

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Anne Stewart

THANK YOU

We have had a week of activities over the last week which could not have occurred without our dedicated staff and parents.

- Kindergarten Grandparents Day was an outstanding success with many grandparents and visitors enjoying the Kindergarten presentation and visiting the classrooms. We appreciate the work of our Kindergarten teachers showcasing what our students have been doing in only a term at school. Thank you to the parents who supplied morning tea and to those who assisted with serving.
- Our Disco on Friday was a sea of pyjamas! The theme was chosen by the Student Representative Council and everyone dressed the part. Thank you to the P & C for organising the disco and the supper. We also thank the parents who nominated to be helpers on the night. Despite the inclement weather, everyone had a great time!
- Band Camp is a weekend which combines hard work with rehearsals and tutorials and some fun activities. Although the ground was a bit damp underfoot, the weekend was an outstanding success! Thankyou to the band committee, the parents who stayed overnight, the tutors and the bandmasters. A huge thank you to Mrs Bridgwood who also stayed all weekend to ensure that the weekend was such a highlight of the band calendar.

EDUCATION WEEK

This week is education week and we are celebrating our open day on Thursday morning 28 May. Beginning at 8.30am with the Book Fair in the Library. The activities will be spread across classrooms, the Infants and Primary playground areas, the oval and the hall and finishing with the Year 6 Pedlars Parade at recess time. All parents, grandparents, friends and relatives are welcome to attend. We look forward to showing you a snapshot of what we do every day in our school.

The timetable for the day is attached to this newsletter.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Glynis Bridgwood

BAND CAMP

62 of our talented students attended our Annual Band Camp at Crusaders in Galston last weekend. Although the weather conditions were far from perfect we all enjoyed a wonderful time together with all students gaining valuable knowledge from their band conductors and tutors.

The weekend culminated with the enthusiastic children presenting a concert for family members.

A huge thank you to Janice Scott and her hard working committee for organising this worthwhile experience for the band members. Thank you also to the parents who were either day supervisors or stayed overnight to assist in the supervision of the children.

PUBLIC EDUCATION DAY

Just a reminder that although the school community is usually most welcome to use the church car park across the road, it will be unavailable for use on Thursday 28 May due to the church conducting a Biggest Morning Tea event to raise money for the Cancer Council. **Parking will only be available in the surrounding street.**

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING

I was honoured to be asked to adjudicate the final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. Congratulations to the Year 6 and Year 4 class finalists on their outstanding efforts. Darcy W, Jamila A, Laura McM, Erica E, Jack P, Blake J, Gabrielle E, Dharshan N, Nina M, Annie N, Aimee D, Chiara S, Monica M, Sanjeev D.

The following students were selected to represent our school at the regional final to be held on 19 June at Thornleigh West Public School: Darcy W, Jamila A, Dharshan N, Monica M. Congratulations and best of luck to the above students.

Mrs P Davies

THANK YOU

The Kindergarten teachers would like to thank all the parents who provided a delicious morning tea for Grandparents Day last week. Also a big thanks to the mothers who stayed to set up and serve the morning tea.

There are still a few unnamed serving plates that can be collected from KC room.

Mrs Craig

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

On behalf of Cherrybrook Public School, we would like to thank some very generous people who have donated their time and plants to support our goal of creating and maintaining sustainable gardens within the school. We would especially like to thank the Cicognani family for their kind donation and assistance. If any other families are interested in donating plants, fertiliser, or other materials useful in gardens please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Chant or Miss Kidd for a list of suitable plants and equipment. Thanks again for all your support.

The Environment Club

NSW PSSA AFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, my family and I made our way to Broken Hill so I could play in the NSW PSSA AFL Championships. The Sydney North Bombers, who I played for, came 5th last year in Coffs Harbour. As of this year we came 7th, with all the games being hard and tough. Mackillop managed to beat hot favourites Sydney East and Riverina to come first.

Our family stayed with a boy from my team and we had lots of fun at attractions like 'The Giant Seat' and 'The Living Desert'. The only negative was how we got there with a 13 hour driving trip. The positives greatly outnumbered the negatives including the amazing scenery and wildlife as well as the culture and feel of Broken Hill.

