

CHESTER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Quality education in a caring learning environment



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Issue 2 Term 1 Week 3

Dear parents, carers and students,

Schools are very busy places. I urge you all to read the newsletter every fortnight to ensure you are up to date on what is happening at Chester Hill P.S.

Classes 2020

The beginning of every year is always the same. It takes several days for all our families to return or to notify us that they have left the school. However, I am confident that those who are going to return have, so all students have been placed in their 2020 classes. Due to a very high number of new students, we have formed 28 classes. You will find a list of 2020 classes and their teacher along with a 2020 school map with this newsletter.

All classes are formed with the sole intention of placing your child in their best possible learning environment. When forming classes, the teachers and the executive take many factors into account such as academic achievement, social skills, work habits and previous class placements. Though friendships are important, in many instances, they may hinder learning and so they are not a high priority in class formation. Once classes are formed, there will be no movement among classes unless we form a new class. If your child is unhappy about their placement, it is not a reason to want to change class. Again, I would hope I have the support of all parents in recognising that the teachers, as educational experts, are the best people to form classes.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

I have written and spoken many times about the importance of a strong home-school relationship in improving student learning outcomes. The initial step to achieving this outcome is by attending the meet the teacher afternoon on Wednesday 26 February. Please keep this date free in your diary. The meeting is held in your child's classroom and led by their class teacher. The teacher will discuss matters relating to: learning expectations, homework, excursions, class behaviour, home-class communication procedures as well as whole school expectations and information.

This is not a meeting to discuss individual students. Those meetings (parent / teacher interviews) are held at the end of Term 1.

By your attendance at the Meet the Teacher afternoon it demonstrates to your children how importantly you value their education. I understand that many families may have students spread across several grades at the same time. I suggest that you split your time between the meetings. I would also ask that if possible children are not brought to the meetings. More information will follow.

Anaphylaxis – Students At Risk

Many of you would have heard of the word Anaphylaxis. If a person is anaphylactic they suffer from a very adverse allergic reaction to one or more things, the most common being nuts. In many cases this reaction may result in death.

We have several students at school who suffer from anaphylaxis. To help support and protect them while they are at school all staff must complete special training each year. To support these very vulnerable students I ask that if at all possible you do not send food to school which is made from nuts or may contain traces of nuts. Many foods that you think are nut free are not so please check the labels. To help support the safety of all students parents are reminded that our school with the support of our P&C has a policy of no birthday cakes (or birthday food) being brought to school to share with other students. As Principal it is my duty of care to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. In this case, I and the school cannot do it without the community's support of the school in this matter.

School Parking

The start and end of a school day is always a busy time with the traffic around any school very congested. For the safety of all students I urge all parents to obey the road rules and parking restrictions around the school during these busy times. The school has a small "Kiss and Drop" zone and any car can only have a maximum stay of a few minutes. No driver is allowed to leave their car. All parking around the school is classed as street parking unless otherwise signposted. I also advise all parents that council rangers patrol regularly and fines are issued to illegally parked cars.

A reminder that both staff parking areas are for staff only.

Zone Swimming Trials

A review of our swimming carnivals over the last few years has indicated a sharp drop in the number of actual competitors. Only about 15% of students who attend actually swim in a competitive race. The purpose of our carnival is to select the best team possible to participate in the Bankstown PSSA Zone swimming carnival. As a result we are intending to again have a competitor's only swimming carnival this year. This means that only students who can confidently swim 50 metres at a competitive speed will attend. It is a half day carnival with only racing on the agenda. More information will be sent home shortly.

Brent Kunkler
Principal

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Coming Events

This calendar of events will be updated in each edition of the newsletter. Dates are accurate at the time of publication but can be changed for various reasons.

Wk 3	Thur	Feb 13	NRL All Stars begins
Wk 3	Fri	Feb 14	Marvel club commences
Wk 4	Tues	Feb 18	Swimming carnival
Wk 4	Tues	Feb 18	Transition to school program
Wk 4	Wed	Feb 19	Leadership induction assembly
Wk 5	Tues	Feb 25	Forensic Science Showcase
Wk 5	Wed	Feb 26	Meet the Teacher
Wk 6	Mon	Mar 2	Bankstown District Swimming Carnival

Marvel Club

'Marvel Kids club' is held every Friday during term at Chester Hill Primary school from 3-5pm under the COLA starting February 14. All primary age students are welcome to come and enjoy afternoon tea, sport and games and a Bible story in a fun, safe and friendly atmosphere. A gold coin donation is appreciated. 'Marvel' is an event by Chester Hill Anglican church.



