



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9 – December 06, 2023

WHAT'S ON

Thursday December 7

Gala Day

Wednesday December 13

Last P&C Meeting for 2023
7.00pm (Via Zoom)

Thursday December 14

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday December 15

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Students last day of Term 4

Thursday February 1, 2024

First day Term 1 for Years 1-6

Principal's Report

Our Presentation assemblies were held on Monday and yesterday at Castle Hill High School. We greatly appreciate the support provided to us by the staff at Castle Hill High in allowing us access to their assembly hall. A special thank you to Mrs Kohary and Miss Machuca who organised the three assemblies.

As is tradition at Castle Hill Public School, a variety of perpetual awards were presented at the Years 4-6 assembly yesterday.

Congratulations to the following students who received perpetual awards:

Principal's Award: Sam 6B

Dux: Selim 6A

Jackie Watts Award: Munsif 6B

Hills Shire Council Citizenship Award: Molor-Erdene 6A

School Service: Violet 6D and Gabriel 6G

Lions Club Citizenship and Community Award: Annabelle 6S

Zonta Award for Mathematics Improvement: Amelie 6D

Mark Hodges Encouragement Award: Ryan 6C

Tancred Award for Excellence in Sports: Tristan 6B

Cairns Award for the Performing Arts: Arabella 6S

Premier's Sporting Challenge Award: Oliver 6S

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

In addition, the 2024 student leadership team was announced. The prefects, vice-captains and captains for 2024 are as follows:

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



Aspire

Accept opportunities and challenges.

Prefects

Miranda 5D Sachin 5P
Rita 5G Aaron 5B
Cyrah 5P Arian 5J
Aida 5A Yash 5A

Vice Captains

Ruby 5B Benjamin 5B

Captains

Ellie 5B Harry 5D

Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievement!

Kindergarten 2024 - Best Start letters

Best Start letters for our Kindergarten 2024 students will be sent by post this Friday to the address provided on your child's enrolment form. This letter will confirm the day and time of your child's Best Start appointment.

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home via the Sentral app this Friday. Please note that these reports will be sent gradually during the day and not all at once. If you have two or more children enrolled, you are likely to receive the report for one child and then sometime later, the report for your second child (and so on). With over 1 110 student reports to send to parents, it is not possible to send them all at once.

Gala Day

Gala Day will be held tomorrow and will be held in two sessions, owing to playground space restrictions, as follows:

10.00am – 11.30am: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students

12.30pm – 2.00pm: Year 3, 4 and 5 students.

Students are invited to wear mufti clothing tomorrow.

Organisation for 2024

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 2024 classes will not be formed on the first day of school next year. Year 1-6 students in 2024 will return to school on Thursday 1 February and remain in their 2023 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 Sentral Parent app to ensure you are updated with this information.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly and 'Clapout'

Next Friday morning, 15 December, we will farewell our Year 6 students in style by holding our annual Graduation Assembly at Castle Hill RSL. We ask that parents and students arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. We aim to finish the graduation assembly by 11.00am and again, request that parents can transport students back to school. Kiss and Drop will be available for students to exit vehicles.

On the same day, Year 6 students will proceed through the traditional 'clapout' which is scheduled to take place around 2.30pm. Parents are also welcome to attend but are asked to congregate either in the middle of the back playground or closer to the back gate, where all Year 6 students will complete the clapout.

Congratulations to...

Roy (3M) who recently represented Castle Hill Public School at the Tennis Australia School Boys and Girls Centenary Tournament and came first in the Year 3 Boys Singles division. Congratulations Roy!



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

News from the Deputies

Senior Band Workshop

Last Wednesday, many members of our school's Senior Band went to Castle Hill High School to participate in a workshop with members of the Castle Hill High School Band. It was great to see many of our former students, playing alongside our current students.



Band Performances

Our school bands today have creatively made use of available space in our school, to perform for their families. Earlier this morning, Training Band members performed for their families, before school. Intermediate and Senior Bands will perform this afternoon. This is the final week of band for 2023.

