Principal Report

Welcome back to Term 3, 2012.

During August the Chelsea Heights Primary School Website will be having a complete “face lift.” This will not only include major improvements to the design elements of our website e.g. video, interactive photo gallery but also its functionality.

Just a few of the features that will be available within the website are provision for:

- Enhanced development of E – newsletters
- Graphical quick links to improve navigation
- The monthly website sponsorship support of local business
- Fundraising: Local Business Directory, Buy and Sell, Online Auctions
- E-commerce – ticketing and ordering

The production of a once a month whole school newsletter rather than two per month has allowed a day per month to be allocated within the office for the maintenance and development of our website. Miss Balasa has systematically worked through all areas of our website in preparation for the launch of our new website.

The current School Policies Page is one of the key areas requiring review, amendment or redevelopment. Using feedback collated from our parent survey earlier in 2012 – School Council has updated, rewritten or developed the following policies:

1. Policy Number 2 - Bicycle and Scooter Safety
2. Policy Number 46 - Uniform
3. Policy Number 92 - Jewellery

The Education Sub Committee has updated the following policy and it has been passed by School Council:

4. Policy Number 16 - Homework

Please follow the link to the CHPS Website Policy page and read these policies carefully. All of these policies will be enforced as of next Monday, the 30th July, 2012.

Kind Regards

Jane Satchwell
From The Office

Term 3 Excursion Levies have been distributed this week. Levies cover all planned Excursions, Incursions and Programs being run throughout the Term.

It is School Council policy that students will not be able to attend excursions, incursions, camps, swimming programs which have not been paid for in advance or a payment arrangement has been entered into with the office.

It would be appreciated if Term 3 Excursion Levies could be paid by the due date of **Friday 3rd August 2012**.

**Prep** $28.00  
**Grade 1 & 2** $15.50  
**Grade 3 & 4** $20.50  
**Grade 5** $20.00  
**Grade 6** $37.00

CHELSEA HEIGHTS SMS SERVICE  
NEW NUMBER NOTIFICATION

Chelsea Height PS informs Parents of an upgrade to its SMS service.  
A new school SMS number, 19910010 is now in use.  
Not all phones can reply to this number. Pls contact your mobile phone company to unblock this number.  
For this service, standard 25 cent SMS fees apply.

ASTHMA IN SCHOOLS

**Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers**

1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma, and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is able to engage fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control is:

- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night’s rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (eg. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

**Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers**

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:

- Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow.
- Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.
- Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

*For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au*

PARENTING TEENS

Longbeach Anglicans are hosting ‘The Parenting Teenagers Course’ over five Tuesday evenings commencing 7 August at 12 Thames Prom, Chelsea. The course is for anyone involved in caring for 11 to 18 year-olds – parents, grandparents, friends, singles, couples etc.. Investment: 2hr 15 min per week and $25 per person total. It is basically DVD presentations interspersed with group discussions on various points. A yummy supper and individual workbook are included.

Enquiries: Carolyn & Peter Hooper 9772 2326 / 0419 315 933 / parentingcourse@pkservices.com / www.relationshipcentral.org.au
NEWS FROM CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Get a head start on your Spring cleaning with our ‘Organise Your Space – Free up Your Life’ 3 week Tuesday night workshops starting 28th August. These friendly sessions will help you get organised and stay on track.

Busy parents will be pleased to know about our structured and stimulating Monday Kinder Activity Group running from 10am-1pm @ $23 per session payable in advance or our 9am to 1pm Wednesday and Thursday child care sessions.

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, our Facebook page for news - or just drop in.

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40km Traffic Signage and Crossing Information

Over the school holiday period solar powered 40km school zone speed limit signs were installed on Thames Promenade.

Local member for Carrum, Donna Bauer, turned on the lights at 8:15am on Monday 16th July.

For your information the school crossing supervisor, Ernie works the crossing from 8:15am - 9:15am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm. These times are set by the Kingston council not the school. If the flags are not displayed, the crossing is no longer supervised or an active crossing zone.

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PARENT TO PARENT
DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP SOUTHERN

How to Support your Dyslexic Child

☑ What is dyslexia and what causes it?
☑ How to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia in children
☑ A dyslexic child’s strengths and talents
☑ What does it feel like to be dyslexic?
☑ Common questions asked by parents
☑ How can you support your child at home and at school?
☑ Where to get advice and help
☑ Useful websites and resources for children and their parents

Please e-mail dwi46566@bigpond.net.au if you can attend

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Cranbourne ADHD Support Group

For enquiries ring here or Ask Cranbourne Information & Support Service 0409 5333

How to Support a Child with ADHD can be challenging, exhausting and emotional. Parents face issues on a daily basis regarding the hidden handicaps. If you feel the need to be part of a Support Group where you can share your experiences, stories and knowledge and be supported by other parents who truly understand the struggles of life that families and their children go through everyday, then please join us for a coffee in a relaxed and non judgmental environment. Meetings are open to all people from surrounding suburbs.

Meetings for 2012 are as follows:
- Feb 16th
- July 14th
- March 19th
- Aug 16th
- April 24th
- May 21st
- June 4th
- Nov 8th

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Cranbourne Community House
69 Vulture Crt, Cranbourne
Cost: Gold Coin Donation
Second Hand Uniform Shop
Thank you very much to Paula Salter for offering to run the second hand uniform shop. Once an audit of stock available and all is set up the second hand uniform shop will be opening on Thursday mornings 9am to 9.30am. For any current queries or orders please see the front office. Notices shall be sent out advising of opening times and dates when available.