Term 1 2020 in the hub has started and it is great to see so many familiar and new faces to our program. We have a few activities happening at the Hub and further updates will occur on our newsletter and Facebook. Parents and community members are also welcome to drop by the Hub to see what we do.



Last week, NRL league All Stars held a free trial and despite the rain we had lots of students come and try it out. What a great way to keep fit and have fun. The program will start this Thursday and there are still spaces for students who are interested. This is also a great way to use your active kids voucher. All students will need to be registered to attend the program. Help with registration in week 1 will be provided by NRL All Stars or you can see me in the Hub. We do encourage parents and carers to stay for the first week so that you can speak to the organisers. Just a reminder that the play equipment in the playground is out of bounds for students and siblings.

NRL All Stars are organising the program which is why registration is essential. Please respond to messages or emails you receive from NRL All Stars. If you do need help or are not receiving messages please contact me through the Hub.



Our Hub parents are working towards obtaining a Certificate 1 in Information, Digital Media & Technology & Certificate 1 in Business. Parents like students, battled the rain to reach the Hub. This has set a great pace for the next 7 weeks. The course is now full but we are looking at future options. If you are interested in further study, you are welcome to come to the Hub and access information for TAFE.

Parents and Skills group kicked off last week with a bang. Roukaya, our wonderful Personal Trainer, had us completing some great exercises.



Our Parents as Active Community Members is still open for registration. This is a great program running in partnership with Chester Hill Neighbourhood Centre. Parents participating in the program will also be provided with access to family based recreational opportunities. If you would like more information, please see Lina Mourad or myself about joining the group.

Transition to School Group: If you have a child set to start school in 2021 our Transition to School program starts this week. We are on every Tuesday in the hall from 9:30am- 12:00pm. This year we will have visits planned from a community Occupational Therapist, a play therapist and opportunities for music play and more. Please call me at the Hub for more information.

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Desiree O'Donnell,
Community Hub Leader



P&C

The Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has now returned to it's normal hours of Tuesday and Wednesday, 8.30-11.30. We would like to thank the parents and families who have purchased from the uniform shop during it's extended hours these last two weeks.

Lost Property

To ensure all lost items are returned to your children, please label all items clearly, with a first and last name. The lost property box is checked weekly, with labelled items returned to classes. If you would like to check the lost property box, it is located outside the canteen.

Munch Monitor

We are very excited to announce that Munch Monitor will be installed in the canteen in the next two weeks! Munch monitor will allow parents to place lunch orders online, without having to visit the canteen in the morning. Orders can be placed daily, weekly, or even for the whole term in advance (order cut off time will be 9am each day).

Orders will still be able to be placed at the canteen window, and paid for with cash. At this stage, EFTPOS will not be available in the canteen. More information will be released, once we have a set installation date.

P&C Meeting / AGM:

Our P&C Meeting and AGM is fast approaching, with the date to be confirmed this week. If you would like to be involved in the P&C this year, please follow our Facebook page for updates, or pop down to the canteen. We would love to have some new families involved in the P&C this year, as we have many exciting projects planned for 2020! www.facebook.com/chpscanteen

Our Canteen Name

During our canteen renovations in 2019 we decided to celebrate the history of our local area and recognise the traditional owners and custodians of the land by naming our new canteen after a word from the Darug language. We asked the students and staff to vote on a name that celebrated the spirit of our school and what we stood for as a community.

The name "Banda" was chosen which translates to Bush Apple Tree. The Darug people use the berries from the bush apple tree for food, to make medicines and to tell their stories through drawing. It is a resourceful plant which holds an important place in the community.

The bush apple is also resilient and incredibly tolerant, flourishing after times of adversity. Images of the bush apple tree will soon be seen around our canteen - on our menus, electronic screen, and hanging on the canteen walls. We look forward to incorporating more of the Darug culture in our canteen and its surrounds this year, as we continue to work on our community projects in 2020.



