



NEWSLETTER

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February 19, 2020

WHAT'S ON

Thursday 20 February

Meet the Teachers – Years 3-6

Wednesday 26 February

Swimming Carnival – Years 3-6

Monday 2 March

Year 4 The Rocks history excursion

Tuesday 3 March

Year 3 The Rocks history excursion

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Monday 24 February

Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) Assembly 2.00pm

Monday 2 March

Stage 3 (Yrs 5&6) Assembly 2.00pm

Friday 6 March

Kindergarten Assembly 2.00pm

Monday 9 March

Stage 1 (Yrs 1&2) Assembly 2.00pm

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



Term 1 Weeks 3 and 4 **Respect**
Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

Principal's Report

Change of Class Name

As advised at the Meet the Teacher evening last night, class 2K will be known as 2S from today onwards. Mrs Lee and Mrs Grieve will share this class as a job-share arrangement for the entire year.

Meet the Teacher Evenings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Kindergarten and Stage 1 Meet the Teacher meetings last night. The level of attendance in each classroom was very high and I know that the teachers appreciated the opportunity to communicate with you regarding many aspects of the school year ahead. Personally, I am delighted by the numbers of parents that attended last night and it reaffirms the very positive relationships that exist between home and school. Thank you to each of the teachers for the quality presentations that were provided.

Tomorrow night (Thursday), Year 3 and 4 meetings will be held between 6.00 and 6.45pm. Year 5 and 6 meetings will commence at 6.45pm and conclude at 7.30pm. All meetings will be held in your child's classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 6 High School placement forms for Year 7 2021

High school placement forms will be sent home with your child in early March. Year 6 students have today been given a note that seeks confirmation of their current residential address. Please ensure that this note is completed and returned to school by Friday 28 February.

Excursion permission

A reminder that permission notes for any excursions held during the year must be returned to your child's class teacher prior to the day that the excursion takes place. Our administration team will not be calling parents to obtain verbal permission if notes are not returned. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

PSSA competition commences this Friday. Permission notes must be returned by tomorrow in order for your child to attend.

Swimming Carnival next Wednesday

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival for Years 3-6 students (and exceptional Year 2 swimmers) will be held next Wednesday at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Baulkham Hills. **Students attending the carnival are asked to be at school by 8.00am.** Kiss and Drop will be supervised from 7.30am.

Please be aware that the carpark will be congested on this morning as the buses to transport the students to the carnival will be parked in bus lanes. Parking at Castle Towers and walking across to the school may be a quicker option.

Back Gate (Gilham Street entrance)

Please be aware that the back gate to the school will be closed at 9.30am each day and re-opened at 2.30pm each afternoon. The gate will be open before 2.00pm of a Monday afternoon to allow parents to attend assemblies.

Crossing the Pedestrian intersection after school

Following on from my request to parents last week to be safe and follow pedestrian signals when crossing the Les Shore Place and Pennant Street lights, we continue to witness some dangerous behaviour.

To be honest, I have been appalled by the actions of some adults who have placed themselves and their children in significant danger. Yesterday, for example, I witnessed a parent, with their Kindergarten child, run across the roundabout on Les Shore Place and then continued to run up the wrong side of the road to the intersection at Pennant Street.

There is no doubt in my mind that a child will be badly injured or killed if this behaviour continues. I sincerely hope that it will not take a serious incident to occur before a small percentage of our school community accept that the way they either drive or cross the road is dangerous and is teaching our children to be unsafe in and around traffic.

I am currently liaising with local council and Castle Hill police to seek their support in addressing these issues. As a school, we do our best to keep your children safe every day. We cannot be everywhere and rely on our parents and adult community members to demonstrate safe behaviours when travelling to and from school.

Please support us in our efforts to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Notes Home:

Year 6 – Confirmation of address

Kindergarten – Reading Eggs login details

Craig Oliver – Principal
Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Deputies

School Assemblies

Our next school assemblies are as follows:

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Monday 24 February at 2:00pm.

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Monday 2 March at 2:00pm.

Kindergarten Friday 6 March at 2:00pm.

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Monday 9 March at 2:00pm, led by 2A and Mrs Ambler.

Parents and community members are welcome to join us for each assembly, held in the school hall.

