. The department is committed to supporting the continuity of learning and transitions for each child, and the revised application and placement process will ensure students are placed in 2021 Year 5 opportunity classes as soon as possible.

What changes have been made?

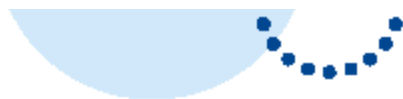
The 2020 opportunity class placement process has been revised to accommodate the shorter timeline due to the postponement of the test.

To ensure the fair and consistent assessment of students across all schools and regions of NSW, this year students will be placed on test results only. Taking this approach reduces the effect of the disrupted start to the school year, which could compromise school assessment scores, and ensures that all students are placed using the same test performed under the same conditions. The test is created by an independent educational assessment provider and measures academic ability, not achievement, giving a reliable method for identifying highly gifted applicants which is not subject to the variable classroom conditions experienced this year.



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What are the key dates I should be aware of?

The revised dates are listed below. Parents are advised to review the new dates carefully and ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test as, owing to the shorter timeline, late applications will not be accepted.

Action	Date
Applications open	9 June 2020
Applications close	26 June 2020
Opportunity Class Placement Test date	16 September 2020
Parents and schools advised of placement outcome information	From 1 December 2020
Parents accept or decline first round placement	By 15 December 2020
Principals arrange orientation day for successful candidates	December 2020
Reserve places offered	From mid-December 2020
Authority to attend an opportunity class letter sent to parents	Late January 2021
Successful candidates enrol in Year 5 at a school with an opportunity class	Late January 2021

A visual timeline showing the key dates is printed on the next page.

Further information

Visit the department's website

Opportunity classes – Year 5 updates available on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/updates>

Opportunity classes – key dates on the website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information>

Parents are encouraged to speak to the principal of their child's primary school for further information about the changes made to the opportunity class placement process this year.

Contact

For further information or assistance contact:

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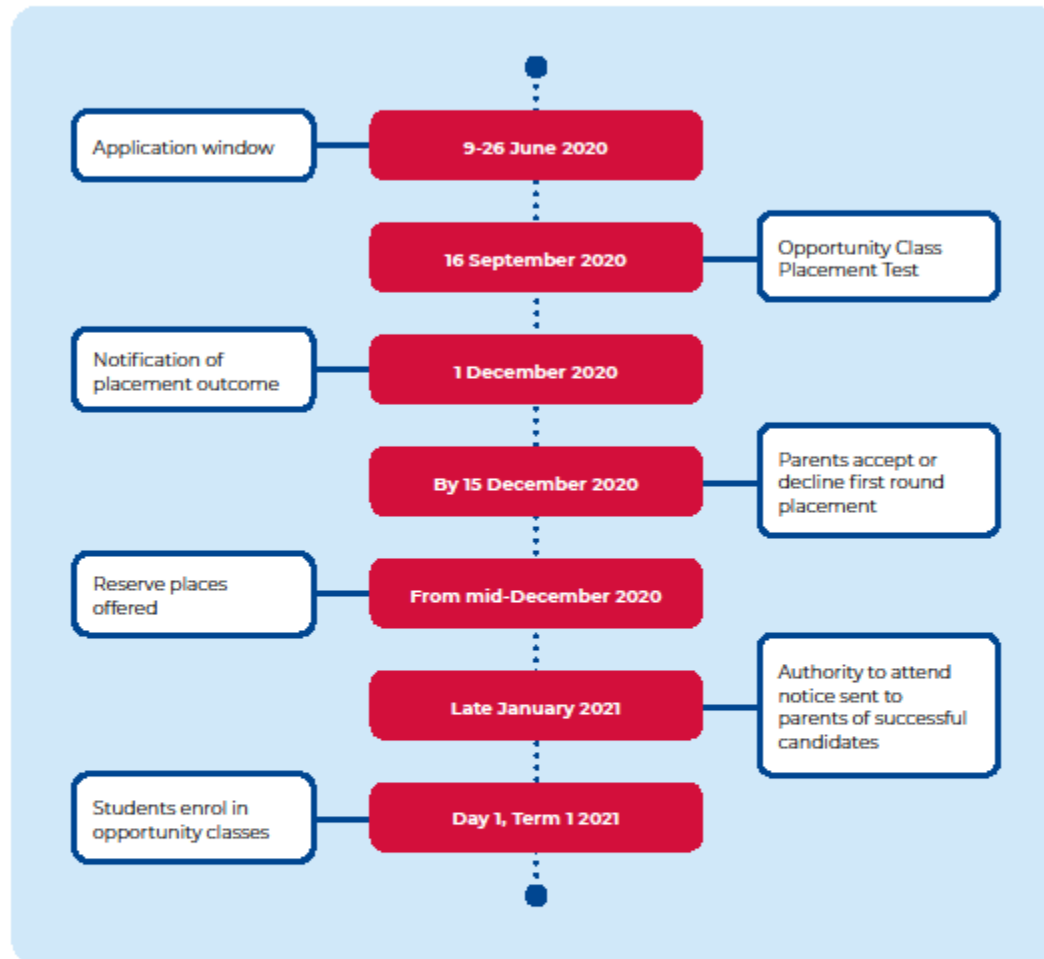
Follow us on Facebook for updates on the current and opportunity class placement process.