Overall, I found it was a very enjoyable week off school and I'd recommend everybody to have a go at AFL because you don't know where it will take you.

James C

YEAR 6 PEDLARS PARADE

On Thursday 28 May, Year 6 will be holding a Pedlars Parade to raise money for the Year 6 gift to the school. Year 6 students will be selling their wares (lollies, cakes, biscuits, chips, etc) during recess.

This has been a great success in previous years and has raised quite a lot of money for the school. Over

\$1200 was raised last year. It would be fantastic if parents could support the Year 6 students by ensuring that your child/children have some small change on the day to purchase some of the items on offer. Most items should cost between 20c and \$1.50.

Thank you for your anticipated support of our Year 6 fundraising.

Year 6 Teachers,
P Cowen, P Davies and
G Lakeman



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photo day will be held on Monday 1 June (next week). Your child should have received a photo payment envelope with the details regarding the types of photo packages that are being offered and the prices for each package.

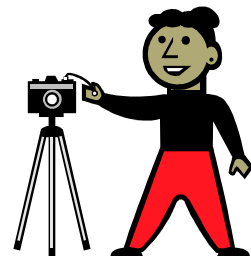
Please read the photo envelope carefully before choosing your option of package and payment. **All payments this year will be by cash or cheque. It is important that your child brings in the payment envelope on the day of the photos and hands it to their class teacher. No cash or cheque payments will be accepted prior to or after the photo day. Change will not be given on the photo day so it is important to have the correct money in the payment envelope.**

All students must have their own payment envelope even if payment is being made in a siblings' envelope. Any parents wishing to have a family photograph taken can collect a family payment envelope from the front office. Family photographs will be held at a prearranged time later in the school photo day.

It is important that your child wears their usual winter school uniform for the class photos.

Thank you

Mr G Lakeman
Assistant Principal



DIARY DATES

26 May:	Yr 1 Gym
27 May:	Computer Skills Competition
28 May:	Open Day
29 May:	Zone Cross Country
1 June:	School Photos

P & C NEWS

"Support Your School" program update.

The 2009 Good Guys at Castle Hill program is continuing to grow. We now have \$334.00 reward dollars accrued. A fabulous effort.

Just a reminder on how the program works:

Every purchase of \$25 or more at The Good Guys Castle Hill will entitle the shopper to receive on behalf of our school group, a \$1 Reward Voucher for every \$25 of the purchase amount. The Reward Voucher must be collected at the time of purchase. Any vouchers can then be dropped off to the front office.

Many thanks to all the families who have supported this valuable program.

If you have any questions in regards to this program, please call me on 0419 604 354

Jayne Spasojevic
On behalf of the P & C

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 backpack and are made out of strong PVC material with maroon hood and clear body.

Dr Shoe

As a part of a new fundraising initiative, school shoes and sneakers will be available for sale at the Uniform Shop this Wednesday 27 May. Please note that fittings will only be available between 8.30am and 9.30am.

Mirza Tong
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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 27 May:**

Heather Laherty, **HELPER NEEDED**,
11-1.45: Shyama Ratnam, Mansi Narang.

Thursday 28 May:

Cassandra Collins, Dhami Chanmugan, **Helper Needed**.

Friday 29 May:

Alanna Paterson, Alison Baker, Sharrie Hodder, Karen Seamons.

Next Week's Roster:**Monday 1 June:**

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

Tuesday 2 June:

Elaine Checkley, Brenda Magill, Vida David.

Wednesday 3 June:

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

Thursday 4 June:

Sharrie Hodder, Cassandra Collins.

Friday 5 June:

Sharon Smith, Cassandra Collins, Maju Jacob,
Felicity King.

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

UPDATE ON HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA

The NSW Health Department has advised the Department of Education and Training to take steps to exclude staff or students who may have been in countries that have had community or school transmission of the virus.

Current countries are **Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama**. The list will be continually revised. This 'exclusion' approach would mean that students or staff members returning, or arriving, from a country affected by human swine influenza would be instructed to **remain at home for seven days** (the maximum incubation period) following their travel before returning to school.

Simple precautions that prevent catching and spreading influenza and are good health practices are:

- Covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze;
- Washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge; and
- If students are sick, they should remain at home.