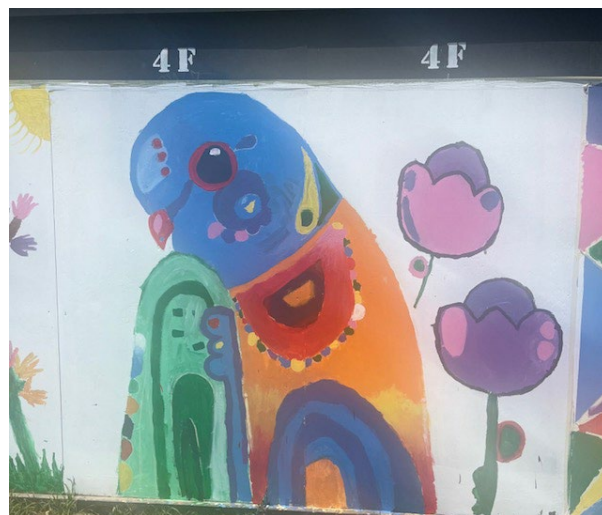


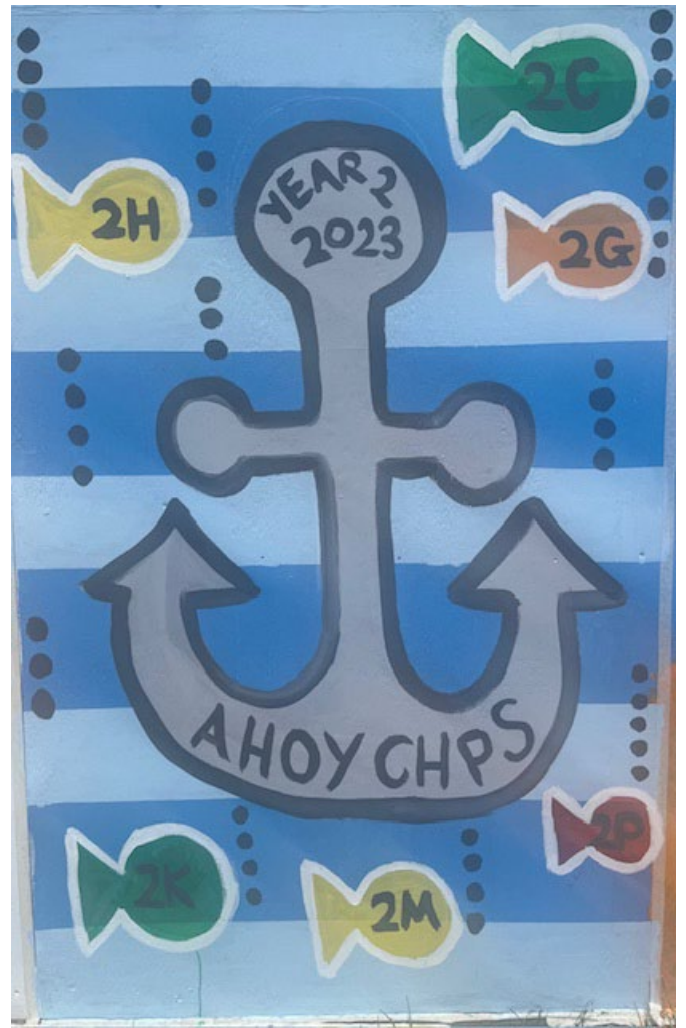
Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has had another outstanding year, with over 433,000 students participating in the Challenge. This week we acknowledged the students at our school who have participated in the challenge for four years (Gold certificate) and seven years (Platinum certificate). Our Platinum certificate recipients have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge – every year – since commencing Kindergarten!



Artboards







Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

School News

2024 Twilight Swimming Carnival

Next year's Swimming Carnival will be held as a twilight event for 3-6 students on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. The carnival will be held at Riverstone Swimming Centre, Riverstone.

Parents will need to drive their child/children to and from the carnival. Students who are in Year 2 and are turning 8 next year are allowed to attend the carnival. All swimmers must be able to swim 50m **competently and competitively**.

Please click the link below to complete the form if you wish your child/children to participate. More information will come next year.

<https://forms.office.com/r/THcNDcpKhW>

Miss Brown and Miss Edwards

P&C News

Dear Parents and carers,

The end of the term is fast approaching. We are in Week 9 and our last day of school is next Friday, 15 December.

An explosion of colour has come to our back playground! The mural project is almost finished. There are bits and pieces still to do but each class has had their opportunity to paint a section with their teachers. I have included some photos below. I would encourage families to take a stroll on the back oval and by the front office to admire the children's creativity. You can walk through a garden (Kindy), slide down a rainbow (Year 1), swim in the ocean (Year 2), meet an alien (Year 3), sit under an apple tree (Year 4), make an escape with a good book (Year 5) and meet the stars of the future (Year 6).

Gala Day is happening tomorrow Thursday, 7 December! We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families for our Gala Day BBQ. We will be set up outside Funhouse.

If you have not pre-ordered your child's sausage through Flexischools, limited quantities of sausages and drinks will be available for parents to buy on the day. Cash and EFTPOS facilities will be available. See our Gala Day flyer further down in this newsletter.

