

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Anne Stewart

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Under local Council Regulations, dogs are not permitted on any school site at any time. We appreciate that if you walk your dog to pick up or drop off children at school that you remain outside the school premises with your dog. Please also be aware that some children are allergic to or frightened of dogs and ensure that your dog is on a leash and not near other children. Thank you.

LEAVE

I will be taking some leave for the next few weeks. Mrs Bridgwood and the executive team will capably manage in my absence.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Glynis Bridgwood

WORKING BEE

Just a reminder that our Working Bee is on this Sunday from 8.30am This is a great opportunity to come along and meet other parents from our school community and contribute to our wonderful school in a very practical way. There will be a free sausage sizzle lunch provided by the school. We hope to see you there!!



WEBSITE UPDATE

Please take a look at the latest additions to our website. Listed below are just a few of the many great links available:

- Copies of all 2009 newsletters
- Excursion notes
- Photos of school events
- Samples of children's work
- Canteen and uniform pricelist
- Curriculum information

2009 BEECROFT ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 10 March I had the privilege of accompanying our Zone Swimming Squad to the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre to compete in the Beecroft Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival. The squad members were: Alison F, Angela C, Annie N, Ashleigh R, Ashleigh S, Ben W, Brennan F, Cynthia L, Eden C, Eliza W, Emily M, Emma S, Frazer G, Jack P, James C, John I, Jonathan C, Jordan A, Joshua L, Julia D, Katherine B, Lachlan G, Liam D, Matilda H, Michael C, Miriam F, Nicholas G, Nicholas W-B, Nicole B, Nicole W, Owen G, Rheanna M, Timothy C, Whitney S and Harry Z.

Cherrybrook P S had another very successful year at the Zone Carnival. Many of our students came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in their respective heats.

Emma S came first in her heat of the 9yrs 50m freestyle and qualified 2nd overall to compete at the Area Swimming Carnival.

Michael C came first in his heat of the 10yrs 50m freestyle and came third overall to compete in the Area Carnival. He is also reserve to compete in the Jnr Boys Butterfly event.

James C came 1st in his heat and 2nd overall in the Senior Boys breaststroke, 1st in his heat and 2nd overall in the Senior Boys backstroke and will compete in both of these events at area. He also came 3rd in the 100m freestyle.

Our relay teams were highly successful in their respective heats and provided much excitement for the Cherrybrook supporters.

In the relay heats, the Junior Girls team came first, the Senior Girls team came third, the Junior Boys team came third and the Senior Boys team came second.

These were exceptional results because Miriam F, Julia D, James C and Michael C had to be ready to compete in their relay teams only minutes after competing in their 100m freestyle events.

I congratulate all the Cherrybrook members of the zone squad on their commitment to doing the very best they could do on the day. You were a dedicated group of boys and girls who wholeheartedly supported each other the whole day. You are all a credit to your parents and our school.

I also want to congratulate the zone team on their absolutely perfect behaviour. You made the day most enjoyable for Mr Lakeman, Mrs Bridgwood, Mrs Thorogood and your parents.

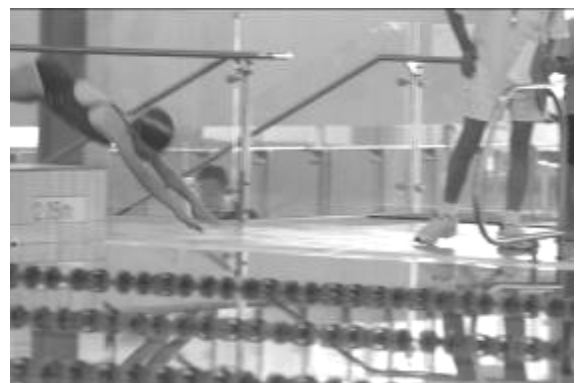
Of course, the wonderful parents must not be forgotten. Thank you so much for your fabulous support through the whole day. A special thanks to Mrs Sharon Smith who spent the entire day sorting, handing out, collecting, drying and powdering swimming caps. I know (actually, I'm hoping) she can't wait to do the same job next year!

Thank you to all those parents who kindly transported children to and from Ryde. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you also, to Mrs Rowtliep for her thorough organisation of the new individual card system. The carnival organisers were very impressed that Cherrybrook had all their cards typed. Great job Mrs Rowtliep!

Congratulations to Emma S, Michael C and James C who will represent our school at the Sydney North Primary Swimming Carnival to be held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre on March 30. We wish them all the best for their events.

Mrs Sandra Thorogood
Team Manager



STATE DANCE ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to Kayley S from 4T on her selection in the prestigious Stage 2 State Dance Ensemble. She will be rehearsing at the University of NSW and will participate in many events including the 2009 School Spectacular.

HARMONY DAY-FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Harmony Day is celebrated in March each year. The key message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs." It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

It helps to build a peaceful and productive future for our children by setting an example of how to live in harmony.

"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now." - Martin Luther King Jr.

This Friday Harmony Day will be celebrated at our morning assembly. All parents are welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Free GreenHome workshops throughout March.

Are you interested in getting to know how to reduce your impact on our precious environment? Do you want to get the lowdown on climate change and its impacts? Are you stretched for time?

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is bringing its award-winning GreenHome sustainable living program to Hornsby Shire throughout March.

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Call ACF on 1800 223 669 to book. Visit www.acfonline.org.au/greenhome today.

CANTEEN NEWS

If you are available to assist in the canteen for a day or even an hour or two, please drop in and see us or phone 9875 3269.

This Week's Roster:**Wednesday 18 March:**

Heather Laherty, Priya Desai,
11-1.45: Shyama Ratnam.

Thursday 19 March:

Cassandra Collins, Dhama Chanmugan, Sharrie Hodder.

