



Chertsey Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Term 1, Week 4 Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

Principal's Report Term 1 Week 4 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4! It has certainly been a very busy start to the year. I read a wonderful quote this week and I have included it in my signoff. It speaks volumes about the vision of our school and the journey that we are on. As we move closer to the finalisation of our new four-year school improvement plan, I encourage you to participate in the opportunities to collaborate on this. I will send out information when the date has been finalised.



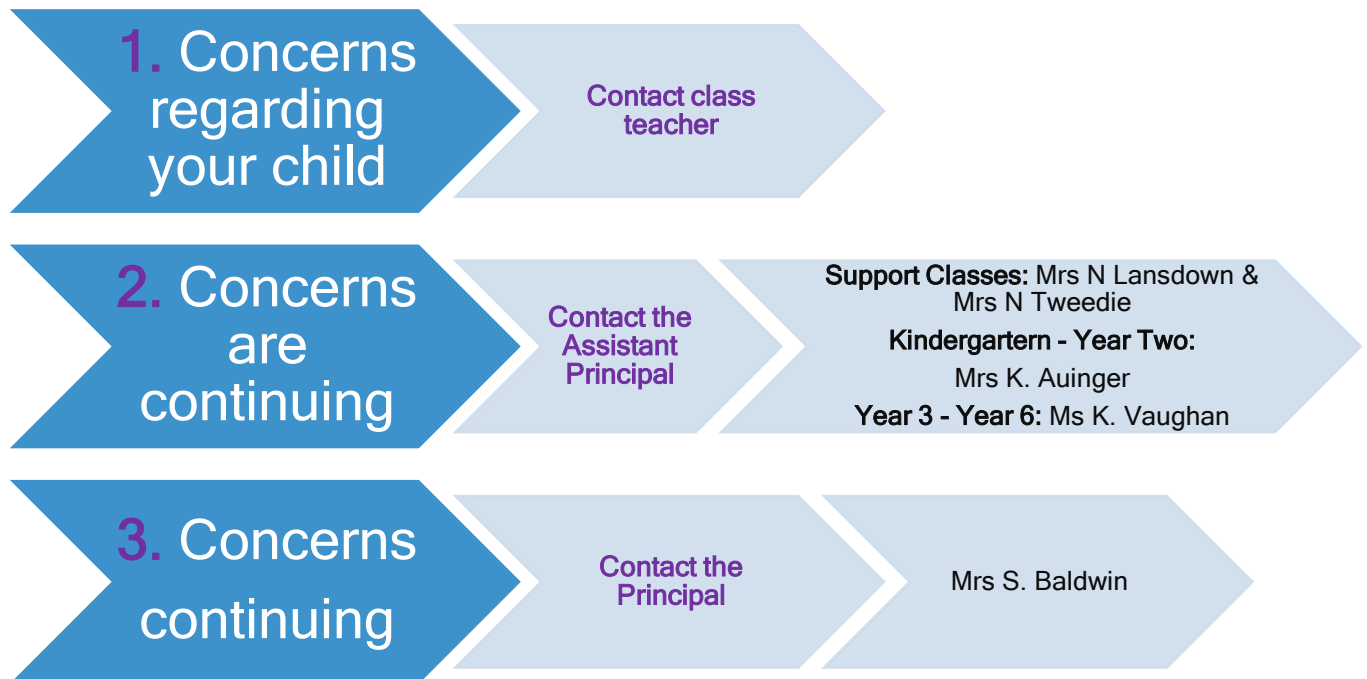
Thank you for supporting the school and the swimming venue with the COVID safety guidelines. Many photos were taken and teachers will begin uploading photos on Seesaw. The time taken to search for a student amongst all the students who attended the swimming carnival can be time consuming so I ask for you to please be patient with this process as the teachers' number one priority is teaching all children in the class.



By this stage, all parents should have their Seesaw QR codes so that you can start viewing your child's work that is completed during the school day. If your child has not brought this home, please phone the front office to speak to your child's teacher.

Communication and Concerns

If you have any concerns or queries regarding any aspect of your child/ren's learning or development, in the classroom or on the playground, please see your child's teacher in the first instance. Communication with the class teacher is vital followed by the Assistant Principal supervising the stage/s. Prompt communication, whether in person, on your child's Seesaw account, via phoning the front office (4325 3963) or emailing the school (chertsey-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your child and class teacher in the subject heading) is important to tend to queries or concerns early. Please see the flowchart below if you have any concerns.



Parent Information Sessions and Interviews

It was wonderful to see our parents/carers attend our parent information sessions on Monday.

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are set for **Weeks 8 and 9**. Your calendar sent home in the last newsletter stated Week 7 and 8. Please note this change.

Visiting the School and our New Gates

The department eased guidelines for the first couple of days for drop off and pick up inside the school gates for Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two parents. These guidelines have now returned to our Term 4 guidelines of parents dropping off and picking up at the school gates.

When anyone comes onto the school site you must use your phone to scan the QR code (available on all pedestrian gates and front office). Please show your confirmation sign-in to our office staff when you arrive.

After much long-awaited excitement, our new electronic gates on Willow Road have arrived. You will note the sign on the pedestrian gates. When you press the button, our office staff will answer, unlock the gate and you will hear a click. You can then push the gate and enter. On leaving the school, you repeat the process.

Now that classes have had a couple of weeks to get into the routines and expectations of school and classroom behaviour, parents/carers who would like to volunteer can now contact your child's teacher. If you are interested in volunteering but not in your own child's class, contact your child's teacher and they will be able to assist. Your child (and teachers) get a lot of value from you volunteering your time so if you have a spare 30 minutes or an hour and would like to help out, please talk to staff.