Kindergarten Sport

Below is a summary detailing when Kindergarten students need to wear their sports uniform.

Class	Day of the Week
KB	Tuesday & Thursday
KF	Wednesday & Thursday
KJ	Wednesday & Friday
KK	Thursday & Friday
KM	Wednesday & Thursday
KO	Wednesday & Friday
KT	Tuesday & Thursday

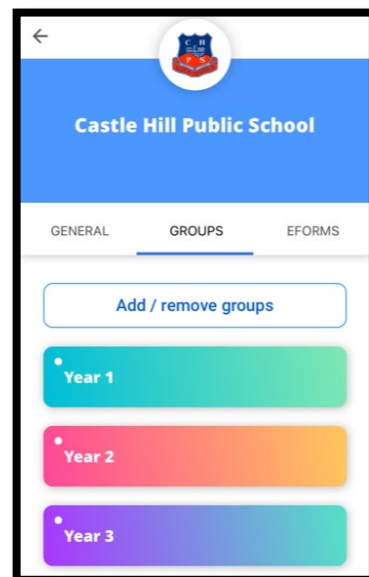
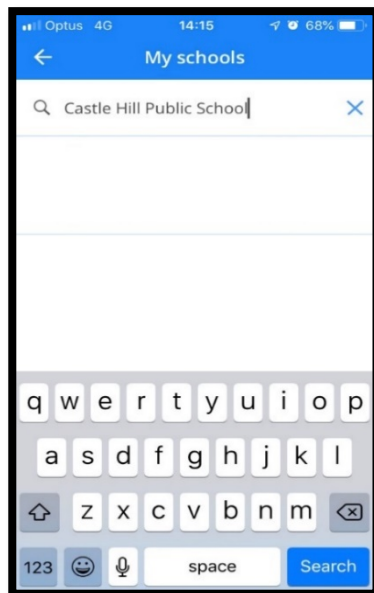
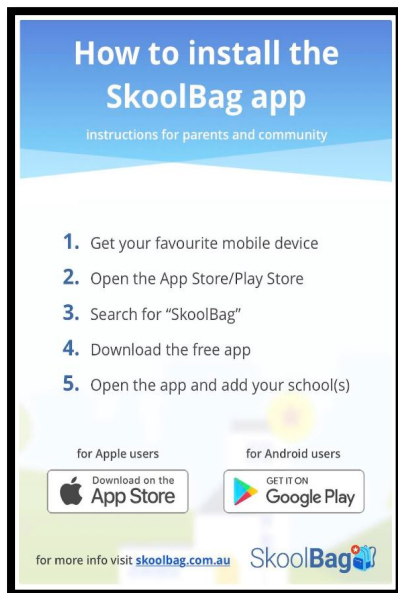
Skoolbag – Have you changed your subscription settings?

With the new year beginning and changes to the school year, many families are often worried about not receiving important messages now that their child is in a new grade.

Follow the steps below to ensure you don't miss out on key dates and information.

Once you have opened the app, select the tab marked GROUPS and select your child's grade.

If you are new to our school, you can download the free app by following these steps:



Chess

Sydney Academy of Chess will again be offering chess tuition each Friday after school in the library, from 3:10-4:10pm. This will be for students in Years 3 to 6. Please refer to the flyer at the end of the newsletter, should your child be interested in participating in this program.

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

Classes for SRE and SEE will commence on Wednesday 4 March. Due to increasing enrolments, we need an additional community volunteer for Hindu SRE. Training, support and resources are provided. Please email Mrs Kohary – alexandra.cook@det.nsw.edu.au if you can or you know of anyone who may be able to fulfil this role.

An expression of interest (EOI) will be sent home next week for students in Years 1 to 4 who wish to participate in Special Education in Ethics. Places will be limited to the first 22 students (for Years 1 and 2) and the first 6 students (for Year 4) who return their notes to the school office.

Online Subscriptions

Students will be receiving login details for the following e-learning platforms. These are used across the school in a range of different contexts, for example in class and/or for homework. Please refer to the links below regarding each of these.

Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress

<https://readingeggs.com.au/about/parents>

Mathletics

<https://www.mathletics.com/au/features/>

Typing Tournament (3-6 only)

<https://www.typingtournament.com/overview>

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals



Creative and Critical Thinking

As a school, we are continually looking for new and exciting learning opportunities for students.

