

Chifley Chatter

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHIFLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
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We are fast approaching the end of term 3 and there is much to do. Please remember to check your child's bag regularly for notes as times/dates etc listed in this *Chifley Chatter* may change.



A special assembly for our Senior Dance Group.

Showcase

Once again the Chifley Public School Senior Dance group excelled themselves at the 2009 Bondi Showcase. The rehearsals paid off with all of the students showing off their talents to the large crowd at South Sydney Juniors. I would like to thank Ms. Jurd for her efforts in preparing the students and also to Mrs. Ambrose and Mrs. Strachan who assisted with supervision and preparation. I hope that we get another opportunity to witness this great group again before the end of the year.

Deadly Awards

Congratulations to Tara Sait in Year 6 for taking out the Chifley PS Deadly and Smart Kids Award. These awards are a celebration of the wonderful work that our Aboriginal students have achieved this year. Tara was a standout winner as an exemplary school vice-captain, hard worker and great friend to many. Tara received her award at a special presentation held at the Carriageworks at Redfern last Friday. Well done!!

Library News

In the final week of the Premier's Reading Challenge, we have some last-minute finishers to congratulate! Well done to:

Eloise (Year 1)	Jenna (Year 3)
	Nelson (Year 1)
Phoenix (Year 1)	Mark (Year 1)
	Jamie (Kindy)
Codie (Kindy)	Zoe (Year 1)
	Nila (Year 2)

Robbie (Year 1) and Scott (Year 1) will both finish by the end of this week.

Next year we will make some changes to the way the PRC is organised and run. Hopefully everyone who enters will complete it!

The K-3 visits to Malabar Library have been a success with many of the children keen to become members. The library is very close to our school and membership is free. Once you are a member you can borrow up to 20 items, including books, magazines, toys and DVDs.

Many children have entered the Book Week colouring competitions and guesses for the lolly jar competition are going well. If you can spare 50c why not send it with your child so he/she can have a guess? All money raised goes to buying new books for the library.

Finally, a big congratulation to Kayla for winning an honour award in the Bowen Library mask-making competition. A fantastic effort!

Ms. Bryant
Librarian



The dance group performing..

Photography

You may well be wondering who captures the amazing photos that we see in the Chifley Chatter each month. The truth is that the majority of photos are taken by Kate in 5/6W. I would like thank her for her hard work and artistic ability.

Debating

This year our debating squad took part in a new competition that was based around the students having more input into the debates. Teachers agreed that the old debating competition had become tiresome for the supervising teacher and parents as they slaved to prepare for each debate. The new competition meant that each school was on an even playing field as they only had one hour to prepare. This was a bit confronting for the first week but later the students grew into the program and were expressing their opinions with strength and confidence. Congratulations to all of the members of the squad as well as Ms. Spradbrow and Mr. Whittaker who assisted the teams on the day.



4S explain how machines work.

2010

Plans are well underway to ensure a smooth transition to 2010. The selection panel for the Principal's position has been formed with Rob Feeney, School Council president, acting as the community representative on the panel. He is seeking input from the community so please contact him if there is something that you would like to be considered. I will pass on more information about this as it comes to hand.

We are currently running a panel to decide who will take over the School Administration Manager role vacated by Di Johnston. The process will conclude early next term.

Congratulations are to be directed to Jonathon Wheatley and his family as his wife is due to give birth shortly. They have decided to move to Queensland so unfortunately Mr. Wheatley will be leaving us. He is a wonderful teacher and added a great deal to Chifley PS during his time here. I wish him all the best and hope that the move brings him and his family the happiness they seek. Katherine Harris will be returning to Chifley PS after a period of maternity leave. She is an inspiring teacher and will be welcomed back by the staff, students and community.

Nicole Howard will be moving to the Hunter Valley to be near family. She will initially be taking some time off as leave without pay but we may not get her back at Chifley PS. Nicole has been an absolute asset to this school since she began her teaching career here two years ago. I am sure that she will go and make a mark in any school in which she works and I wish her all the best.

Kate Spradbrow will be taking the start of 2010 off as maternity leave and will return in June. We wish her and her husband all the best with this very special time. We have been lucky enough to secure Kate Strachan to fill in for Kate Spradbrow. The children in that class will be very lucky as they will be getting two fantastic teachers.

So you can see that 2010 will be a year of change at Chifley PS but with the hardworking staff we have remaining and the clear support of the community I believe that the school will be all the stronger for it.

Please remember that any *in-area* enrolments are due in now as we are closing enrolment for 2010 soon. We are very nearly at capacity and must be careful with our enrolments.



Some of the recent visitors to 1/2S!!

School Sports

PSSA sport and school sport finish this week. The students who have been selected to play in the golf tournament will be teeing off next Monday. The students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be getting the opportunity to take part in a squash training session, involving an inflatable court next **Thursday 1st of October.**

Summer PSSA will start up in the first week back with the first games listed for **Friday, 23rd of October.** Good luck to all of the teams involved.

