

Tuesday 19 March 2024

Term 1 Week 8

Issue 4



Dear Parents and Students,

SAFETY AROUND OUR SCHOOL

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES

As we strive to provide a safe and conducive environment for our children, it has come to our attention that there have been concerns expressed by members of our community regarding road safety during pick-up and drop-off times. The safety of our students and families is of paramount importance to us, and it's crucial that we address these concerns together.

Some community members have reported instances of double-parking, creating blind spots and causing traffic congestion around our school vicinity. Additionally, there have been reports of U-turns being made across double lines, leading to unpredictability and the potential for accidents.

These issues not only pose risks to our students but also to the broader community. It is imperative that we all take responsibility for our actions on the road to ensure the safety of everyone involved.







We kindly remind all parents and caregivers to adhere to parking signs and time limits when dropping off or picking up their children. By doing so, we can help maintain a smooth flow of traffic and reduce the likelihood of accidents occurring.

Furthermore, it's essential to practice respectful road use at all times. This means not only refraining from double-parking, making illegal U-turns, but also obstructing driveways. We would like to extend a gentle reminder to all families to consider our neighbours and refrain from parking across their driveways. Ensuring they have access to their properties at all times is not only a matter of courtesy but also a legal requirement. We must all be mindful of the impact our actions have on others in the community.

By working together and demonstrating respect for one another, we can create a safer environment for our children and the wider community. Let's prioritize the safety and well-being of all individuals on our roads.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in fostering a safe environment for our students.

Remember to always choose safety first.

	NO STOPPING What does it mean? Under no circumstances are you allowed to stop in this area. Why is it there? To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid accidents.	Fine: \$362 Demerit points: 2
	NO PARKING What does it mean? You may only park for two minutes to drop off or pick up children, and you have to stay within 3m of your vehicle. Why is it there? To provide a safe place for children to be set down and picked up without endangering others.	Fine: \$201 Demerit points: 2
	BUS ZONE What does it mean? You must not stop your vehicle in the bus zone unless you are driving a public bus. Why is it there? To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	Fine: \$362 Demerit points: 2
	PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (INCLUDING CHILDREN'S CROSSING) What does it mean? Keep an area of 20m before and 10m after a pedestrian crossing clear. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing. Why is it there? To ensure children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.	Fine: \$481 Demerit points: 2
	DOUBLE PARKING What does it mean? You must not stop your vehicle, and or park in the middle of the road to drop off and pick up. Why is it there? Double parking forces cars to go around you causing traffic congestion. It also reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.	Fine: \$362 Demerit points: 2
	DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS What does it mean? Do not park your vehicle on or across a driveway. Why is it there? To ensure that you don't force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	Fine: \$362 Demerit points: 2



Please note: fines are subject to change without notice. Penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours and on gazetted school days. Please refer to the Transport for NSW (TfNSW) website for more information on road safety around schools [transport.nsw.gov.au](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au)

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Family Photos 21 March 2024

Family photo envelopes are available from the office



SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE COMING SOON!

The School Photographer

Individual and Class 26 March 2024

We're excited to tell you that our annual family photo day is fast approaching!

On Thursday 21 March, we will be capturing cherished memories with our family/sibling photos. This is a wonderful opportunity to create lasting keepsakes with your children that you'll treasure for years to come.

Following our family photos, we'll also be hosting class and individual portrait sessions on Tuesday, 26 March.

These portraits serve as beautiful mementos of your child's time at Chester Hill Public School and make for lovely additions to family albums. To ensure the success of these photo sessions, we kindly ask that all students come to school wearing their full school uniform on both days. Not only does this create a sense of unity and pride within our school community, but it also ensures that everyone looks their best for the photos.

Additionally, we encourage parents to make their photo orders in a timely manner. Ordering promptly allows for smoother processing and ensures that you receive your photos promptly to cherish and share with family and friends.

Online payments are available through:

[The School Photographer's website.](#)

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making these photo days a success!