[Opportunity class placement](#)

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2020 Opportunity class placement process - key dates



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A BETTER START PROGRAM INITIATIVE



YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 years with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers
- Latest NDIS updates on COVID-19

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

Contact us to register for one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday 3 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Friday 5 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Tuesday 9 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Thursday 11 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday 16 June 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Wednesday 17 June 2020
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

HOW: Online via a Zoom Meeting

COST: Free

RSVP Call: 02 9280 4744 or

Email: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

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Chertsey Primary School is situated within extensive grounds and cultivated, water-wise gardens, cared for by a dedicated school community. With a current enrolment of 186 students, seven mainstream classes, and five support classes making up our diverse school.



Uniform Shop

As the weather is cooling down, children are now wearing warmer clothes to school, we have had many requests for second hand uniforms.

If you have any uniforms that no longer fit and you would like to donate them to the school, we would be most grateful. Please hand them over to the staff at our front gates.

The Uniform Shop will be opening this Friday 8:30am-9am at the Cottage. Due to COVID-19, we are unable the exchange of money so Eftpos will only be available until further advised.

Due to Social distancing guidelines, one parent is to enter the Uniform Shop at one time and appropriate hygiene measures will be in place. Remember to bring a spare bag with you as these won't be available.

Head Space

Our very own Mrs Lerway has been doing the Push up Challenge which was created to promote awareness about suicide in Australia and encourage positive mental health through physical activity. The 3,046 push-ups to complete represents the number of Australian's who died by suicide in 2018.

On Friday we Had Silas from Headspace come to talk to us about being aware of our own mental health and gave us tools to support ourselves. At Chertsey we are promoting and supporting our school community in different ways particularly over this COVID season.

For more support and tools for you and your family please check out their website