If you can lend a hand on gala day, please sign up at: <https://volunteersignup.org/8AE4X>

Our last P&C meeting of 2023 will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7.00pm via Zoom. We hope you can join us. To register, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5MlceGvqDljGtX6-4U8DxggznK7SU2aFAin>



Erica Miller

CHPS P&C President

<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Canteen

CANTEEN CLOSED - GALA DAY – Thursday December 7, 2023

The canteen will be closed on Thursday December 7, 2023 for both recess and lunch order services. If you have not placed an order on Flexischools for a Gala Day Sausage Sizzle please pack recess and lunch from home.

If you would like to join our wonderful team of current volunteers it would be greatly appreciated. We pay in coffee (or tea), laughs and a free lunch for yourself, also anything you purchase for your children on the day you volunteer you will receive a 50% discount off the total cost.

If you would like to be added to our roster, even for just one day a month, or have any other questions at all about the canteen and the services we offer please reach out to us using one of the methods below.

- 0428 401 821 telephone or text message
- canteen@chpspandc.org.au

Many thanks,
Tanya-Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/bookings/>

The uniform shop will have its **last day of operation for 2023 on Thursday, December 14**. The shop will **reopen again on Monday, January, 29 2024**

All students are required to wear their full summer uniform for the remainder of Term 4. If you need to purchase summer uniforms, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools and **delivery will be made to your child's class**.

Exchange is always available if you've ordered the wrong size provided the item hasn't been worn and is accompanied by the Flexischools receipt and original packaging.

Please note if you do not see the SHOP button in your Flexischools app, that is an individual app issue. You will have to contact Flexischools directly and they will resolve it for you. The Flexischools parent helpline is 1300 361 769.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact Sharyn at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au.

Castle Hill Public School P&C



GALA DAY

2023

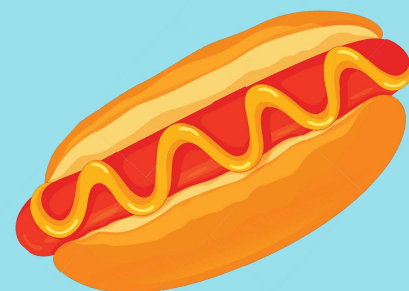
7 December | 11am - 2pm



SAUSAGE

SIZZLE

\$3.50



DRINKS \$2

HALAL SAUSAGES, VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES &
GLUTEN FREE SAUSAGES AVAILABLE

PRE-ORDER ON FLEXISCHOOLS UNTIL 5PM 6 DEC.

CASH AND EFTPOS ACCEPTED ON THE DAY FOR
PARENTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE EVENT.



Proceeds will go to Stewart House



Castle Hill Public School

Term 4 - 2023

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Oct	1	First day for students						
Oct	2	16 Stage 2 Muru Mittigar excursion 3E 3K 4D 4F 4M	17 Stage 2 Muru Mittigar excursion 3B 3M 3T 3U	18	19 Stage 2 Muru Mittigar excursion 4C 4G 4L 4S Kindergarten 2024 Parent information night - via ZOOM	20	21	22
Oct	3	23 Stage 1 Elizabeth Farm excursion 1A 1S 2C 2M Kindy Orientation Groups 1 & 2	24 Stage 1 Elizabeth Farm excursion 1J 1O 2H 2P Kindy Orientation Groups 3 & 4	25	26 Stage 1 Elizabeth Farm excursion 1M 1Y 2G 2K Kindy Orientation Group 5	27	28	29
Oct	4	30 Kindy Orientation Groups 1 & 2	31 Kindy Orientation Groups 3 & 4	1	2 Kindergarten 2024 Parent information night - via ZOOM Kindy Orientation Group 5	3	4	5
Nov	5	6 Kindy Orientation Groups 1 & 2	7 Kindy Orientation Groups 3 & 4	8	9 Kindy Orientation Group 5	10	11	12
Nov	6	13	14 Year 6 Surf Ed excursion	15	16	17	18	19
Nov	7	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nov Dec	8	27	28 Movie Day Years 2 and 3 Year 7 2024 Orientation day	29 Movie Day Years 1 and 5	30 Movie Day Year 4	1	2	3
Year 6 High School Week								
Dec	9	4 Kindy & Year 1 Assembly	5 Years 2-3 Assembly Years 4-6 Assembly Kindy Movie Day	6	7 GALA DAY	8	9	10
Dec	10	11	12	13	14 Year 6 farewell dinner	15 Year 6 graduation assembly Last day Term 4 for students	16	17
Dec	11	18 SDD	19 SDD	20	21	22	23	24

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, 2023

Fridays 3:10PM - 4:10PM for Years 1-6

Term 1	Cost: \$128	10th Feb - 31st Mar
Term 2	Cost: \$160	28th Apr - 30th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$160	21st Jul - 22nd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$160	13th Oct - 15th Dec

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

Enter the code **OTBY3TF2CH** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneycademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information.*

A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the first lesson of the term. Join midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2**. Offer expires 31st March, 2023.



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