



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1 – May 1, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Monday May 6 - Friday May 10

Mother's Day stall

Wednesday May 8

Years 3-6 Cross Country

Friday May 10

Walk safely to school

Principal's Report

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that everybody had an enjoyable holiday and that you are ready for the exciting term ahead. A special welcome is extended to our new students and their families.

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Avard to our school as the new 1A class teacher (this class was previously known as 1J).

Holiday Works

Over the holiday break, construction on both the new classroom building and the playground area at the front of the school continued. New data cabling was installed to our renovated communications room in the library.

We laid new turf throughout the back playground in the hope of providing a more enjoyable playground experience for our students. This area is heavily utilised by all students each day and we do expect plenty of wear and tear once again this term.

Cross Country carnival

A reminder that the Years 3-6 Cross Country carnival will be held next Wednesday 8 May at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills. Students are required to be at school by 9.00am as buses will leave shortly after.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



RESPONSIBLE

Be in the right place at the right time.

Please be aware that as the buses will likely be in the school carpark before 9.00am, that traffic within Kiss and Drop is likely to be heavy.

Should the carnival be postponed (the weather forecast for the next few days is for plenty of rain), we will attempt to hold the carnival on Thursday 16 May at the same venue. A new permission note will be sent via Sentral if this scenario eventuates.

Uniform Transition

With the weather quite changeable at this time of year, students will be able to choose to wear either their full summer or full winter uniform (including ties) for the first two weeks of Term 2 (not a combination of both). Students are expected to wear their full winter uniform from Week 3 onwards.

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

News from the Deputies

Think outside the box

Miss Machuca is inviting all Stage 3 students to think outside the box and to have a go solving the number problem below.

Rules to solving the problem:

1. You can use any order of operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division).
2. You can only use each number **once**
3. You need to get as close as possible to the target number. If you are able to arrive at the target number - you are officially a wizard with numbers.

The numbers are:					
9	10	6	5	25	100
Your target number is:					
113					

Collect a template from the box located in the office and be sure to submit it, in the same box by Tuesday – Week 2.

Mother's Day

The Mother's Day stall will be held in Term 2 Week 2

Below is the timetable for when the classes will be visiting the stall to buy a gift for our amazing mums. Please also see the request (further in the newsletter) from our P&C president regarding volunteers for parents to assist with the stall.

Mother's Day Stall – Term 2 Week 2

Time	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
9:15 – 9:30	4A	2H + 2P	No Stall today	5F	
9:30 – 9:45	4C	2M + 2C		1J + 1K	1G + 1M
9:45 – 10:00	4E	1S + KM		5D	6C
10:00 – 10:15	KA + KB	4S		5J	6M
10:15 – 10:30	KC + KH	4D		3/4W	Catch up
10:30 – 10:45	3E	3A		5O	Catch up
11:15 – 11:30	6A	6L		6R	Catch up
11:30 – 11:45	6B	6D		5G	Catch up
11:45 – 12:00	2S	3T		5P	
12:00 – 12:15	2G	3K		3NS	

Can you help? SRE teachers needed

Our school is in need of more volunteer SRE teachers for some of our Hindu SRE and Islam SRE groups. If you or someone you know may be able to assist, please contact:

Hindu SRE Swami or Jaya sydney@chinmaya.com.au
 Islam SRE Ebtesam info@isre.org.au

Mind Quest

Applications for Mind Quest 2024 are now open. The Mind Quest program is a fast-paced and challenging program designed to enrich and extend high potential and gifted students. Please visit <https://mindquest.net.au/> for more information or email the school to request a brochure be sent home with your child.

Opportunity Class Placement for entry in Year 5, 2025

Applications opened 4 April and will close on 20 May 2024.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are not zoned. Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child 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.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher. Please also refer to the fact sheet, later in the newsletter.

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#)

Mrs Kohary and Miss Dunn will also host an information session via Zoom, tomorrow – Thursday 2 May at 6:00pm. A Zoom link was shared with Year 4 families via Sentral today. More information for candidates can be found [here](#).

Selective High School Placement Test – Year 7, 2025

A reminder to all parents and caregivers of Year 6 students who are sitting the Selective High School Placement Test next Thursday – 9 May. Please access your child's **Test authority letter** through the application dashboard. This letter (and reasonable adjustments letter if applicable) needs to be downloaded and printed, so that your child can take it with them to placement test. The majority of our students will sit the placement test at Castle Hill RSL Club, though please check this location in the Test authority letter.

Term 1 Platinum Lunch

Our Term 1 Platinum Lunch and Presentation was held in the last week of Term 1. Congratulations to the 15 students who received their Platinum Award, we are very proud of your efforts!



Years 2 and 3



Year 4



Years 5 and 6

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 5 & 6 – THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS DURING WEEK 2 IN THE CLASSROOM

SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Ryan	5D Kai 6A
Haiden	5D Saarth 6A
Chloe	5F Emily 6A
Saba	5G Aneeza 6A
Jessie	5G Yeju 6B
Sully	5G Annika 6B
Asher	5J Tilly 6C
Nelson	5O Ishaan 6C
Araina	5O Cynthia 6C
Daniel	5O Vicky 6D
Layla	5P Ellie 6D
Alia	5P Willow 6L
Dhruv	5P Dheesh 6L
Bailey	5P Aser 6L
Ranveer	5P Savannah 6L
	Ambar 6L
	Rita 6M
	Ben 6R
	Zainab 6R
	Zhanna 6R
	Chanuli 6R
	Retal 6R
	Joy 6R

GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Anamarie	5F Ava 6A
Rifa	5G Alden 6C
Aykin	5G Daniyal 6C
Chris	5J Navika 6C
Noel	5J
Shayan	5J
James	5O

School News



On Friday May 10 (Week 2 Term 2) Caste Hill Public School is encouraging students to walk safely to school. This will reinforce road safety lessons that have taken place last term.