Friday 20 March:

Alanna Paterson, Alison Baker, Sharrie Hodder,
1 HELPER NEEDED.

Next Week's Roster:**Monday 23 March:**

Debbie Prater, Pru Struik,
11-1.45; Fiona Fleming.

Tuesday 24 March:

Elaine Checkley, Brenda Magill, Vida David.

Wednesday 25 March:

Kimberley Macri, Petro Cioerane,
11-1.45: Sam Macri, Donna Walker.

Thursday 26 March:

Michelle Friery, **2 HELPERS NEEDED.**

Friday 27 March:

Sharon Smith, Cassandra Collins, Maju Jacob,
1 HELPER NEEDED.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Just a reminder about a Fresh Fruit and Vegetable promotion. Buy frozen pineapple rings, frozen orange wedges, apples or carrot sticks and receive a stamp. Collect 5 stamps and win a prize. All entries go into the end of term Movie Ticket Voucher Draw.

New Products for 2009: Mini JJ Noodle Snacks. They come in two flavours: Chicken and BBQ and cost 40 cents per packet and Cornitos (cheese flavoured corn snack) 70 cents each.

We thank all of the above parents and helpers/carers for their time given in helping to provide this service for the children of Cherrybrook Public School.

Nicole Digby and Sue Canty
Canteen Managers

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Congratulations to Erica E 6D who has been selected as part of the Australian Girls Choir, Performance Choir. She will soon take part in the 2009 National Tour travelling and performing throughout Northern NSW and Southern QLD.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

30 students from our Year 6 classes will sit the Selective High School Test on Thursday 19 March, at Castle Hill High School commencing at 9am. We wish our students the very best of luck in their endeavours.

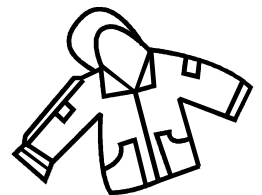
HIGH SCHOOL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Today, all students in Year 6 received their expression of interest forms for High School. Parents are asked to complete all relevant sections and return to their child's class teacher as soon as possible but no later than Friday 27 March.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New Product

We now stock children's raincoats. They are priced at \$17.00 each. They are poncho style so that it can be worn over a backpack and are made out of strong PVC material with maroon hood and clear body.



Mirza Tong
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

CHOCOLATE DRIVE 2009

Thank you once again for all the students and parents who have taken home a Fundraising pack for your willingness to take part with this school community effort.

Just a reminder that the Money Collection Days are from 8.30am to 9.15 am on **Wednesday March 18** and **Monday 23 March** in the Library. These collection days are only for fundraisers who have completely sold their packs. If you are willing to sell some more, we will happily provide another pack.

Thank you also to all the parents and students who have generously donated to the Fundraising drive.

Such a major fundraiser operates with the wonderful help of volunteers. A big "thank you" to those who have helped out in the preparation of the packs and ensured the efficient delivery of the packs to the classrooms: Jodi, Nicholas and Alicia Sparks, Jenny and Emma Rickard, Cassandra Collins, Karen Gardner, Alison Hession, Jayne Spasojevic, Sharon Smith, Anna Holloway, Bridget Robertson, Kareene Kavanagh, Catherine Bell, Pru and Charlotte Struik, Nicola Fynes-Clinton, Wendy Carroll, Michelle, Isaac and Sophie Berry, and Mirza, Jessica and Natalie Tong.

P&C Executive Committee

POETRY

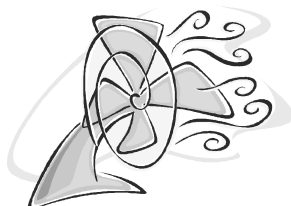
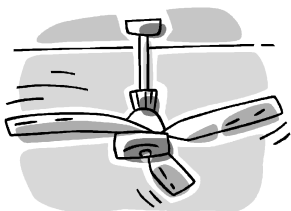
Beautiful poetry written by some very talented students in 6D has been included for your enjoyment.

THE FAN

Quickly the fan starts spinning,
arms and legs spread wide,
hands and feet going left and right,
barely seeing where he is going,
yelling as loud as he can,
becoming dizzier by the second,
now getting tired and more tired as he goes-
like a runner without Gatorade,
and then..... STOP!-

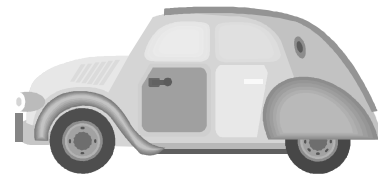
a tired acrobat in a circus.

Jordan S

THE CAR

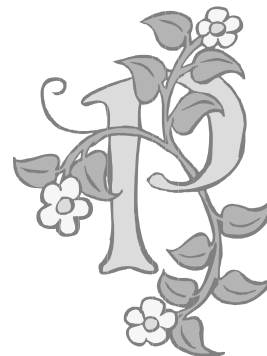
The car gives a growl
And sets off.
Through the gate,
Round and around the
Roundabout it goes, and
Soon it gets dizzy!
Down the road it jumps,
Soon it gives a squeal of pain.
Panting like a dog,
It gets pushed.
With a burst of laughter,
It chugs off again,
Like a child given a can of Coke!

Seetha E

THE PLANT

Sulkily the plant
Crouched – with its blood-curdling movement
Begins creeping, creeping
Sulkily the plant
Mad with hunger
Climbing, climbing
Sulkily the plant
Into the shadows it goes
With no purpose at all
Sulkily the plant
Continues its searching
Reaching, reaching
Sulkily the plant-
An old lady searching her lost one

James C



DIARY DATES

19 March: Selective High School Test
20 March: Harmony Day
24 March: Year 2 Gym
26 March: Kindergarten Nursery Rhyme Parade