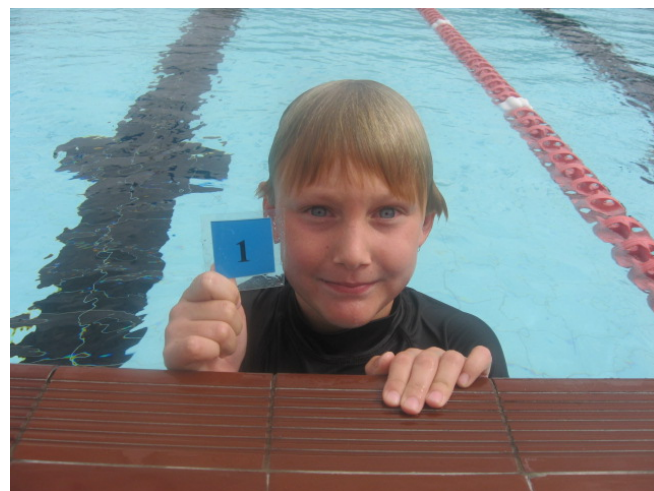
Swimming School

With the weather warming up the school will shortly be beginning the two swim school programs. One program will be run on **Friday afternoons** to coincide with PSSA and school sport. Mr. Dabron will be taking this group and they will be going to the UNSW pool and will be given instruction by their professionally trained teachers. The target group for these sessions are the primary students who are non-swimmers or weak swimmers.

The second program is the **Two Week Intensive Swim School.** This program is targeted at year 2 students as well as those in older grades who are weak swimmers. Mr. Merrick will be organising this program and it is always a highlight for the students involved. The swim school will run every day for 45 minutes from **Monday 2nd of November** until **Friday 13th of November.**

Water safety is critical for all students but with our geographic location it is even more important that every student can swim proficiently. I have always believed that it is one of the most important things that we can teach our children and value it highly in the school curriculum. The lessons that you will receive at these programs are

well below what you will pay at private swimming lessons. If your child can not comfortably swim 50m I believe that they need to attend these programs. We have attempted to keep the costs as low as possible. If you would like to discuss these programs please feel free to contact me through the office and I will give you an outline of what is likely to be covered.



Luke winning his swimming race!!

Holiday Security

Please remember that if you see anything that looks untoward or suspicious at Chifley PS over the weekend, in the evening or over the holidays please don't hesitate to contact either:

Maroubra Police 93499299

Or

School Security Unit 1300 880 021

Good News Luncheon

The students who have earned 30 *Good News Points* will be joining me for my termly Principal's Picnic on **Wednesday 30th of September.** It has been a great term with many students due to attend this luncheon for the first time. A note will be sent home on Friday as this will allow this week's winners the chance to attend. Remember to praise your child for making it to this event. It takes good behaviour and work habits over an extended time for a student to qualify and I am always very proud of them for these great efforts.

Let's all hope for a nice sunny day so we can eat outside and enjoy the wonderful gardens around Chifley PS!!

Transition to School

Our *Transition to School Program* will start in Week 1 of Term 4, **Wednesday 21st of October**. New students and their parents are asked to make their way to the hall at 9am and we will go over the program and introduce their buddies before they start work!! It will be an exciting day for all. If you are seeking enrolment and have not yet let us know I would advise that you let the office know ASAP. Positions are very tight this year.

Grand Final Mufti

To celebrate the end of the football season and help the Year 6 to raise funds. The school will be holding a *Grand Final Mufti* on **Friday 2nd of October**. Students will be allowed to come to school in the uniform of either a team they follow or a team they play in. The "fine" for coming to school out of uniform is a gold coin donation going towards the Year 6 farewell. Let's hope we see lots of students showing off their teams on this special day.



Red and Green Day earlier in the year!!

Andrew Fielding

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

Thursday 24/9- Year 6 Canteen Day, Sydney Region Athletics

Friday 25/9- PSSA sport finishes

Monday 28/9- Interschool Golf Tournament

Wednesday 30/9- Good News Luncheon,

Friday 2/10- Last day of term, Grand Final Mufti

Term 4

Monday 19/10- Students return

Wednesday 21/10- Transition 9-11am

Friday 23/10- PSSA starts

Tuesday 27/10- Surf Sense (4S), Year 1 Visit to Children's Hospital

Wednesday 28/10- Transition 9-11am, AECG meeting, State athletics

Thursday 29/10- KP, K1H, 1G and 1/2S Symbio Wildlife Gardens

Monday 2/11- P&C/ School Council, Intensive Swim School Starts

Wednesday 4/11- Transition 9-11am

Wednesday 11/11- Remembrance Day, Transition 9-11

Friday 13/11- Intensive Swimming ends

Monday 16/11- School Camp Starts

Tuesday 17/11- Grandparents Morning Tea

Monday 30/11- Orientation Day

Tuesday 1/12- In School Disco

Monday 7/12- P&C/ School Council

Tuesday 8/12- Presentation Day

Monday 14/12- Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 15/12- School Picnic

Wednesday 16/12- Good News Luncheon, Students' last Day.

These dates are accurate as of today but may change at any time. Please monitor your child's bag to ensure you get all current information from school.



MALABAR PUBLIC SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 21 October

Assembly at 11.45a.m. in the school hall

Saturday 24 October

Open Day from 10 am to 1 pm

View memorabilia, BBQ, activities

Cocktail Party at Souths Juniors from

6pm to 11pm

Tickets (\$30) available from school –

please book

before 1/10/09

Enquiries please contact school on 9311

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