

Chertsey Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Term 3, Week 8 Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

COVID-19

Over the past fortnight, I have spoken to parents, staff and principal colleagues about the unusual times that we are living in. This uncertain time for our community, our state and our nation has resulted in a lot of people feeling disconnected from the usual, regular comings and goings of our lives. Our school community is no different to many school communities on the Central Coast and the state and this feeling of disconnection is a topic that comes up in collegial discussions with other principals.

Last week, I spoke to a couple of parents who communicated that they are feeling this as well. This highlighted to me that at Chertsey we have been great partners with you in your child's schooling journey. I wanted to use



this forum as a way to let you know that you are not alone. As a parent and community member, what we are feeling and experiencing is something that we have not necessarily felt or experienced before, a level of uncertainty around the way we live and participate in our daily life, but it is a feeling that many people in many school communities are also feeling.

At the time I write this, we have had no changes to the current Department of Education guidelines and we are thinking of alternate ways to bridge the gap during these times. In particular, we are creating videos for the younger students who are starting 'big' school next year and thinking of ways to connect with our 2021 Kindergarten students and families. I urge you to take advantage of the various forms of communication that we provide. Each fortnight, our school newsletter is distributed via our school website and our School Stream app (free and available on iphone and Android). All classes and class teachers have their own Seesaw account (a free app that is used for sharing student's work and has messaging abilities. Please see on the following pages for more information regarding Seesaw) and our school has a Facebook page.

<u>P&C</u>

I would like to thank our hard-working P&C members. Our P&C are a wonderful group of parents and community members who come together to support our students and school. Thank you to our amazing P&C mums for working hard and giving up their time to create Father's Day gifts that I am sure made our student's dads or significant males help celebrate their day with a smile.

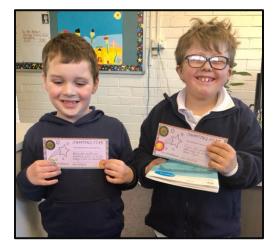
If you are interested in joining the P&C or even finding out what the P&C meetings are all about, please contact the school.



Kindergarten 2021

The Department of Education has advised that all Kindergarten transition programs are to remain on hold. If we were not in the midst of a pandemic, by this stage of Term 3, we would have already begun our 10 Week Kindergarten HeadStart program. We are looking at other ways to connect with our newest students and families and we need to finalise our enrolment application forms as soon as possible to ensure that no one misses out. If you have not enrolled your child at Chertsey or you know of school aged children, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Our friendly office staff can take your details and we can then keep you informed and up to date with all of the latest information regarding Kindergarten 2021 and HeadStart.

Mrs Baldwin's Wall of Fame



Sensational writing from Avery and Flynn!



1A hosted our Friday student assembly. Excellent acting!



Matilda and Indeeanna certainly sounded scary as a pair of witches!

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." - Ryunosuke Satoro

Mrs Sarah Baldwin Principal

Seesaw

This year, all classes at Chertsey Primary School have joined Seesaw. Seesaw is an app designed to share student work with students, teachers and families. For families, this allows you to gain further insight into your child's learning and school happenings.



Recently classes have sent home parent logins so that families can connect to

Seesaw and view some of your child's work at school. Please note that your child's class may not post work on Seesaw daily as this is only one way that we collect samples of your child's work. Also, while teachers may from time to time share class reminders or updates through Seesaw, parent contact though Seesaw is not encouraged as teachers may not be regularly checking the app for messages. It is preferred that parents contact teachers via a phone call to the front office or a letter directly to the classroom teacher. Teachers will endeavour to respond to any parent messages sent via Seesaw within 48 hours.

If you have not received or have misplaced your family login, please contact your child's teacher for a new copy. To ensure that you don't miss out on any information, please download our School Stream app, keep an eye on our school website or follow our school Facebook page.



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Visual Arts in 3/4S

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This term, 3/4S have been exploring the ways that artists use colour to create different effects with their artwork. We have investigated how the colour wheel helps us to think about how different colours work together in an artwork. It has been fun to look at the beautiful artwork created by artists such as Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh and Henri Matisse, who all used colour so effectively in their paintings.

In these abstract paintings, we mixed colours and used only primary colours on the outside of the tree and secondary colours on the inside.

Even our Father's Day cards explored the use of monochromatic effects, using the student's own photos.







Chertsey Primary School PBL



Be Respectful

- Walk quietly and calmly when transitioning around the school during the day.
- Walk quietly and calmly straight to your parents and carers at the end of the day when the bell rings.
- Listen to and follow instructions from supervising teachers on the front and back gates before and after school.

Be Responsible

- Be in the right place at the right time. Walk directly to where you need to be.
- Walk quietly in designated areas. The pathway going past K-6A is closed for transitions.
- Wait and walk across the walking zone with a teacher or parent. Do not cross the road at any other zone, it is not safe!
- Wait and walk calmly up around the cul de sac when leaving school via the back gate. Do not cross over the road, it is not safe!

Be Your Best

- Listen to teacher instructions about how to transition around the school.
- Stay on the pathways to keep you safe and our grass and gardens neat.
- Sit quietly and calmly on the front office silver seats and wait for the supervising teacher before the morning bell.
- We would love for you to continue these discussions at home so our students can continue to follow and practise our PBL values during daily transitions with pride and success.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Who to call

Questions and support

- Call 1800 020 080 (24/7) for health questions or to check symptoms.
- Call 13 77 88 (24/7) for non-health related questions.
- Call 1800 512 348 (24/7) for mental wellbeing support
- Visit <u>www.heaithdirect.gov.au</u> to check symptoms.
- Visit <u>www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19</u> for all other COVID-19 related Information

Triple Zero

Save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies such as difficulty breathing or shortness of breath at rest.

Interpreter service

For free help in your language call 13 14 50.

If you have symptoms









- Self-Isolate first. Call your GP or visit a public COVID-19 clinic: <u>www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19</u>
- Travel in your own car or a private car driven by a family member or an existing close contact. Do not travel by public transport, taxl or ride-share service.
- Wear a surgical mask. If unavailable, ask for one immediately when you arrive.

Protect yourself and others.







Practise physical distancing





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Announcement

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.

School Canteen	<u>P&C</u>	School Banking
The school canteen will be open Wednesday – Friday.	Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30pm via zoom All welcome!	School banking is every Tuesday. School banking is on hold until further notice.

Attendance