HIGH SCHOOL EOI FORMS DUE APRIL 4

The closing date for **high school expressions of interest** falls on **Thursday 4 April 2024**. To ensure that this process goes smoothly for you and your child, we are offering a workshop designed specifically to assist parents in navigating the online forms required for high school expressions of interest.

This workshop will be hosted by Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Mourad, who are dedicated to supporting families through this important transition.

Workshop Details:

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2024

Time: 2:15 PM

Location: Learning Centre

During this workshop, you will receive guidance on filling out the necessary online forms, understanding the criteria for high school selection, and addressing any queries or concerns you may have regarding the process.

We understand that this transition can be overwhelming, and our aim is to provide you with the support and information needed to navigate it successfully.

For further information and updates regarding the high school expressions of interest process, we encourage you to visit the official website: [Year 7 Enrolment Website](#).

Your child's journey into high school is an exciting time filled with possibilities, and we are here to assist you every step of the way. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop and working together to ensure a smooth transition for your child.

HARMONY DAY – FRIDAY 22 MARCH

This year, we have planned a special whole school assembly on **Friday, 22 March** to celebrate Harmony Day. We are excited to announce that classes **5/6 Barty** and **1 Watermelon** will be sharing class items during the assembly.

These performances will not only entertain and inspire us but also serve as a reminder of the beauty and strength that lies in our diversity.

HARMONY WEEK

CELEBRATES HOW ALL
OF OUR DIFFERENCES
MAKE AUSTRALIA A
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE!

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Harmony Day reminds us of the importance of fostering **understanding, respect, and acceptance** within our school community and beyond. It is a day to celebrate our differences and recognise the contributions of individuals from all walks of life. Through activities and discussions both in and out of the classroom, we aim to instil in our students the values of **empathy, kindness, and inclusivity**. By promoting harmony and unity, we can create a school environment where everyone feels **valued, respected, and empowered** to thrive.

MR WALSH TAKING 2 WEEKS OF LEAVE

I will be taking long service leave for the last two weeks of this term and the first two days of Term 2. During my absence, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Condon will be stepping in as the Relieving Principal. I am sure you are already familiar with Mr. Condon and know, with his extensive experience and longstanding positive connections with the community, he will ensure the smooth operation of the school in my absence.

Mr. Condon will be available to address any concerns or inquiries that may arise during this period, and I encourage you to reach out to him if needed.

Ben Walsh
Principal

Celebrating Student Achievement

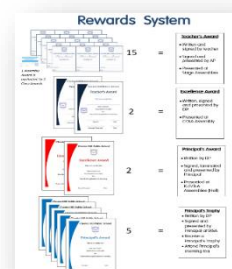
Excellence Awards

Students who have been awarded 2 Teacher's Awards (30 class awards) receive an Excellence Award for excellent application to learning.

Congratulations to the following students who have received an Excellence Award:

Isabella

5/6 Barty



Principal's Awards

Students who have been awarded 2 Excellence Awards (60 class awards) receive a Principal's Award for outstanding application to learning.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Principal's Award:

Haidara	5 Tasman
Celine	5 Lawson
Emma	5 Tasman
Belle	5 Tasman
Rukayya	4 Georges
Ake	4 Manning
Amal	4 Manning

Coming Events – What's happening at CHPS

Dates are accurate at the time of printing. Keep this calendar handy so you are aware of what is happening at our school.

Term 1			
NAPLAN			
Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March			
Harmony Week			
Monday 18 March to Sunday 24 March			
Wk 8	19 Mar	Tues	High School Expression of Interest Parent Workshop
	21 Mar	Thurs	School Photos - FAMILY
	22 Mar	Fri	Whole School Assembly 1 Watermelon and 5/6 Barty
Wk 9	26 Mar	Tues	School Photos – Class and Individual Photos
	27 Mar	Wed	P&C Meeting
	28 Mar	Thurs	Boys' Australian Football Trials
	29 Mar	Fri	Good Friday Public Holiday
	1 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Wk 10	2 April	Tues	Digital Newsletter – Issue 5
	2 Apr	Tues	Boys' and Girls' Basketball Championships – Zone
	Wednesday 3 Apr – Tuesday 9 April Parent Teacher Interviews		
	5 Apr	Fri	Summer PSSA Round #2
Wk 11	8 Apr	Mon	Blue Reward Day
	12 Apr	Fri	3-6 Assembly 3/4 Kerr
	12 Apr	Fri	Last Day of Term 1
School Holidays			
Satrunday13 April - Sunday 28 April			
Term 2			
Wk 1	29 Apr	Mon	Staff Development Day
	30 Apr	Tues	Students Return Term 2 begins

