Principal Report

In preparation for a more streamlined and learning focused 2012 the Leadership Team and the School Council spent considerable time during Term 4, 2011, investigating the following questions:

- What impacts on student learning at CHPS?
- What supports student learning at CHPS?

Many areas were discussed from administrative issues such as: loud speaker announcements, students being picked up from their classrooms, to programs e.g. CRE and special initiatives e.g. Book Fair being valued and supported but scheduled outside Literacy and Maths Learning Time Blocks.

One major area of discussion focused on how we could ensure that our Concert and our Art Show could be developed to both support and celebrate student learning rather than sitting outside the curriculum and impacting on student learning time in Term 3 each year.

The following decisions were made:

1. Both the Concert and the Art Show should be a celebration/showcase of learning within the curriculum across all grade levels
2. The Concert and the Art Show will be held on alternate years from 2012 onwards rather than an Art Show and a Concert being held every second year.
3. As we held our Concert in Term 3 2011 from now on our Art Show will be held in Term 3 of the even years and our Concert will be held in Term 3 of the odd years.
4. The Inquiry Planning at each grade level within the school will provide the lens/focus for the Art Show or Concert allowing them to be a celebration of work developed throughout the year rather than extra work outside the curriculum.

Should you wish to discuss this decision further, please free to make a time to come and have a chat with either John Mace or myself.

Jane Satchwell
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lindy and Ian Powell on the safe arrival of their second child, Elise Jasmine Powell. Staff and Students were very excited to meet Elise and see Mrs Powell last week!

VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT

We currently have a parent doing voluntary placement at our school in the 1/2 area whilst undergoing her Integration Aide training. We extend a welcome to Mrs Erica Maggio and wish her an enjoyable and informative time with us.

If there are other parents that we can support in a similar way, please see either Jane or myself.

Lyn Wright
Welfare Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING

Hi everyone exciting news the Commonwealth Bank is back in 2012 with lots of new rewards!!

Karen Johnson School Banking Specialist will be at Chelsea Heights Primary on Friday the 2nd March from 8.30am for anyone wanting to open an account or for any school banking questions!

Mums/dads and Carers please remember to bring a drivers license (or some other form of identification)....

Don’t forget every new school banker who joins the program and starts banking earns our school $5.00, school banking encourages a regular savings habit and we also receive commission with every deposit made!

OH&S

All the current staff including teachers, integration aides and office staff have participated in an Occupational Health and Safety induction program. This induction program is a requirement of the Occupational, Health and Safety management system.

Keeping the school environment safe for students, staff and the community is a priority. Regular inspections of the school, including the classroom and playground, take place. If any Occupational, Health and Safety issues arise they are documented and taken to regular buildings and grounds meetings where they are addressed.

Over the next three weeks there will be a fire and a lock down drill. These drills occur at least once a term and are essential for the safety of everyone at the school.

Lisa Reiffel
OH&S Representative

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.”
- William Butler Yates

ASSEMBLY

Due to Mr Mace and Miss Wood taking the Student Leaders to the Impact Student Leaders Conference on Monday 5th March, Assembly has been cancelled.

The next Assembly will be held on Monday 19th March due to Labour Day.

Thank you
**SCHOOL CHARGES**

Dear Families,

OfficeMax have issued us with a report of Curriculum Fees and Ground Maintenance Donations paid through 2012 booklists. Statements issued and distributed this week will reflect these charges.

If you did not select to pay through OfficeMax payments, payments can be made at the office or sent with your child in a school payment envelope.

Curriculum Payment
$140.00 per student

Library Fund Donation
$40.00 per family

Ground Maintenance Levy
$50.00

Term 1 Excursion Levies are due tomorrow (Friday 2nd March)

Prep - $8.50
Grade 1 to 6 - $19.50

EMA Applications are now CLOSED. Payments should be expected to your nominated bank account or credited to the school account by the end of Term 1. Please be aware that EMA cannot be used for Term 1 charges.

EMA is unable to be used for voluntary charges which includes:
- Library Fund Donation
- Ground Maintenance Levy

Please contact the office should you wish to arrange a payment arrangement prior to the due date.

Thank you
Sharon Juriansz & Allison Balasa

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**WORKING BEE SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2012**

Our first Working Bee is nearly upon us! Thank you to the parents who have put their name down to help on our Term 1 Working Bee. We start at 9:00am and finish late afternoon, approximately 3pm.

We appreciate your attendance for as much time as you are able to provide on the day. There are lots of things for to do but we are mainly concentrating on having a big clean up!

Listed below are details of the jobs which will need a number of parents helping out as well as the tools required.

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There are lots of other, more specialised jobs happening as well:

- Painting of the feature wall in the administration foyer.
- The resetting of sliding door railings for some classroom doors.
- The cleaning of the specially named bricks.
- The ‘s’ hooks in the prep play area to be coated with antirust then repainted.
- Repainting of the hand rails on the prep playground equipment.
- Construction of a multi activity ‘Mini Stage’ in the prep area with recycled materials.
- Rebuilding of the prep sand pit wall.

*Parents, if you have not committed your services to the school in some way, shape or form and would like to commit, please notify the office and speak to Allison, our office manager and she will happily get your details and assist you.*

*We’d love you to help us develop our school*
CLASSROOM HELPERS

Thank you to all parents who have expressed interest in being a classroom helper. Your child’s teacher will be contacting you shortly in regards to times and days/dates. In order to be a parent helper in the classroom you must have a satisfactory ‘working with children check’. Working with children application forms will be sent home this week with those who have expressed interest. The forms will also be available at the office.

