

# Chifley Chatter

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHIFLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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We have had a very busy start to term 3 with lots of exciting events occurring in and around Chifley PS. Please remember to check your child's bag regularly for notes as times/dates etc listed in this *Chifley Chatter* may change.



*Some competitors at our recent athletics carnival.*

## Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the school athletics carnival. It was a wonderful day with all of the students giving their best and supporting their houses. The weather was great and everybody got to take part. Mr. Whittaker is busy coordinating the school representative team to go to the Eastern Suburbs PSSA carnivals which are taking place over two days, **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> of August (9:30am-12:30pm) and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September (All Day)**. Both of these carnivals are at **ES Marks Field**.

Good luck to all of the athletes taking part and I look forward to seeing them represent their school with pride. Huge thanks to the staff and in particular Mr. Whittaker for making the athletics carnival such a success.

## Library News

Just a reminder to families that the Premier's Reading Challenge is finishing **next week**. I will be finalising Chifley's reading records next Wednesday. There are a few children who only need to read one or two books to finish! Please encourage your child to read a PRC book this week and enter their information online.

Big congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge:

Thomas – finished last term (Year 1)	
Kody (K)	Kobey (K)
	Cosette (K)
Matilda (K)	Kyrah (K)
	Devon (K)
Peter (K)	Olivia (K)
	Darcy (K)
Ryan (Year 1)	Corey (Year 1)
	Olivia (Year 1)
Alice (Year 1)	Louisa (Year 2)
	Sharon (Year 3)
Sami (Year 4)	Hayley (Year 4)
	Joel D (Year 4)
Riley (Year 4)	Holly (Year 4)
	Joel R (Year 4)
Amber (Year 4)	Melodie (Year 6)

I have had two requests for Honour Roll orders. If you wish to purchase the special edition Sun-Herald, please let me know before Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Children's Book Week is celebrated next week. We have already had the wonderful visit from "Jungle Bungle". Students from Kindy to Year 3 will be visiting Malabar Library during the week

and will participate in Book Week activities there. Our library at Chifley is running jungle-themed colouring competitions and also a lolly jar competition. (Entry is 50c and you could win the jar of lollies! The first correct answer drawn will be the winner. Students can enter as many times as they like.)

We will publish the winners of the Book Week Awards when we receive them. Our library has most of the books on the shortlist and borrowing of these books will be allowed in Week 6.

**Ms. Bryant**  
**Librarian**



*Some of our youngest competitors in the 75 m sprint!!*



*Our wonderful "Artists of the Month"*

**Duck Hatching**

There is a lot of excitement in the 1/2S classroom at the moment with the addition of a group of ducklings. Over the last couple of days they have been busily hatching and growing very fast. 1/2S are monitoring their growth and are happy to share the experience with the rest of the school. To do this students in the other classes are asked to make a gold coin donation on their first visit and then they can have an unlimited number of visits after that. Mrs. Strachan has let the children know the times that the ducklings may be observed.

We are all looking forward to hearing the reports from 1/2S about what they have seen taking place in their own classroom. If parents are interested in taking a quick peak I am sure that Mrs. Strachan would be happy to show you them immediately after school when she does not have parent interviews or staff meetings.

The ducklings will be collected on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August**.

**Safety and Security**

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

**Maroubra Police 93499299**  
**Or**  
**School Security Unit 1300 880 021**

**Integration meetings**

The families of students who receive funding support will have their opportunity to discuss the programs being supplied to them. Term 3 integration meetings will take place on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of August** from 9am. Letters have been sent home but if you have not yet received yours and believe that your child is having this support please contact the office.

**Ben Chifley Art Competition**

We have been inundated with entries over the last few days as many students made the most of the extended entry time. I am very excited about the level of expertise evident in the entries. We have a great field of photographic entries this year and Mr. D'Souza is going to have a very hard time judging the winners next week.

There will be a special presentation day for the winners on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of September** from 10am. The art work will be up on display from Tuesday next week. Good luck to everyone who has entered and keep your fingers crossed, you never know who may win "Best in Show"!!

## My Absence

I have been called up for jury service next week and may be out of the school for a period of time. During my absence Mr. Spiteri will be relieving me as principal. I am hoping that I am not selected but it will be out of my hands.

## Battle of the Bands

The Sydney region of the Department of Education is holding a parents *Battle of the Bands* with community members from schools forming musical groups and performing in a competition later in the year. I know that we have some great musicians amongst our parent and staff body and Adrian Kyneur has kindly offered to coordinate all of those interested. If you are interested in taking part please give him a call on 0406 785 371. We will keep you informed on the progress of the band.