Primary School Sports Association



PBL NEWS

School Uniform

At Chester Hill Public School, we are **Safe, Respectful, Active learners** in all settings around our school. It is an expectation that all students come to school wearing full school uniform.

Wearing school uniform helps students **to build self-confidence** and **a sense of belonging** to our school and community. As well as creating a **positive identity for the school community**, school uniforms contribute to the **personal safety** of our students by allowing easier recognition of our students inside the school and in the community.

Our school colours are navy and sky blue.

Full school uniform includes a school hat. Students who are not wearing **a school hat** during break times, must stay and play under the covered areas.

SAFE

Wear a school hat

RESPECTFUL

Take pride in your school and wear full school uniform

Opportunity Classes

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students. Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply, no matter where you live.

Where are they located?

There are 76 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW. Students who are successful in receiving a place and accept, will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class in Years 5 and 6.

Should you apply?

If your child is in Year 4, learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and

gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on [Opportunity classes – Year 5](#).

Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for under-represented groups. The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to help increase their participation.

Ready to apply?

Parent Information Session:
Monday 13 May 2:30pm in the Learning Centre.

OC Year 5 entry in 2025 — applications open 4 April – 20 May 2024.

Apply online at <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au/>

P&C

P&C Meeting

Join us at our monthly meeting on Wednesday 27th March. Meet other parents and find out about what's on at the school. The meeting will be held in the learning centre from 2:15-3pm.

Follow us on Facebook: Chester Hill Public School Canteen and P&C to stay updated with P&C information.



MANAGING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY

Friday 5 April
10- 11:30am
Children and Families Hub
24 Jacob St Bankstown

Light refreshments
Registration essential: [Managing Children's Anxiety](#)

Sarah Kallon, Child, Adolescent and Family Services Counsellor from Creating Links, will show you how to:

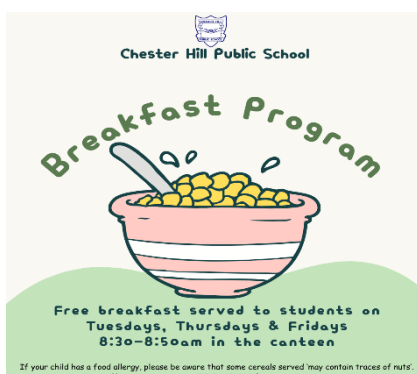
- encourage parents/carers to consider the needs of children living with anxiety and
- provide current information and practical skills to better support the whole family.

Provided supported by CB City

For any questions please contact Anita Pesa
0438674349 Anita.Pesa@cbccity.nsw.gov.au

Creating Links

CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN



Breakfast Program

Free breakfast served to students on
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
8:30-8:50am in the canteen

If your child has a food allergy, please be aware that some cereals served may contain traces of nuts.
Please contact Lisa on 0491 270 436 for any questions.

HELLO FROM THE COMMUNITY HUB!



We celebrated **International Women's Day** on Friday March 8 with a morning tea event for Hub members in the school hall.

Some pictures below and more will be posted on the Hub Facebook soon.



New program next term

Join us for an **evidence-based parenting program** that focuses on the emotional connection between parents and children through emotional coaching.

This program will be delivered by experts from one of Bankstown's leading child and family services.



FAMILY SERVICES
TUNING IN TO KIDS

Starting in Term 2
Dates: Wednesdays from 5 June to 3 July
Time: 9:30 - 11:30 am
Venue: Community Hub, Chester Hill Public School

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You can get regular updates on programs and activities on our Facebook.

Follow the [Community Hub Facebook page](#) for Hub program updates.

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