Principal’s Report

Presentation Assemblies
Over the course of this week, we have held our Stage Presentation assemblies. Each of the assemblies has allowed us to acknowledge and celebrate the student learning that has taken place over the year in the company of parents, grandparents and friends.

As is tradition at Castle Hill Public School, a variety of perpetual awards were presented at the Year 6 assembly on Monday morning.

Congratulations to the following students who received perpetual awards:

Principal’s Award: **Darcie P S**
Dux: **Kate Z**
Jackie Watts Award: **Zachary B**
Citizenship Award: **Zohaib J**
School Service: **Rebecca L and Mia S**
Lions Club Citizenship and Community Award: **Tom K**
Cairns Award for Performing Arts: **Lucinda O**
Zonta Award for Mathematics Improvement: **Serena V**
Ray Williams Encouragement Award: **Idin Z**

Perpetual award recipients are permitted to keep the perpetual trophy for one week and we ask that it be returned to the front office by next Tuesday please.

In addition, the 2021 student leadership team was announced. The prefects, vice-captains and captains for 2021 are as follows:

Prefects:
- **Matilda A**
- **Lily D**
- **Amy M**
- **Hanna T**

Vice Captains:
- **Jade T**
- **Cameron B**

School Captains:
- **Reese H**
- **Jack F**

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievement!
Student Reports
Student reports will be sent home with your child this Friday.

Organisation for 2021
Our planning for next year is well advanced. Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests throughout the term and informed us if your child will be leaving our school at the end of this year or will be returning at some point after the first day of school. It makes a huge difference!

We would like parents to be aware that 2021 classes will not be formed on the first day of school next year. Year 1-6 students in 2021 will return to school on Friday 29 January and remain in their 2020 class for at least the first couple of days until we are confident of our total enrolment numbers. This is due to the uncertainty as to how many new enrolments we will welcome to Castle Hill Public School over the Christmas vacation.

We will inform you of the date that students will move to their new classes ahead of time. Please ensure that you have access to the Skoolbag app to ensure you are updated with this information.

Gala Day
Our annual Gala day will be held tomorrow. All students are invited to wear mufti clothing (no singlets and closed-in shoes please). No gold coin donation is required to dress in mufti clothing on this occasion.

Please note that the canteen will not be open tomorrow for recess or lunch orders. No food will be available for purchase at any of the year 6 stalls.

Token sales closed last Friday and will not be available for sale tomorrow. Cash will not be accepted.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly and ‘Clapout’
Next Wednesday afternoon, we will farewell our Year 6 students in style by holding our annual Graduation Assembly in the school hall commencing at 2.00pm.

Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this assembly in the hall. We will record it and send the link to you via Seesaw immediately after school.

Following the assembly, Year 6 students will proceed through the ‘clapout’ which is scheduled to take place around 2.45pm. Again, unfortunately, the current guidelines do not allow us to invite parents into the school. We will also video the clapout and upload it via Seesaw.

Our final newsletter for the year...
...will be next Wednesday!

COVID-19 Testing
Any student who displays flu-like symptoms is required to have a COVID test and demonstrate a negative result before being able to return to school.

We would like to thank our school community who have been incredibly supportive in assisting us with this requirement.

We ask that you provide confirmation of your child’s negative COVID test result, that this confirmation be sent to the school email address and not to individual teachers. The school email address is castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Notes Home:
Year 6 Graduation and Clap out 2020

Craig Oliver – Principal
Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au
Student Leaders – Year 6, 2021
Congratulations leaders for 2021!

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals
Ever Higher – Student Magazine

We are very proud to present the second edition of Ever Higher. We were overwhelmed with submissions and found deciding a very challenging task!

You can view the magazine via this link or via the QR code.

https://tinyurl.com/EverHigher2

Thank you to all the students for the time and effort, as well as our fantastic editors who have worked hard to bring it altogether.

Stage 3 Creative Writing

Students in the Stage 3 Writing group have been creating some microstories to enter into the Storyathon competition. Three stories will be chosen to represent CHPS and be voted on by students from many different schools. Here are some of the microstories below.
Weekly Problem Solving

Week 9 Problem Solving

Objective / Rules
- Connect every island, such that any island can be reached from any other.
- Each island contains a number that shows you how many bridges leave that island.
- Up to two bridges can connect islands together.
- Bridges can only go horizontally or vertically and may not cross each other.

Week 8 Problem Solving Solution

1,352 small cubes.

