Dear Parents of Grade 6 students,

Thank you to all the families who helped with, supported and donated towards our very successful "Welcome Back Breakfast" and "Living Fundraiser" activities over the last few weeks. Both fundraisers have proved to be extremely successful and will ensure our Grade 6 students enjoy an exciting final week of their primary school life.

Now that all the fundraising is almost complete, we are up to finalising the arrangements for the last week of school. This includes the Graduation Ceremony to be held on the evening of Thursday 19th December in the Green Learning Zone here at Chelsea Heights PS.

Activities in the Final Week

The activities for Grade 6 students in the final week of school are as follows:
- **Monday 16th September:** Skateworld
- **Tuesday 17th December:** Lunch at Foodstar
- **Wednesday 18th December:** Casey Race Pools

Permission notices for these activities will be sent home later this term.

Committee Meeting

The next graduation committee meeting is to be held on Monday 11th November at 3.45pm in the grade 6 rooms. The purpose of this meeting will be to look at the budget and delegate roles for putting the evening together. If you think you may be able to help with this, please come along.

Scrapbooking

Your child has no doubt told you about their term 4 project of collating a scrapbook of their primary school years. Many students have already brought in lots of photos and craft items to use on this project. Students have the option of purchasing a photo album type scrapbook for this project or they can use a display book from school. These books will be displayed in the entry foyer at the graduation ceremony.

Photos

This year we are asking parents to send in 3 photos of their child/ren to use as part of the presentation of the students at graduation. We ask that parents send a baby photo, a photo from their child’s first year of school and a photo from their final year of school in a SEALED ENVELOPE to the classroom teacher by Friday 15th November. These will be scanned and returned to you.
Supporting our students throughout their final term at Primary School

As the end of the year is a very eventful time for our Grade 6 students, many of them will be facing a lot of different emotions and thoughts around growing up and the transition into high school. At Chelsea Heights PS we do our best to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students at all times, especially when they may be feeling tense or worried about changes that they are experiencing. There are a few major issues that often crop up around this time of year that effect our students in different ways. Due to the nature of these issues, staff at Chelsea Heights PS respond rather strongly and seriously to them.

Cyber Safety/Bullying: Use of technology to harass, intimidate or insult another person. Most children in this day and age have access to mobile phones and other forms of communication technology. The impact that cyber bullying can have on children/adolescents can be devastating and parents will be notified if their child is involved in a situation of this nature.

Relationships between Male & Female Students: As this can cause many issues and repercussions that often seep into the classroom therefore affecting learning, we STRONGLY DISCOURAGE and do not tolerate ANY ‘boyfriend/girlfriend’ type of behaviour at school. We ENCOURAGE all of our students to develop and maintain FRIENDSHIPS with both students of the same and opposite genders. It is important that our senior students set a strong example for the rest of the school by modeling appropriate behaviour for a primary school setting. Parents will be notified if their child is involved in a situation of this nature.

Nerves/Anxiety about transition into Secondary School: Most Grade 6 students will at some point feel nervous or anxious about going to Secondary School. This can be for various reasons from being worried about the work to getting lost in a big school. We talk frequently with the students about how they can best manage these feelings and what it might be like next year in a new school. The students will have the chance to attend their Secondary School on the statewide Orientation Day in December. We encourage you to talk regularly with your Grade 6 student about Secondary School to help make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible.

We really appreciate your ongoing support. After all, our aim is to give your child the most exciting and memorable end to their time at Chelsea Heights Primary School that we possibly can.

Thank you,
Aleesha Wood and Liz Evans (Grade 6 Teachers)