Each week, we will share different activities that may be of interest to students, covering various subject areas. Some of these activities can be completed online, while others are events the whole family might enjoy.

We will also share a problem solving question or riddle, with answers provided the following week.

From week to week, you may also see some of the amazing work that is completed during school hours.

If you have any questions about what is shared, please email Mrs Hobbs at amanda.hobbs3@det.nsw.edu.au



Bebras Challenge

Bebras is an international student Computational Thinking Challenge, and Bebras Australia is run by CSIRO Education and Outreach through the Digital Careers program. The goal is to promote Computational Thinking to students in a way that highlights student ability beyond Science or Maths skills. The challenge complements learning that students engage with in our current curriculums, tapping into problem solving skills of pattern recognition, logic and algorithms.

The challenge runs twice a year, and is open to students in Years 3-6 at the primary school level. Students can enter as an individual or as a team, where collaborative thinking is encouraged.

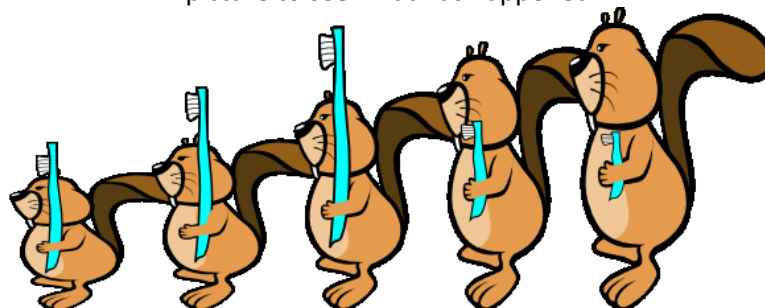
The first challenge opens for a two-week period in March, and we are seeking expressions of interest from students who would like to participate in this opportunity. The challenge will be completed during the school day, under the supervision of a coordinating teacher.

If your child is interested, could you please scan the QR code to access an online form to their details, and indicate whether your child has a preference for working individually or in a team. Expressions of interest will close on Wednesday March 4.

Below is a sample question – check our next week’s newsletter for the solution.

Weekly Problem Solving

It is time for bed! Every beaver should have a tooth brush that matches their size... But look at the picture to see what has happened.



Ann Ben Chad Dan Eve

“Not so fast!” sighs mother beaver. “Eve and Chad, swap your brushes! Ann and Chad, you too!” But then she does not know how to continue.

Which two beavers still need to swap their toothbrushes so that all the beavers have the correct brushes?

Astronomy Night – Western Sydney University Penrith (cost involved) – Saturday February 22, 8.00pm-10.00pm

Western Sydney University Penrith Observatory Public Astronomy Nights include stimulating and thought provoking presentations by leading people working in STEM, Q&A, a short 3D astronomy movie and the opportunity to view the wonders of the night sky through various telescopes (weather permitting).

More information https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Robotics

Our robotics program will be commencing later this term. The sessions will run for one **semester** and then students will have the choice to enrol again for the next semester. They will be held before school from 7:45am-8:30am, as detailed below.

Beginner – Monday morning 7:45am-8:30am in the Library with Miss Kendall, Mrs Ambler and Mrs Georgiades

Students enrolling in this session will have little or no experience with robotics and have not participated in the program at Castle Hill Public School previously.

Intermediate – Tuesday morning 7:45am-8:30am in the Library with Miss Brown and Miss Kean

Students enrolling in this session will have completed one semester of robotics at Castle Hill Public School. They will have completed the Lego Mat Challenge.

Advanced – Thursday morning 7:45am-8:30am in Room 3 (KB) with Miss Brown and Mrs Davis

Students will have completed two semesters of robotics at Castle Hill Public School. They will have completed the Colour Maze Challenge or may have participated in the First Lego League last year.

This year notes will be available from your child's class teacher **from next Tuesday**. Due to space and resource numbers, there is only space for 24 students in **each** session. Therefore, places will be allocated based on the order the notes are **returned to the labelled box in the front office**. Please do not pay as this **will not** secure your child a place in the program.