*The QANTAS reading buddies said goodbye at a special presentation.*

## MindQuest 2009

Every year, for the last 51!!, a group called the *NSW Talent Centre* have run a gifted and talented project at St George Girls HS in Kogarah. On **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 of September**, from 9:30am-3:30pm, there will be a range of activities that students from Year 1-6 can take part in. If you are interested please contact the organisers directly on 42332328.

## Showcase

Remember that our dance group is performing at *Showcase* next **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of August**. Tickets are on sale from the office now and remember that performers must be dropped at **Maroubra Junction PS Hall in Loch Maree St by 6pm**. It will be an exciting night.

## Year 6 Fundraisers

As a method of collecting funds for their end of year camp, gift to the school and farewell the students in Year 6 will be holding various events over the next few weeks. On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of August, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of September** the students will be running their own canteen. They will be selling various sweets and other treats. If you feel it is appropriate you may send your child to school with some change to purchase the items. The students will also hold a very special *Grand Final Mufti* on the last day of term, **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October**. On this day students may wear the outfit of their favourite team or a sports uniform. The "fine" for wearing these clothes is a gold coin donation.

## Dance Performance

Following on from the dance group's performances at Souths Juniors we will be holding a special assembly on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August** where the dance group will perform for us. Term 3 assemblies start shortly after 11am and all are welcome.



*Action in the recent South Sydney Knockout!!*

## Andrew Fielding

### Principal

#### Get Ready for the New season 09-10

South Eastern Little Athletics WANT YOU!

South Eastern Little Athletics is preparing for our 21<sup>st</sup> season.

We are a club that embodies our Club Culture of

- Teamwork
- Spirit
- Helping each other
- Fun
- Fitness

Our competition days are on Saturday mornings from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Registration Days will be the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September.

ES Marks Field: Corner of Boronia Avenue and Anzac Parade Kensington:

Time 8.00am to 11.00am

If you are interested in joining for the new season beginning on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> check out our website.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 3

Monday 24/8- Bookweek Starts, Debating at Chifley PS

Tuesday 25/8- MSHS transition program, NSW Cricket visit to Chifley PS, Integration Meetings 9am, Malabar Library Visits for Bookweek start

Thursday 27/8- Showcase Performance (Souths Juniors), Year 6 Canteen Day

Friday 28/8- Dance performance at Assembly, Duck hatching finishes

Tuesday 1/9- MSHS transition program, Ben Chifley Art Competition presentation at 10am

Wednesday 2/9- ESPSSA full day athletics carnival

Monday 7/9- P&C/ School Council, Debating @ Bondi PS

Wednesday 9/9- Golf Australia visit

Thursday 10/9- Canteen Day Year 6

Monday 14/9- NAPLAN reports sent home, Visit from Australian Children's Choir

Monday 21/9- Debating @Maroubra Bay PS

Wednesday 23/9- Sydney Region Athletics

Thursday 24/9- year 6 Canteen Day

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)

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

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.



From Maroubra SLSC Nippers.



### How to Join 2009-10 Season

Registrations will be held on **6th and 13th September** at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club between the hours of 08:30 am and 12:00 noon on both days. Children must have turned 5 **before** the 1st October 2009 to be eligible for nippers this season. Sorry, no exceptions - we cannot deviate from this rule. The season starts on **Sunday 18th October**, this being the last day of the October school holidays.

### Important Information:

- All new members must complete a membership application form.
- All new members must produce the child's birth certificate or passport at the time of registration.
- Qualifying swims for new and existing members in age groups (8-14) must be completed before membership applications can be processed. (See details for swim times below)
- Late applications may be taken subject to available space and will attract an additional \$20 fee on top of normal registration costs. This will apply to new and existing members.

### Qualifying Swims:

The qualifying swims will be conducted at Maroubra Seals Club pool on level 3 starting at 9:00am and finishing at 11:45am on the above registration days. (See web site for details of these requirements). Ensure your child is available and ready to complete the swim requirements of that age group on the day you are registering.

**Memberships can NOT be accepted until after Qualifying swims have been completed.**

### Costs for 2009-2010 season:

One (1) child	\$110
Two (2) children	\$160
Three (3) children	\$170

If you have any questions please e-mail us at: [info@maroubbranippers.org.au](mailto:info@maroubbranippers.org.au)