CHESTER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL - BANDA CANTEN & COFFEE SHOP SUMMER MENU TERM 1, 2020



Please remember to place all lunch orders before 8.55am

Healthy Canteen Ratings: E= Everyday food, O= Occasional Food, H= Halal, GF= Gluten Free

EVERYDAY ITEMS ARE THE RECOMMENDED CHOICE, AND ARE MARKED IN **BOLD** FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

LUNCH ORDER OPTIONS							
Large Garden Salad (E)	\$5.50	Beef Burger (E, H)	\$4.50	Flame Grilled Chicken Burger (E, H)	\$4.50	(OZ BAKE) Plain Cheese Pizza (O, H)	\$4.00
Small Garden Salad (E)	\$4.00	Beef Wrap (E, H)	\$4.50	Flame Grilled Chicken Wrap (E, H)	\$4.50	(OZBAKE) Meat Pizza (O, H)	\$4.00
Salad Wrap (E)	\$4.50	Large Beef Salad (E, H)	\$5.50	Large Flame Grilled Chicken Salad (E, H)	\$5.50	(Four N 20) Plain Meat Pie (O,H)	\$4.00
Salad Sandwich (E)	\$3.50	Small Beef Salad (E, H)	\$4.00	Small Flame Grilled Chicken Salad (E, H)	\$4.00	(Chook'd) Chicken Tenders (max 3) (O, H)	\$1.50
Cheese Sandwich (E)	\$2.50	(Alina) Twista Bolognaise (E, H)	\$4.00	Chicken & Mayonaise Sandwich (E, H)	\$3.50		
Vegemite Sandwich (E)	\$2.50	(Alina) Beef Lasagne (E, H)	\$4.00	(Rice King) Butter Chicken (E, GF)	\$4.00		
Egg and Mayonaise Sandwich (E,H)	\$3.50	Tuna Salad (Lge) (E, H)	\$5.50	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (E)	\$3.50		
(ALINA) Macaroni & Cheese (E, H)	\$4.00	Tuna Salad (Sml) (E, H)	\$4.00	Tuna Sandwich (E, H)	\$3.50		

DRINK OPTIONS							
600ML water (E)	\$2.00	300ML water (E)	\$1.00	Apple Juice (E)	\$2.00		
250ML plain oak milk (E)	\$2.00	SIPA AH flavoured straws (E)	50c	Orange Juice (E)	\$2.00		

SNACK OPTIONS							
Vaalia Strawberry Yoghurt (E)	\$2.00	Carrot Sticks & Hummous (E)	\$1.50	Crunch & Sip Combo (E)	\$1.50	Red Rock Deli Sea Salt (O)	\$1.00
Vaalia Vanilla Yoghurt (E)	\$2.00	Cheese & Crackers (E)	\$1.50	Fresh Orange Slices (E)	50c	Grain Waves Sour Cream and Chives (O)	\$1.00
Vanilla Custard (E)	\$2.00	Whole Piece of Fruit (E)	50c	Fresh Watermelon Slices (E)	50c	Koala Popcorn (O)	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Cups (E)	\$1.50	Carrot Sticks (E)	50c	Corn Thins & Cheese Slices (E)	\$1.00	Twisted Frozen Yoghurt - Chocolate (O)	\$2.00
QUELCH Skinny - Orange (E)	50c	JUICIES - Wildberry (E)	\$2.00	JUICIES - Tropical (E)	\$2.00	Twisted Frozen Yoghurt - Strawberry (O)	\$2.00
QUELCH Skinny - Tropical (E)	50c	Whitty's Slusha - Mango (E)	\$2.00	Whitty's Slusha - Raspberry (E)	\$2.00	(Good Tucker) Chocolate Muffin (O)	\$2.00
Whitty's Slusha - Fruitola (E)	\$2.00					(Good Tucker) Apple & Cinnamon Muffin (O)	\$2.00

We have chosen to name our canteen and coffee shop after the traditional owners and custodians of our local area, the Darug People. In 2019, the students and staff of CHPS voted to name our canteen "Banda", which means Bush Apple Tree.