Miss Brown
Robotics Coordinator



2020 CHPS Swimming Carnival

Dear Parents,

Our first major sporting event for 2020, the Annual Swimming Carnival, will be held on Wednesday 26 February, at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre, 44 Mileham Avenue, Baulkham Hills. Student permission notes are due back by Thursday 20 February. Parents are welcome to attend but will be required to pay an entrance fee. Below is some important information about the swimming carnival and items to bring on the day.

- Students must be at school at **8:15am** as buses will leave at 8:30am.
- If you normally catch a bus, you may need to be dropped off early.
- We will be back by 3.00pm and you will go home as normal.
- Students who are not competing in the carnival will be staying on the grass area. Some novelty events will involve water so make sure you still bring swimmers and a towel.
- Wear your swimmers under your sport uniform.



Students should bring:

- Swimmers and a towel – please clearly label all items
- Food for the day and water
- Sunscreen
- Plastic bag for wet things
- Don't forget your underwear 😊
- There will be a canteen

What NOT to bring:

No electronics – students can bring a book, paper or a small game (no crepe paper).

Parents of Year 2 students,

Our first major sporting event for 2020, the Annual Swimming Carnival, will be held on Wednesday February 26, at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre, 44 Mileham Avenue, Baulkham Hills.

We are extending an invitation to participate in the carnival to any Year 2 student born in 2012 **who swims competitively in squads and is highly confident of competing in an 8 years 50metre Freestyle race without stopping, in less than 1 minute.**

There will be Junior (8, 9, 10 years) events in the **form strokes** as well, which these talented swimmers in Year 2 are welcome to enter. Your child will be eligible to represent the school at zone level **if successful** at our school carnival.

If you wish to have your child compete, please complete the form attached and return it to their class teacher by **Friday February 21, 2020.**

Carnival Committee

PSSA and Sport News

Friday February 21, 2020 PSSA this week. All buses leave school at 9:05am and return by 11:00am.

Summer PSSA teams

- Touch Football – Bernie Mullane, Kellyville
- Softball/T-ball – Fred Caterson, Castle Hill
- Cricket – Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville
- Basketball – Fred Caterson, Castle Hill



Castle Hill Public PSSA Summer sport teams will commence this Friday February 21. Good luck to all PSSA teams.

Mr Gibbs
PSSA sport coordinator

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



Years 3-4 Assembly will be held Monday February 24, 2020 at 2.00pm in the hall

SILVER AWARDS – Please note that these awards will be presented next week at Assembly

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Selim	3C	Samhitha	4A
Hugo	3D	Sophie	4G
		Sian	4G
Liliana	3E		
Shaurya	3E	Chris	4M
Indie	3E	Anushka	4M
Hannah	3M	Wanika	4T
		Sebastian	4T
Vicky	3V		
Sebastian	3V	Daniel	4W
		Malachi	4W
Elizabeth	3/4H		
Amelie	3/4H		
Luke	3/4H		

GOLD AWARDS – Please note that these awards will be presented next week at Assembly

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Jamila	3D	Charlie	4A

Canteen

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Please be aware that lunch orders for Years 3-6 students will be unavailable on Wednesday 26 February due to the swimming carnival which is being held at Waves pool in Baulkham Hills. Any lunch orders received for Years 3-6 students for this day will be cancelled and the funds returned to your Flexischools account.

Lunch orders and normal canteen service will still be available to Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students who will be remaining at school.

ROSTER:

Thursday 20 February	Lisa Munteanu, Cheryl Sinclair
Friday 21 February	JooYoung, Hyejin Noh, Jin, Yoon Jang
Monday 24 February	Erica Elkass, Hayley Brown
Tuesday 25 February	Lu Yao, Emma from 12.30, VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Wednesday 26 February	Leanne Chia, VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 27 February	Katherine Mullen, Vani Sahdev
Friday 28 February	Kate Ou, Shouna, VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

If you can help on the days with "**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**" or would like to be added to our roster please telephone the canteen on 9634 4306, email at castlehillpscanteen@gmail.com or send us a quick text message Kylee 0405 357 150.

2020 CANTEEN MENU:

Please click on this link to our [2020 Canteen Menu](#) with updated items available and pricing for this year.

