



CHESO NEWS

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Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone!

2015 will be another exciting year, full of activity and achievement.

From 2015, the "**Cheso News**" will be an electronic newsletter available through the website. We will notify everybody by SMS when the new edition becomes available. 100 copies will be printed and available from the front office if parents prefer this medium. Our new school plan requires us to be more 'sustainable' and the savings we make on printing costs can be put back into our education programs.

Staffing 2015

No teachers left CHHS at the end of 2014 however two teachers have taken temporary leave. **Ms Verneen Mason** will be on maternity leave and she has been replaced by **Ms Kayla Hely**. Also on leave throughout 2015 is **Ms Patricia Armao** who will be replaced by **Ms Hallie Kim**. There will also be two important appointments in first term; 1. Deputy Principal, IEC and 2. Head Teacher, Learning Support. Both these positions are new and will add to our capacity to meet the needs of all our

students.

HSC Results

Our 2014 HSC results were again very pleasing. Across all subjects we had 27 Band 6s which are regarded as meritorious achievement. Amongst our strongest ATAR performers were **Christina Vuong** (98.4); **Anika Synthi** (97.25); **Timothy La** (92.45); **Tiffany Hong Thuy Nguyen** (91.2); **Xuechun Cherry Liu** (90.3); **Jessica Mendis** (89.85); **Chelsea Fisher** (88.05); **Delian Kotevski** (88); **Cindy Vuong** (87.75); **Nancy Vuong** (86.15); **Jessie Vy Ai Thien Huynh** (85.05); **Kelly Su** (85). All our students are to be congratulated on their hard work and excellent achievements. We are confident that 60% of our ATAR students will receive university offers.

New School Plan

In 2015 we will be implementing our new school plan. Our plan encompasses strategies for students, staff and our community. In meeting the diverse needs of our students we have decided on four focus areas and after each area is a brief rationale as to why these areas are important:

Literacy, Numeracy and

Assessment: We will be keeping our intense focus on our educational foundations as they are the building blocks of student success.

English as a Second Language / Dialect (EAL/D): It is important that our teachers can meet the needs of all of our students so we will develop our skills in teaching students whose language background does not have English as a first language.

Technology: The school has invested heavily in many forms of technology and we need to keep abreast of developments in this field to meet the needs of our 21st Century learners.

Sustainability: The new Australian Curriculum has as one of its main themes, the concept of sustainability. By teaching students responsible use of resources we can improve the environment and save money.

Each of these four areas will be under the direction of a member of the Senior

Executive who have developed the plan in consultation with students, staff and at the last community Forum meeting.

Increased resources and improvements to infrastructure

In early 2015, we officially opened our new Learning Centre for our senior students. The idea behind the Learning Centre is to support our senior students to achieve their educational goals by providing teachers who can act as tutors. It comes equipped with 12 computers and a printer and two seminar rooms. The centre has comfortable furniture and also houses the offices of **Ms Patrizi**, our Careers Adviser and **Mrs Corcoran**, our School to Work Transition teacher. We have also covered the main quadrangle with artificial grass and have developed handball courts and a volleyball court using the same material. This improves both the safety and appearance of our play areas. We have also weeded, aerated and top soiled our oval so we can maintain the quality of this wonderful facility. In the April holidays we are creating a covered but outdoor construction area and extending our





covered walkways to 'C' Block and onto the IEC. All these are important improvements to our school infrastructure. I would like to thank **Mr Rosewall** for his expert project management of these improved facilities.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what

they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to the school.



Mr B. Miller

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We held our Annual Swimming carnival on Monday 9th February at Fairfield Leisure Centre. It was a great success, thanks largely to the terrific effort of our students who swam on the day.

The waterpark was also a popular activity due to the hot weather. It was wonderful to see so many students turn up to support their peers from the stands and cheer them on. The day belonged to Hillary house once again.

Congratulations to all students who swam and especially our age champions and the students who made it through to our zone swim team.

AGE CHAMPIONS

	BOYS	GIRLS
U12	Steven Le	Natalie Hamad
U13	Emir Osmanovic	Emmy Phung
U14	Antony Pham	Jennifer Nguyen
U15	Brendan Ta	Sandy Akil
U16		Taylah Bailey
17+	Jun Lee	Rhiannon Minett

Mrs Grant, Mrs Langmack and Mr Jones





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Chester Hill High School

OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Dear Parent/Carer

When: Tuesday, 3 March 2015

Time: 1.30pm to 2.15pm

Where: School Hall, Miller Road Entrance

The students will have the opportunity to:-

- ♦ visit the classrooms and observe displays of student's work
- ♦ see the major facilities and resources of the school

Parents MUST accompany their child.

**Brian Miller
Principal**



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Strength in Unity, Excellence in Education*

Year 10 English Excursion

On Wednesday 11th February, 110 Year 10 students and 6 English teachers went to Darling Harbour to experience a thought-provoking play, 'King Hit'. The play challenged students to think about the consequences of their actions and the effect just one punch can have on the lives of many people. The actors were



incredible, playing multiple parts and then answering questions from the audience about their motivations for writing the story. It was a fantastic day out and the Year 10 students represented Chester Hill High School magnificently.

Mrs Cremin

Tax File Number Applications

A tax file number is a unique nine-digit number issued to administer your tax when you have any job or apply for HECS Loan.

Unfortunately, we will not be issuing the TFN forms in schools any more.
The New process!

Students complete an online application form, print off the summary and then visit within 30 days an Australia Post Office and have your identity verified.

Apply and visit:

https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?fb_locale=es_LA

Proof of Identity documents found at:

https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?anchor=Proof_of_identity#Proof_of_identity

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Careers Adviser.