Miss Pia Licciardo

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

As you would have seen we have fantastic new pin boards up and down the corridor. These boards are going to be used as data boards. Chelsea Heights Primary School believes in having a clear and common focus and data walls will allow class goals and progress to be transparent to the school community.

Stay tuned for more Assessment and Reporting Information in further newsletter issues.

Ms Donna Tesone

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is about to open for 2012. Last year we had over 150 students take part in the challenge, all receiving a beautiful certificate at the end of the year.

Between February and 31st August 2012:

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If your child is in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2, the books are read as a grade in the classroom. You do not need to keep a record of the books read as the teacher will maintain a record. The books are then put on the reading challenge website at the end of the challenge by the reading challenge coordinator at the school (that would be me!).

Students in Grades 3 – 6 will read both during class and at home. They will need to maintain their own record of the books they have read. Students in these grades will have a password to enable access to the reading challenge website. They will list the books they are reading on the website. You will be able to use your child’s password to assist them do this at home or they can do this at school. If your child forgets their password, the classroom teacher and I have a copy.

Students in Grades 3 – 6 will be able to borrow from our library, Chelsea Library or may even have the books in their own library at home.

If you have any queries, please check the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc or ask me.

Lyn Wright

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Girls and boys aged 15-18 from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil, Sweden and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year but need a willing volunteer family to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03)97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Miss Evans

A FOCUS ON LEARNING IN NUMERACY

2012 is shaping up to be an exciting year in Numeracy. A new approach to Numeracy was trialled in 2011- with some pleasantly surprising results from Level 1 and 2. CHPS has developed a whole school approach to mathematics to ensure the best opportunities for all students. The teachers are using a Mathematics planning document that reflect recent research from David Sousa who wrote a book on ‘How the brain learns Mathematics.’ His model gives specific times for ‘teacher talk’ (Prime time for new information) and ‘practice/consolidation time’ followed by a very important 2nd ‘Prime time’ that can be used for reflection or extension. By sticking to the timelines outlined in his research teachers can ensure that students are given the best amount of time for new instruction as well as an appropriate amount of time to practice the essential skill. The school has a focus on student learning, not a focus on teaching. This means that the best interest of all students is at the heart lessons.

Miss Evans

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GRADE 3/4 BASKETBALL CLUB

On Tuesday’s and Thursday’s, James Houlis (Aaliyah and Kamaree’s Dad) has offered his time to come in and run a basketball club for Grade 3 and 4 students during lunch hour. Tuesday’s will be for Grade 3 and 4 boys and Thursday’s will be for Grade 3 and 4 girls. James will be working on basketball skills with the students such as dribbling, passing and shooting. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in a club at school so I encourage all students in Grade 3 and 4 to come out and have a go.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stevenson
James Houlis

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012

On Friday 17th of February, a small number of students from Grades four, five and six travelled to Noble Park Aquatic Centre to represent Chelsea Heights Primary School at the District Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all of the competitors who competed and represented the school on the day, we are all proud of you. A special thank you to Joanna Holland, for offering her time to come along on the bus with the students and taking on the role of photographer for the day.

Mr Stevenson
PE Coordinator

Chelsea Heights Primary OSHC phone: 0421879904 Coordinator: Ros Leadbetter

OSHC NEWS

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back hope you had a great holiday.

This term AASCP is on Wednesday and Thursday this started 2 weeks ago with Circus skills and basketball. To participate in these activities you will need to register with us online. These activities are funded by the government so all you have to pay for is the care if you would like some more information come in on those nights and see what we do.

Regards The OSHC Team

OSHC TIMES

WHAT’S ON THIS WEEK
Week 1:- National Sunnies Day – awareness of the people who are blind
Week 2:- World Sea Week

MONDAY: Wk1 Using our senses
TUESDAY: Wk1 Construction
WEDNESDAY: AASCP Circus Skills with Elena
THURSDAY: AASCP Basketball with Peter
FRIDAY: Wk1 Charades

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website to begin www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day online. Keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on Care You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday.
News from Chelsea Heights Community Centre

Our occasional childcare is running from 9am to 1pm on Wednesday and Thursdays and there are also limited places in our Kinder Activity Group on Mondays 11am to 2pm.

Our very popular Children's Market will be on Saturday 24th March from 9am to 12 noon, 40 undercover stalls with lots of pre-loved bargains.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our Term brochure, and please visit our website for a full program at www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au or just drop on by.

Singing and Dancing Opportunities in 2012

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre not only give young people the opportunity to develop their skills within the Performing arts under expert guidance, but the chance to make new friends and perform in exciting concerts. Our kids work as a team, develop life long friendships and have great fun. Visit our website to find out more about our programs www.niypaa.com.au

C&PDPSSA SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORT FIXTURE 2012

Friday March 2       St. Joseph’s @ Chelsea Heights
Friday March 9       Aspendale @ Chelsea Heights
Friday March 16      Lightning Premierships
                      Kanga Cricket and Walla Rugby to be played at Bonbeach Reserve
                      Basketball and Volleyball TBA
Friday March 23      Edithvale @ Chelsea Heights

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.