The original large cube with 16 small cubes along each edge would require $16 \times 16 \times 16 = 4,096$ small cubes.
Removing the outside layer would leave a large cube now with 14 small cubes along each edge (which requires $14 \times 14 \times 14 = 2,744$ small cubes).
It isn't 15 small cubes because you're removing both ends of an edge.
Therefore you have removed $4,096 - 2,744 = 1,352$ small cubes.
This year Gala Day will be held **TOMORROW** Thursday December 10. Students are able to wear Mufti clothes and covered shoes (no thongs). They must wear a hat and sunscreen is recommended.

**The Canteen will be closed all day and will not be available for recess and lunch. Please make sure you pack fruit break, recess, lunch and a water bottle for your child.**

Gala Day is an opportunity for the students of our school to raise money for those children in our community who are not as fortunate as themselves. Year 6 students will be running stalls and activities throughout the day. The proceeds from the day will go to Stewart House.

Due to COVID restrictions, students will not be selling food. Students are asked to bring their own lunch as usual. This will also be a **cash free event**.

Students that have prepaid for tokens will be given them in class tomorrow before the event.

*Thank you for your support.*

*Year 6 Teachers*
P.E. Christmas cheer

This week, P.E. Classes are travelling to the North Pole and experiencing a range of Christmas themed activities. Well done Team P.E!
‘THE PAST IN THE PRESENT’

Stage 1 History Day 'The past in the present'
All the Stage 1 students have been learning about changes to schooling and to Castle Hill Public School, over the past 100 years. Many students and teachers dressed up in old fashioned clothes. They played games, weaved hessian, wrote with chalk and visited interesting history museums in all the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Students also participated in a virtual excursion with the Sydney Living Museum where they learnt about Vaucluse House in the 1800’s and how to make butter without electricity.

Everyone enjoyed a relaxing picnic lunch together, especially the ice cream cups!

It was a wonderful day and fortunately, none of the teachers needed to use the cane!
During Term 3, Castle Hill students all had the opportunity to try out and represent our school in the NSW Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Two representatives from each class were chosen and were then judged by our teachers to see who would represent our school at the final of the public speaking competition. Four students were chosen for the final competition outside of school. These students were Ivy (Stage 2), Vidush (Stage 2), Ashleigh (Stage 3) and Aiden (Stage 3).

Due to the current pandemic, these students had to film their speeches at the last minute to then be sent off to the state competition. Everyone did an outstanding job with their speeches and received amazing feedback from the wonderful judges at the public speaking competition. Unfortunately, none of our finalists made it to the grand final competition. We still congratulate our student’s incredible effort and all the hard work put in to their speeches and the presentation of their speeches. Although, one amazing student accomplished an amazing award. This student was Vidush! He received a highly commended award and we acknowledge this outstanding achievement from Vidush.

Through all the difficult times and unfortunate events, our public speaking finalists accomplished great levels of achievement. From writing their speeches and performing to last minute filming, we congratulate our finalists on their outstanding achievements. We love to see this accomplishment from students at our school and highly award them for this level of achievement.

Congratulations!
By Ashleigh 6T
Hello parents!

As we come to the final weeks of the school year, on behalf of the P&C I would like to thank the school community for all of their support and versatility in working with the school and our P&C. Our meetings have moved to an online platform and it has been great seeing some new faces appearing.

We have our final online zoom meeting tonight and we would like to invite you to join us for some festive cheer as well. Please contact Erica on the email address is the skoolbag notification and log on at 7.00pm with your most festive zoom background and a drink of your choice to celebrate the end of the year.

In other news, we would like to thank Sarah Newlove for taking over the Book club Coordinator role from Carrie. We appreciate her taking on this volunteer role as it is a much-loved service provided for our students and also benefits our school library with books for the students. We also thank Carrie for her many years of covering this role for us.

With the recent hot weather, our trusty old fridge in the canteen struggled and finally died, meaning we needed an urgent solution. Thankfully Erica M had already successfully applied for a community grant for $9,384.

Funding

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Kylee was able to purchase a brand-new replacement that arrived today. The remaining grant funds will be used for a replacement oven.

Canteen staff were elated as you can see from the photos. Thank you to Kylee and everyone involved for making this happen so quickly, particularly with these hotter days!

We want to wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas break and hope to meet many more of you in the new year.

Katherine Mullen
P&C President
Canteen

CANTEEN AVAILABILITY:
ROSTER:
Thursday 10 December                CLOSED - GALA DAY
Friday 11 December                 Abby Bishop, Sharmila, Tash VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Monday 14 December                 Ayat Abdulbaky, Sarah Waters
Tuesday 15 December                CANTEEN CLOSED
Wednesday 16 December              CANTEEN CLOSED

CANTEEN CLOSURE FOR GALA DAY

The canteen will be closed on Thursday 10 December 2020 due to Gala Day.

CANTEEN END OF YEAR:
The last day of service this year will be Monday 14 December 2020.
First day of service next year will be Monday 1 February 2021.