NSW Schools Physical Activity & Nutrition Survey 2015

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Sydney University SPANS testing which was held on Monday the 16th of February.

The students from 8I, 8B, 10Y and 10G were randomly selected from their various year groups to provide data to assist health professionals in better understanding children's lifestyle habits such as physical activity, fitness, nutrition and movement skills.

The day was a great success due to the students' excellent behaviour and their awesome efforts in completing all the fitness tests and written survey.

Mr Jones (HT PDHPE & Dance)



Attendance News

Chester Hill High School recognises **Attendance** as being important to educational success. Please keep these issues in mind during the school terms;

Lateness – school begins at 8.45am. Lateness to school disrupts the teaching and learning process.

Absences – must be justified within 7 days of the absence. This can be achieved by replying to SMS, phoning the school on 96441099, or supplying a parental note to the roll call teacher.

Leave- if you wish to take extended leave, applications must be made to Mrs Langmack HT Administration, at least 2 weeks prior.

ID Cards

Students are reminded they are to carry their ID Cards with them each day.

ID cards are used to swipe at the office: Early Leave Passes

Lateness

Toilet during class time

Paying for excursions, fees, discos etc.

Students are responsible for keeping these cards in good condition. The student photo, name and cards barcode must be visible.

All damaged cards will be confiscated!

New or replacement cards can be ordered at the front office. Replacements cards cost \$10

Year 7 will be issued with their new ID cards during Term 1.

better late
than never,
but never late
is better ;)



Year 9 Visual Arts Excursion

Year 9 Visual Arts students are studying the Australian landscape this semester and will soon develop paintings on this theme.

Our budding artists spent a beautifully warm day visiting two of Sydney's splendid beaches. Beginning at Clovelly beach, students sketched white foamy waves crashing into rocky cliffs as well as the surrounding landscape bursting with twisted trees and native shrubs. The group then meandered north along the cliff-side coastal walk, past an expansive old cemetery, enjoying the cool breeze whilst taking many photographs as source material for their paintings. Arriving at Bronte beach, lunch had been well-earned, after which sketching continued before a sleepy bus trip returned the group home to Cheso.





Year 10 Visual Arts Fish Markets Excursion

Year 10 Visual Arts students are currently working on their annual Sea Bounty Unit.

A sunny morning was spent at the busy Sydney Fish Markets, with the group arriving on day two of Chinese New Year celebrations and an auction. Students enjoyed their feast of seafood whilst sketching the passing parade of pelicans, beautiful battered fishing boats and the stunning views across the water. The short afternoon session at Pyrmont Point Park was very quiet with students enjoying sleepy views across to the Harbour Bridge and the beautiful moving sculpture in the centre of the park. Students returned at the end of the day tired but satisfied with the collection of images on their cameras and in their Process Diaries.





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Year 9 PASS (DANCE)

Our Year 9 Dance class have started off well this year with a group of extremely enthusiastic students ready to take on numerous dance projects. The students have spent the last few periods composing their own dance works in small groups and rehearsing their performances. We have some talented young boys and girls who I'm sure will be making an appearance on stage very soon. Congratulations on a great start to the year!

Mrs Langmack



SPORTS REPORT

On the 24th of February over 50 students from Chester Hill High School trialled for multiple zone teams. The teams included, volleyball, tennis, basketball, touch football, soccer, netball and rugby league. Well done to the following students who made one of the zone teams.

Shelley-Anne Ahipeni-Ruru(Netball)

Taylah Bailey(Touch Football)

Ahmad Javid (Volleyball)

Jimmy Nguyen (Volleyball)

Ben Ly (Volleyball)

Timon Huo (Volleyball)

Bessie Aufuga (Volleyball/Touch Football)

Alex Sesay(Basketball)

Stanley Sesay(Basketball)

Sputz Mulipola(Touch Football)

Vince Lasalosi (Touch Football)

ZONE VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Ms Poon's Bankstown Zone volleyball team won three out of five matches. Bessie Aufuga was also selected to be part of the SSW Regional team. A massive well done to all Cheso students involved and a huge thank you to Ms Poon for all her efforts.





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Calendar of Events - Term 1 - 2015



5A	Friday	27.2.15	* Year 12 Group Photograph and Absentees
6B	Monday	2.3.15	* Zone Swimming
	Tuesday	3.3.15	* YEAR 6 OPEN DAY
			* PACIFIC COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING (10.00am - 12.00pm)
	Wednesday	4.3.15	* LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY (9.15am - 10.30am)
7A	Thursday	12.3.15	* ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - at the Crest Bankstown
8B	Monday	16.3.15	* Regional Swimming
	Wednesday	18.3.15	* YEAR 7 PARENT/TEACHER AFTERNOON (4.00pm - 5.30pm) * NAPLAN INFORMATION MEETING (5.30pm)
9A	Monday	23.3.15	* Year 12 Half Yearly Exams - all week
	Wednesday	25.3.15	* NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE - School's Website <i>www.chesterhillhighschool.com - click on news - then newsletters</i>
10B	Monday	30.3.15	* Year 12 Half Yearly Exams - all week
	Friday	3.4.15	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Last Day Term 1 – Thursday 2.4.15 First Day Term 2 – Tuesday 21.4.15

Please Note: Calendar Dates/Times are correct at time of publication

**Note: The Uniform Shop is open in the School Hall
every Monday 8.00am - 12.00pm and Friday 12.00pm - 4.00pm**

Uniform Shop

Now selling **Maroon Bucket hats**

Light weight cotton/polyester

U/V 50+

Comes in two sizes S/M and M/L

\$15.00each



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