

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 11 May 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Anne Stewart

ADMISSION TO CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Due to the enormous demand for student positions at Cherrybrook Technology High School, the school has been forced to change the enrolment policy for students entering the school in Year 7.

No longer will the school automatically accept students from John Purchase, Oakhill Drive or Cherrybrook Public Schools. Only students who live within the Cherrybrook Technology High School designated drawing area will be granted automatic entry. Details of this drawing area are available on the Cherrybrook Technology High School website at www.cherrybrook-h.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Students attending John Purchase, Oakhill Drive or Cherrybrook Public Schools, who reside outside the designated drawing area, are welcome to make an out of area application for a position at Cherrybrook Technology High School. All applications will continue to be carefully considered on their individual merits by a representative panel.

Gary Johnson
Principal
Cherrybrook Technology High School

Should Year 6 parents wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr Lakeman, Mrs Davies, Mrs Bridgwood or Mrs Stewart.

2009 APPLICATIONS FOR OC PLACEMENT IN 2010

Cherrybrook Public School offers a range of strategies and programs in every class to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students across a huge range of activities.

Our school has a respected widespread reputation for academic excellence and the range of opportunities that we offer all our students. From 2010 there will be 74 schools across NSW offering Opportunity Class placement for Year 5, 2010. These classes are for students who are academically gifted and the tests are designed to give an indication of ability. School assessment gives an indication of performance.

These tests are not designed for all students to attempt or for students who are not willing to leave Cherrybrook and attend a school that has an OC class.

Selection for students for Year 5 is a state wide procedure. Offers for opportunity placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement test results and school performance. Other evidence of academic merit may also be considered. For example if your child achieves High Distinctions/Distinctions in the University Maths or English competitions. Please note that a placement in an OC class has no bearing on selective high school testing and applications. Cherrybrook Public School has had many students who are offered placement in selective high schools. There are also students from OC classes who go on to attend their local comprehensive high schools.

If you would like an application package for entry into an OC class, please complete the slip available from Year 4 class teachers and return by Friday 15 May. Application packages will then be sent home. They must be returned by Friday 22 May. The statewide testing will be on Wednesday 5 August.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Glynis Bridgwood

CONNECTED CLASSROOM INSTALLATION

It is with great excitement we announce the installation of our Connected Classroom in 6L's room. The need for Connected Classrooms comes from the demands of today's students. The program will facilitate wherever/whenever learning as students consume, remix and create knowledge; it will deliver a set of tools to meet the needs of today's learners in their school context that can also be accessed in other environments.

Teachers and students will benefit from the program in the following ways:

- Teachers use of interactive whiteboards and video conferencing in teaching increases student engagement and motivation in learning.
- Students access to a personalised online workspace 'where and when they require it' means greater opportunity to access appropriate resources.

PSSA RESULTS

It was with great excitement that our PSSA Netball and Soccer teams participated in the Beecroft Zone Winter Competition last Friday. The results were:

- Senior A Netball — Cherrybrook PS defeated John Purchase PS 20-11.
- Senior B Netball — Cherrybrook PS defeated John Purchase PS 6-3.
- Senior A Soccer — Cherrybrook PS drew 1-1 with John Purchase PS.
- Senior B Soccer — Cherrybrook PS drew 0-0 with John Purchase PS.

PSSA TRIALS

Congratulations to James C who made the Sydney North AFL team. We wish him all the best!
 Congratulations also to Cooper G who was selected in the Combined Rugby League Zone team. He attended the Sydney North Rugby League trials in Week 1 of this term, but unfortunately was not selected for the team.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Friday 15 May is National Walk Safely to School Day. This day is to help promote the health benefits of walking, to help create regular walking habits at an early age and to reinforce safe road-crossing skills.

Where possible, please support this initiative by walking your child to school.

Janelle Smith

P & C NEWS

The annual Father/Son Camp will be taking place again this year. Mark these dates in your diary now and watch this space for further details later in the term.

Camp Yarramundi
October 31 - November 1 2009
Boys Years 3 - 6



Jayne Spasojevic
 P & C

THANK YOU

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with last week's Mother's Day Stall. I would particularly like to thank Ingrid Waite for being the key organiser of the gifts and the wrapping as well as the running of the stall. Thanks also to everyone who assisted with the purchasing, wrapping and selling:

Alison Baker, Michelle Berry, Petro Cloeraine, Louise DeStradis, Nicole Dickinson, Eleanor Formaggio, Nicola Fynes-Clinton, Karen Gardner, Kerry

Goddard, Jackie Holmes, Shiva Hosseini, Di Jesse, Fiona Johnson, Muriel Korte, Chris Newcombe, Liz Nielson, Alanna Paterson, Tina Piccione, Bron Poole, Shyma Ratnam, Sharon Smith, Jodi Sparks, Rema Thompson, Jo Warner.