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.

Wishing all Castle Hill Public School families, a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Kylie & Nas

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop continues to be open for parents who have made an appointment. Contact Sharyn at chpsuniform@gmail.com to make your appointment. The uniform shop is opened Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30am-10.30am.

It will also be opened on Thursday January 28, please email for an appointment.

Uniform orders can be placed online through Flexischools via www.flexischool.com.au or at the uniform shop.

Sharyn
HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GAZELLE?
COME AND TRY NETBALL WITH US!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 13
COOLONG NETBALL COURTS
9am - 10am / U7-U9
10am - 11am / U10-U12
11am - 12pm / U13+

Join us for a fun morning of skills, games & take part in our Gazelles Empowerment Program.

Please register using the link below for your FREE ticket:

ALL NEW & CURRENT PLAYERS WELCOME!
#swift #graceful #strong

Gazelles
NETBALL CLUB
Dear Parents,

Today your child attended a demonstration showcasing the instruments available to learn at school in 2021. If you would like more information please register your interest within the next 5 days. Follow the link below and you can register online or download and print a hard copy of the note if you prefer.

Once you have registered your child’s interest TSA will then conduct instrument trials at school to help your child discover which instrument they are most suited to (this will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines). Following the instrument trials, an Enrolment Pack will be sent home with your child. This will contain more detailed information about the school band program along with the result of their instrument trial.

### Band Program Structure

**Rehearsal** (all students work together in a full band setting)
- Once a week, generally before or after school, for 30-60 minutes

**Tuition** (students work in small groups or individually to learn new skills)
- 30min per week, at school, usually on the same day as rehearsal

Students attend both **rehearsal** and **tuition** at school. Regular **practise** at home (3-4 times a week) is essential.

### Band Program Costs

**Rehearsal & Tuition Fees** – there are two main tuition options available to parents. Group tuition (average of 5 per group) is the most affordable. Individual tuition is more expensive and is not available at all schools.
- Group tuition + band rehearsal fee = $195 per term
- Individual tuition ($395) + band rehearsal fee ($95) = $490 per term

**Instrument** – students must have their own instrument
- HIRE – TSA offers a rent-to-buy scheme starting at $43 per month
- BUY – TSA also has a range of quality new instruments available for purchase (see overleaf for details)

**Other**
- method book ($22)
- music stand ($25)
- TSA resource levy ($10 per term)
- some instruments need occasional items such as reeds, strings, grease or oil (between $10-$50 each year)
- some schools charge a facility hire fee ($10-$30 per term)

More information can also be found at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or use the QR codes overleaf.

### Expression of Interest

**How to register your child’s interest in the band**

Simply provide your child’s name, class and school along with your contact email and phone number and TSA will include them in instrument trials at school. There is no commitment required and the online form will take less than a minute to complete.

- Open your smartphone camera app and point the camera at the QR code. Your device will recognise the QR code and shows a notification. Tap the notification and you will be taken to the online Expression Of Interest form.
  - OR
  - OR
- Email your child’s name, class and school to enrolments@teachingservices.com.au
For information on instruments available in the school band open your smartphone camera and point at the QR code. Your device will recognise the QR code and show a notification. Tap the notification and you will be taken to TSA’s website for more information.

**Woodwind Section**

- Flute
  - teachingservices.com.au/flute
- Clarinet
  - teachingservices.com.au/clarinet
- Saxophone
  - teachingservices.com.au/sax

**Brass Section**

- Trumpet
  - teachingservices.com.au/trumpet
- Trombone
  - teachingservices.com.au/trombone
- Euphonium/Baritone Horn
  - teachingservices.com.au/euphobaritone

**Bass & Percussion Section**

- Bass Guitar
  - teachingservices.com.au/bassguitar
- Keyboard Bass
  - teachingservices.com.au/keyboardbass
- Percussion
  - teachingservices.com.au/percussion

**Other**

Many programs offer the option of learning ‘extension’ instruments such as oboe, french horn or tuba. Check with TSA office first to see whether these are available at your school.

- teachingservices.com.au/otherinst
CHUFC invites all girls aged between 9 & 18 years to

PRE GRADING SOCCER SKILLS TRAINING

Sessions times
U9 to U13 6 pm to 7.30 pm
U14 to U18 7.30 pm to 9 pm

held on
19 & 21 January 2021 at Fred Caterson Reserve Castle Hill, field 1

As a big thank you for bringing your friends, existing members will receive a new pair of socks!

Register ASAP by emailing your name and contact details to the ladies coordinator Scott Marchant at ladies@castlehillfootball.com.au or 0418 534 629

Inspiring a new generation of girls to love soccer
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