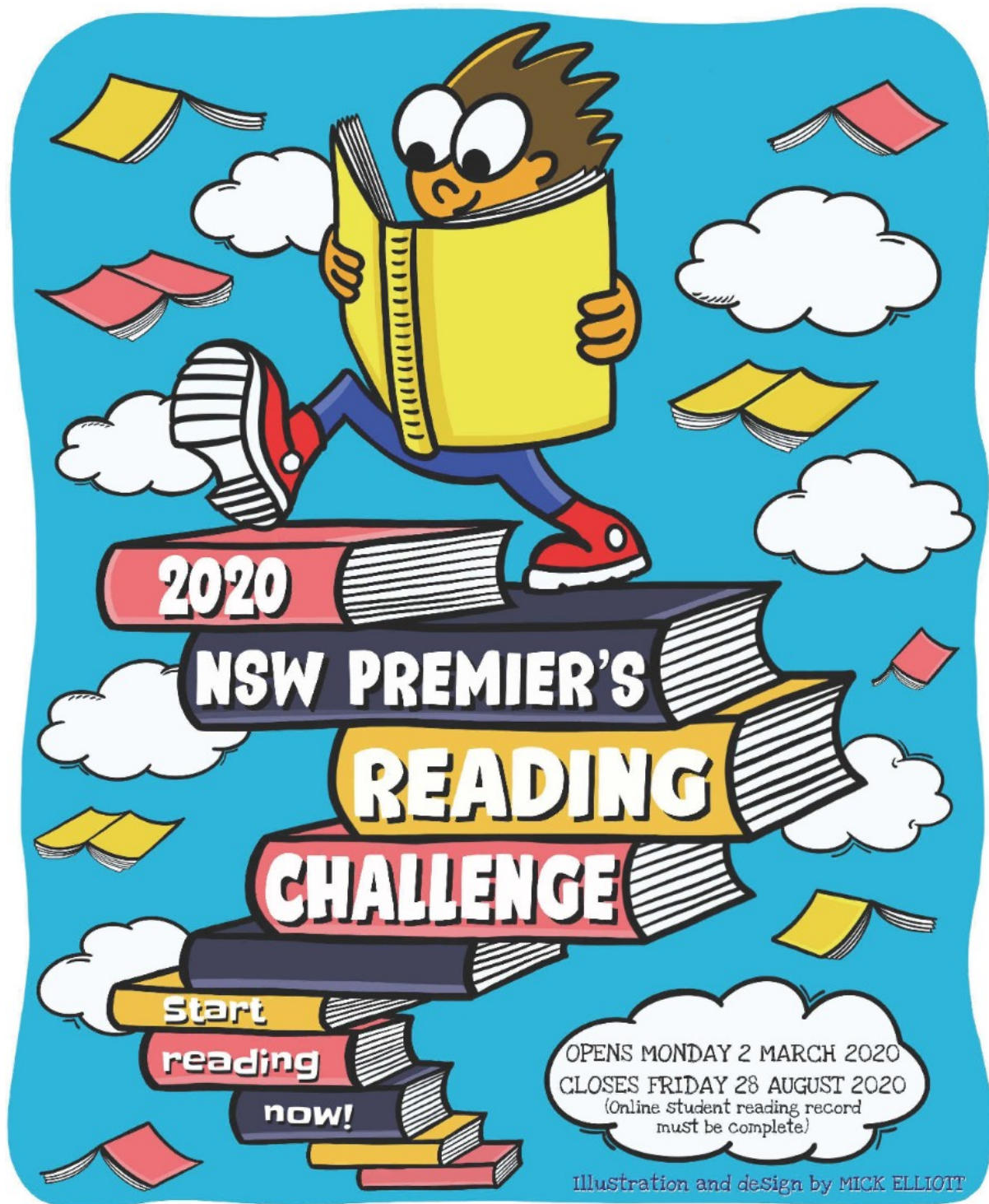
<https://headspace.org.au>

Donna Knee
School Chaplain



Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. For the benefit of all children, parents or carers should ensure their child attends school every day. Any absence from school should be explained within seven days of the absence. Regular attendance combined with a positive attitude means...

GOOD RESULTS. Attend every day



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Important Dates to remember

<i>Phase 3 return to school schedule 5 days per week</i>	
Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 June	P&C Meeting 6.30pm via zoom (depending on restrictions).

Announcements

<u>Assembly Times</u>	<u>School Canteen</u>	<u>P&C</u>	<u>School Banking</u>
K-6 Assembly Friday 2:20pm Odd Weeks <i>Assemblies are postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.</i>	The school canteen will reopen Wednesday – Friday from Week 3.	Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm. All welcome!	School banking is every Tuesday. School banking is on hold until further notice.

Changes to address or contact details

Please notify the school as soon as possible if there are any changes to contact details, address and phone numbers.

Administering Medication at school

When medication is needed to be administered at school, it is a departmental requirement that a form be filled out by the parent/carer before we are able to administer medication.

This includes Panadol and Nurofen.
Please see the front office for the form.



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Practice simple hygiene by washing hands regularly



1 Wet hands



2 Apply soap



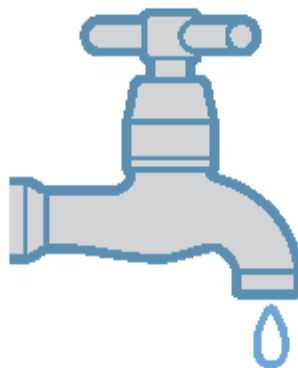
3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

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