I would also like to thank Natalie for donating some of her own homemade bath gifts. I apologise if I have missed anyone.

Jenny Rickard
 President, P&C Committee



Calling all Kids to
 the Disco
 Hey DJ Andy is Back

Friday 22 May "A Pyjama Party"

**See the note attached to this newsletter
 For more details**

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 13 May:**

Bridget Robertson, Kareene Kavanagh,
 11-1.45: Chris Downing.

Thursday 14 May:

Alanna Paterson, Cassandra Collins,
 11-1.45: Chris Beer.

Friday 15 May:

Shiva Hosseini, Nicola Fynes-Clinton, Melissa Adams,
 Ingrid Waite.

Next Week's Roster:**Monday 18 May:**

Allison Crompton, Allison Hession, Jodi Sparks.

Tuesday 19 May:

Brenda Magill, Vida David, Peena Bobla.

Wednesday 20 May:

Narelle Cousins, **HELPER NEEDED**, Andy Skirka.

Thursday 21 May:

Jo Whereat, Michelle Gough, **HELPER NEEDED**.

Friday 22 May:

Jayne Spasojevic, Kylie Winkcup, Denise D'Amore,
 Angie Frank.

Special Note:

Just a reminder that we have some vacancies on our roster if you are able to help please contact us at the canteen on 9875 3269.

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

SYDNEY NEWCOMERS CLUB INC

Are you new to the area or would you like the opportunity to make new friends? Newcomers Club is a registered, non-profit women's social club providing women of all ages (and their families) with an opportunity to meet and make new friends through a range of regularly held social events.

The club covers the Hills area through to the Northern Suburbs of Sydney and has been in operation for over 15 years.

To learn more please call us on 0412 768 609 or have a look at www.sydneynewcomers.com.au

SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

Interrelate Family Centre is holding a 6 session SELF ESTEEM AND COMMUNICATION program which focuses on communication; assertiveness and self-awareness skills.

When: Tuesdays 19 May - June 10, 2009.
10am to 1pm.

Venue: Interrelate Family Centre 685 Old Northern Road, Dural.

Enquiries and bookings 9653 9533.

BULLY BUSTING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

When: Tuesday 16 June 2009 7pm - 9pm

Venue: Epping Leisure and Learning Centre, 1 Chambers Court (off Pembroke St), below Epping library. Parking is free at the front of the building. Bookings are essential on 9847 6050.

For more information please call 9887-5830.

ASTHMA FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

You can control your asthma!

Did you know there are approx 14,300 **avoidable hospitalisations** arising from asthma every year, not to mention the urgent visits to Accident and Emergency Departments and GPs.

People are hospitalised each week from asthma. In most cases asthma exacerbations are worse than they should be. With correct medication, knowing triggers for asthma and advice from the doctor, asthma can be controlled.

Asthma triggers:

- Colds and flu
- Cigarette smoke
- Exposure to cigarette smoke (passive smoking)
- Exercise/activity
- Inhaled allergens (e.g. pollens, moulds, animal dander and dust mites)
- Environmental factors (e.g. dust pollution, wood smoke and bush fires)
- Changes in temperature and weather
- Certain medications (e.g. aspirin)
- Chemicals and strong smells (e.g. perfumes, cleaners)
- Emotional factors (e.g. laughter, stress)
- Some foods and food preservatives, flavourings and colourings (uncommon)

Every person's asthma is different. Not all people will have the same triggers, nor will they react to every trigger listed above. You may not always know what triggers your child's asthma. **It is helpful to identify triggers in order to avoid them** however this is not always possible (e.g. colds and flu). Your doctor or local Asthma Foundation will assist you.

Visit the Asthma Foundation NSW website and register for your free information pack now and be one step closer to controlling your child's asthma!

1800 645 130

ask@asthmansw.org.au

W: www.asthmansw.org.au

DIARY DATES

13 May: NAPLAN Yr 3 & Yr 5
Yr 1 Excursion - Longneck Lagoon

14 May: NAPLAN Yr 3 & Yr 5

15 May: PSSA Inter School Competition
National Walk to School Safely Day

18 May: Grandparents Day

19 May: Yr 1 Gym

PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

AND KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!

NO PARKING

Drivers may stop in this zone to **drop off** or **pick up** passengers or goods for a **maximum of 2 minutes**.

The driver **MUST** remain in or **within 3 metres** of the vehicle at all times.

The vehicle must **not** be left unattended.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.

No Parking zones can also be used to **drop off** and **pick up** children.



PENALTY EXCEEDS \$135 PLUS 2 DEMERIT POINTS

A road safety initiative of



The stated fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current at time of printing, Feb 09.

NO STOPPING

Stopping is **not** permitted at any time.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



BUS ZONE

Drivers are **not** permitted to stop within a bus zone at any time.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.



DOUBLE PARKING

Drivers are **not** permitted to stop or park alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Double parking decreases visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and significantly reduces road safety around schools.



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