Students will receive a token when they enter the gates if they have walked to school. This token will be swapped for a piece of fruit supplied by the Canteen.

Students are encouraged to wear a splash of yellow. yellow socks, yellow ribbon, yellow arm band, yellow shirt etc.

This is not a mufti day. Students are to wear their school uniform with a splash of yellow. If they are attending PSSA they must have their PSSA uniform to wear as well.

SAVE THE DATE



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National Walk Safely to School Day

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Castle Hill Public School is taking part in Walk to National Walk Safely to School Day, supporting National Road Safety Week on Friday 10 May 2024. Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools. Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher, or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives. 7 Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 10 May 2024!

Our Key Messages

- To encourage parents and carers to walk regularly to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport

PSSA and Sport News

Friday May 3, 2024

No PSSA this week.



There will be no training for PSSA this term due to lack of space, sorry for any inconvenience.

3-6 Cross Country

The 3-6 Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills.

Unfortunately, there will be **no** K-2 Cross Country this year due to limited playground space. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old this year, are eligible to run in the 3-6 Cross Country. Please note this is **not a fun run**, it is for students who are serious competitors and are likely to qualify for the Zone Cross Country. Students will be expected to run in the **2000 metres** race if they choose to participate.

If your child is in Year 2 and turning 8 this year, please complete the form below if you wish for them to participate in 3-6 Cross Country.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8uNK6snJud>

Thank you

Cross Country Committee

P&C News

President message

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope everyone had excellent school holidays.

Our P&C Mother's Day Stall will run next week Monday 6 May – Friday 10 May. Students will visit the stall at an assigned time during the week with their classes. If your child is absent during their class visit, there will be a catch-up time on Friday, 10 May. Please see the flyer and class timetable further down in this newsletter for more details.

We need your help to have the stall run smoothly. If you can lend a hand during that week, please sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/4H9HQ>

Our first P&C meeting of Term 2 is happening next Wednesday 8 May at 7.00pm online via ZOOM. P&C Meetings are a terrific way to find out what is happening at our school with reports given by the principal and deputies. You also have an opportunity to ask questions of the principal directly.

To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5loce2uqD8iGdXSSq1JTYygo2iFt3yFRV01>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at the address below.

Erica Miller
CHPS P&C President
president@chpspandc.org.au
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Canteen

TERM 2 - ROSTER



Monday May 6	Volunteer Required
Tuesday May 7	Hanna, Nikko
Wednesday May 8	Princess
Thursday May 9	Lilis, Winkie
Friday May 10	Mani, Revathi

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
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

Tanya - Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School



Recess

Need something to eat or drink at recess break time?

Juicies Tube \$1.70

Milo Muffin \$1.50

Vanilla Muffin \$1.50

Peaches in Juice \$1.00

Two Fruits in Juice \$1.00

Granola & Custard \$1.50

Up & Go \$3.00 (Banana, Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla)

Just Juice Popper \$1.60 (Apple & Blackcurrant, Paradise Punch)

Order via Flexischool

OR

Over the counter in the canteen before 9.00am

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop

Welcome to Term 2 and some cooler weather.

All students are required to wear their full winter uniform for Term 2. For the first 2 weeks of term either full winter or full summer uniform is permitted.

Winter uniforms – worn Terms 2 and 3

GIRLS

White button-down shirt
Plaid tunic dress
School tie
Navy blue stockings
Black shoes
School Hat

OR

White long sleeved shirt
Navy blue trousers
School tie
White ankle socks
Black shoes
School hat

BOYS

Long sleeved gray shirt
Gray trousers
School tie
Gray socks with red stripe
Black shoes
School hat



If you need to purchase winter uniforms and accessories, 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.

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/bookings/>

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.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact our Uniform shop manager, Amanda, at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au

Amanda Turner
Uniform Shop Manager
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association
www.chpspandc.org.au

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Term 2 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
Apr May	1	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Staff development day	First day of term 2					
May	2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Years 3-6 Cross Country				
May	3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong	Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong		Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong			
		Year 5 Camp						
May	4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Zone Cross Country			
		Year 6 Camp						
May Jun	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Jun	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jun	7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		King's Birthday						
Jun	8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Jun	9	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Festival of Instrumental Music - Sydney Opera House			
Jul	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Last day of Term 2		

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Castle Hill Public School is held on:

Years 1-2: Fridays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 3 May 2024

Years 3-6: Fridays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 3 May 2024

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Can you swim?

Can you pass or throw a ball?

Can you catch a ball?

Then come and try out Water Polo. 🏊

No more hot days on the field. Be in the refreshing pool.

Upgrade your individual swimming to a team sport.

Come and try at Ryde Water Polo club.

<https://www.rydewaterpolo.com.au/events/232854>

Starting Sat 11th May to Sat 29th June @ 1-2pm

Fun Facts:

Ryde's mixed U12s won silver at the NSW Big Orange Festival.

Australia's referee at the Paris 2024 Olympics is Nick Hodgers from Ryde Water Polo.

Brandon Liu, a Ryde U16 player has been selected to play for Australia in the 2024 U16 World Aquatic Championships.