Our first assembly of the year with our magnificent K-6T hosting. Amazing artwork created from some of our older students. Keep shining K-6T!

Mrs Baldwin's Wall of Fame



I was so pleased and impressed to see some inspiring learning and then creation's coming from K-6A this week. Our students created this 3D scene complete with an active volcano, a swimming hole and dinosaurs! Excellent work everyone!

'Children are the priority. Change is the reality. Collaboration is the strategy.' – Judith Billings

Mrs Sarah Baldwin

Principal

2021 My first kindy download instructions:

MSP Photography has kindly photographed your child as part of their 'My First Kindy Photo' program. You can go online and download a high-resolution copy of the image for free. Please go to the secure link below and enter the password to access your child's image. You can choose to purchase printed copies directly from the site if you wish and they will be posted directly to you.

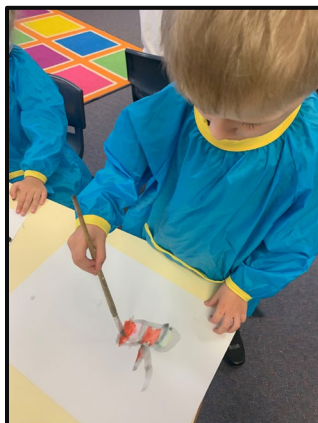
If you have any questions please contact MSP Photography directly on 4966 8292 or admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au.

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Kindergarten

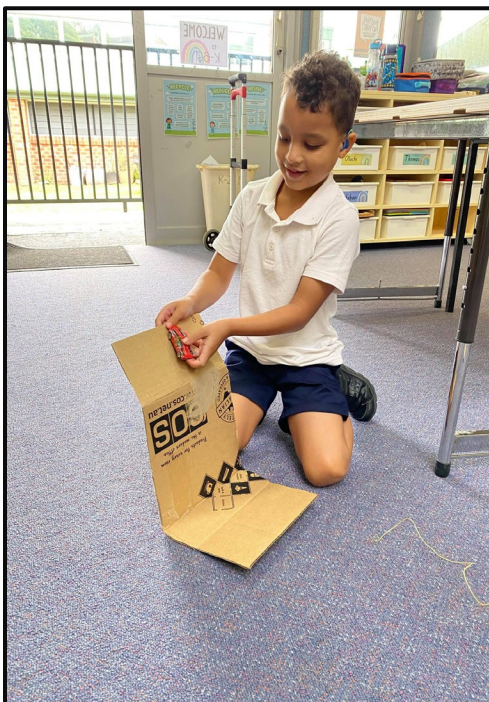
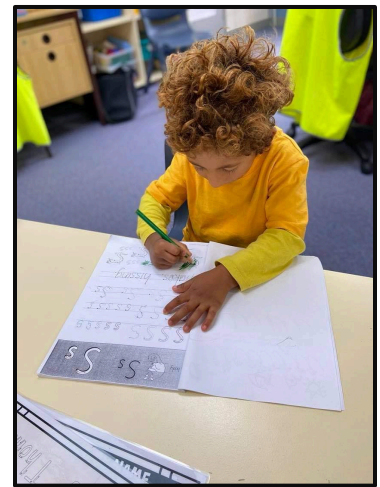
KG have settled in well to Kindergarten. We have begun reading groups, and students are enjoying the range of activities during this time. KG have spent time with their Year 6 buddies, and explored our playground with a treasure hunt. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and then created a beautiful butterfly during Creative Arts this week.



K-6G

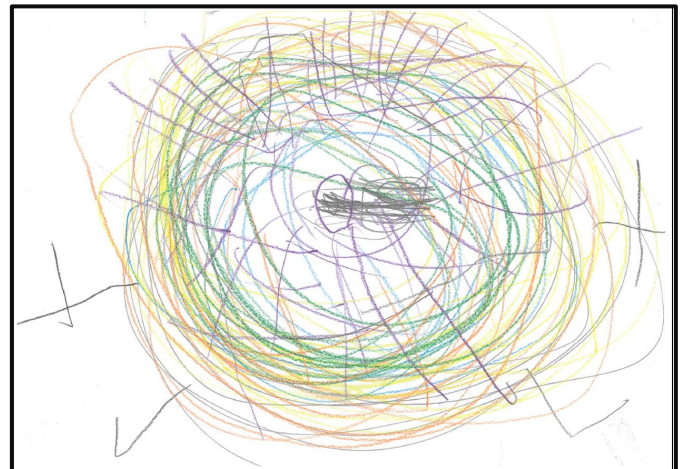
K-6G have begun the term as scientists! They have been exploring why things are still and how they move. What is a force? What is gravity? Scientists need to hypothesise, test and observe. Students have been questioning why and how something happens, testing their ideas and observing closely to make improvements or changes. They have built a lego craft that traveled along a zip line, a ramp for a car and over the next few weeks they will be designing and making a prototype for a push/pull toy.

We have also been working hard during our Literacy groups, Kindergarten have been learning the sounds 's', 't' and 'a' and our Stage 1 and Stage 2 students have been working on extending their vocabulary during spelling and identifying and sorting nouns, verbs and adjectives.



K-6L

In K-6L for English and PDHPE we have been exploring the imaginative text "When I'm Feeling Sick" by Coy Bowles and the Zac Brown Band. Students have explored the illustrations in the text and have created their own 'Sickness Monster' character to represent germs. The students are now learning how to describe their characters and record these descriptions in writing.



NSW Premiers Reading Challenge 2021

We are encouraging all kids at Chertsey Primary School to participate in NSW Premier Reading Challenge 2021. It commences in Week 6 and a letter with information will come home in Week 5.



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2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday March 1

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr
Bronwyn Bancroft

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