Uniform Shop

REGULAR OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open:

Monday and Thursday

8.30am-10.30am

If you are available to volunteer on either of these days, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please just send me an email of which days and dates you are available chpsuniform@gmail.com.

Girls Summer Uniform option

Castle Hill Public School now has a shorts option as part of the summer girl's uniform and is available for purchase from the uniform shop.



Sharyn Haggar
Uniform Shop Manager

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

Combines learning with fun!



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Castle Hill Public School Chess Classes, 2020 Fridays 3:10PM - 4:10PM in the Library for Years 3-6

Term 1	Cost: \$99	7th Feb - 3rd Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$110	1st May - 3rd Jul
Term 3	Cost: \$110	24th Jul - 25th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$99	16th Oct - 11th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **Z2VI5T8N3F** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$46 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$42 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$34 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$77 [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2** valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2020.



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ACADEMY OF CHESS**

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12 February, 2020

2020 CHPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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All students are asked to **be at school by 8.00am** and will return in time to catch normal bus services in the afternoon.

The 100m freestyle will be the first event, students need to sign up for this event at school prior to the carnival. **Students competing in the 100m freestyle race must be at school to be on the first bus at 8.15am.**

Buses will leave the school from 8.15am. Kiss & Drop will be operating from 7.30am. Please allow plenty of time as the car park will be congested.

The cost will be \$15.00, which covers pool entry and transport and will be in the Semester One term fees. Please do not pay until you receive the fee notice in Term 2.

Could you please ensure that your child knows his/her date of birth.

JUNIOR events involve children born in 2010, 2011, 2012; 11 YEARS events are for those born in 2009; and SENIOR events are for those students born in 2007 and 2008.

ALL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING AND POSSESSIONS TAKEN TO THE POOL SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH HIS/HER NAME. Please provide your child with ample food and drink for the day (morning tea, lunch, plastic bottles of water, snacks and fruit). Students will be permitted to buy from the pool kiosk during the day.

Staff members have emergency care and CPR training. We have students in the school who can have anaphylactic reactions to nut products. We would appreciate your consideration and not include any nut products in food provided for the day.

Parents are very welcome to attend as spectators on the day or to assist as a timekeeper. Timekeepers are required to time races with a stopwatch (provided by the school). The morning session is from 8.30am-11.30am and the afternoon session is 11.30am-2.30pm. Parents may request to assist at one or both of these times. Class parents will email further information to families about assisting on the day. Please note, adults who attend the carnival will be required to pay an entry fee at the gate.

Please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday 19 February, 2020.

Please Note, the Zone Swimming Carnival will be on Thursday 5 March, 2020. Successful students will be notified after the CHPS swimming carnival.

Craig Oliver
Principal

Carnival Coordinators



2020 CHPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Return this completed form to your child's teacher by Wednesday 19 February, 2020.

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the CHPS Annual Swimming Carnival on **Wednesday 26 February**, at Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre. I am aware travel to and from the venue will be by bus.

My child has the following special needs _____
_____ (include any relevant medical details)

I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

Signed _____
Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Castle Hill Public School

Term 1 - 2020

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
Jan	1	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Jan	1	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Jan	1	Australia Day holiday	SDD	Years 1-6 students return to school				
				Kindergarten Best Start assessments				
Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Feb	2	Kindergarten students start						
Feb	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Feb	4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Feb	4	Stage 1 assembly 2.00pm	Meet the teacher Kindy & Stage 1		Meet the teacher Stage 2 & Stage 3			
Feb	5	24	25	26	27	28	29	1
Feb	5	Stage 2 assembly 2.00pm		Swimming Carnival Years 3-6				
Mar	6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mar	6	Year 4 The Rocks excursion	Year 3 The Rocks excursion		Zone Swimming Carnival			
		Stage 3 assembly 2.00pm				Kindy Assembly 2.00pm		
Mar	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mar	7	Stage 1 assembly 2.00pm						
Mar	8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Mar	8	Stage 2 assembly 2.00pm			Anti Bullying Day			
		Harmony Week						
Mar	9	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Mar	9	Stage 3 assembly 2.00pm						
Mar	10	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Mar	10	Stage 1 assembly 2.00pm						
Apr	11	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Apr	11	3-6 Platinum Assembly			ANZAC Service	Good Friday		
					Last day of term			