Art Show
We are now in Term 3 and preparations for our Visual Art Show are going full steam ahead. A letter of request for helpers for the lead up and on the night shall go out next week on behalf both the Parent Club and the Fundraising Committee. Many hands do make light work and allow all to enjoy the event.

Library and Resources
In order to get our Library/ Resource areas up to date there will be a team of helpers doing a full audit of stock. If you have some spare time and are able to help, any assistance is greatly accepted. Please leave your name and contact details at the front office.

Father’s Day Stall
This will be held over 4 days from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st of August. A notice shall go out with details and requesting help in the next few weeks.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd August at 9am in The Parent Club Room (room 10.)

Book Club
Book club order forms were sent out last week. All orders are due back no later than WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST. Additional order forms are available at the office.

Fundraising Update - Entertainment Books
These are still available, to purchase a book visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/184m495 to purchase one online. Alternatively order forms are available at the school office.

Art Show
Busy busy busy that is how we are going to be. There are 5 weeks until our Visual Art Show and it all hands on deck. The visual Arts Show is our biggest fundraiser this year and money raised will be put towards the funding of interactive white boards for classrooms that do not have them. Over the next few weeks there will be notices coming out to:
- Invite parents, grandparents and everyone to the Art show
- Raffle tickets
- Volunteer helper request notices (on behalf of both Fundraising and Parent Club)
- Request for donations.

Please keep an eye out in your children’s bags so nothing is missed.

Coles and Woolworths Vouchers
Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and Coles Sports for School vouchers are in a collecting frenzy.

Be sure to collect yours when purchasing at both or either of these supermarkets and put them in the boxes provided at the front office. We are well on target for some great school resources as a result of participation. Keep up the great work.

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**ADVICE PLAN**

423 Nepean Highway Chelsea Vic 3196

- **PERSONAL TAX RETURNS FROM $99**
- Partnership Returns
- Multi Year Returns
- Investment Properties
- Company Returns
- Trust Returns
- SMSF Returns

Please contact Stuart Doolan on 03 9772 1004 for all of your taxation needs

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9590 9120
www.dentaharmony.com.au
286 Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens

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**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS**

The cork collection program organised through Friends of the Zoos.

All monies raised from the sale of corks, plastic stopper from wine bottles and the aluminium screw caps from wine bottles is used for elephant related projects at the Zoo – funds have been used to provide the shade cloth in the exhibit, the hydraulic gates that close across the path to allow the elephants to move from exhibit to exhibit and the ultrasound machine that is used to determine whether the females are pregnant. There is a collection point for corks at the front office.

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**RIO, PARIS, N.Y AND MILAN ALL IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD**

**HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT!**

Each year there are hundreds of students from around the world who choose to visit Australia. You can be a part of the experience by welcoming an exchange student into your home. By opening your door, and hearts, to an international exchange student, your family can:

- Make a life long link to a family in another country
- Learn about another culture
- Share the beauty of Australia and our culture
- Gain a new family member
- Contribute to International goodwill
- Develop a friendship that will last for many years

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

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**TERM 3 WORKING BEE**

**18th August 2012**

Our Third Working Bee is nearly upon us! Thank you to the parents who have put their name down to help on our Term 3 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. Listed below are the families listed to attend and to the right details of the jobs scheduled for the day.

- Hyland / Allsep Family
- Such Family
- Dekleva Family
- Ng Family
- Erwin Family
- Winter Family
- Kimberlee Family
- Lealofi Family
- Sirucek Family
- Grice Family
- Jones Family
- Brown Family
- Greig Family

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<td>Cleaning of exterior cobwebs at canteen end of Green Learning Zone</td>
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| Soft-fall replenishing and leveling on Main Play Equipment | Sweep, rake and blow leaves from Green B/ball court | Repair fence connected to back gate and fence/railing outside June Elliott Hall | BBQ, organizer & sausage cooker |

| Clean out drink troughs | Prep Slide | Cleanup of BBQ and other |

| Removal of dead plants and debris around school | Blocking off gaps between sheds in prep area |

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**FENIX OLYMPIX DECATHLON**

(10 EXERCISES COMPLETED WITHIN THE CLUB)

**MALE AND FEMALE PRIZES!**

Ask a PROtrainer to train you for this event!

93 Wells Road, Chelsea Heights

**Saturday 11th August 2012**

10.30am to 12.30pm

**10.30am**

PROtrainers Decathlon

**11.30am**

Members Decathlon

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE • KIDS FACE PAINTING • SPECIAL OFFERS**

Loads of fun for you and the family!

$25 entry – register with your PROtrainer or at reception

Raising money for Paralympians
Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013 and added to the EMA. As a result, parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, schools will no longer receive EMA payments on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

The EMA application form must be submitted to the school by 28 February 2013.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

You can receive the EMA by direct deposit into your nominated bank account or by individual cheque which will be posted to the school for collection. Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application.
Technology and other Resources to help your Struggling Son or Daughter—An Inaugural Meeting

Does your son/daughter have difficulties with literacy and maths learning? If so come to this inaugural meeting on Friday August 10th in Moorabbin to tell us exactly how we can help you. You can find out about technology and other resources to help your child. You can meet other parents, you can talk to experienced teachers, educationists but we want to know what YOU want.

We can give you advice and information, to help you help your son or daughter. You can learn about the best iPad apps, the best software, the Livescribe Pen and Easy Speak for recording and you can try them too.

Do they need help with spelling, vocabulary, reading, writing and comprehension, also maths. Also you can look at other resources which we use very successfully to support learning as well as books giving advice to parents.

COME AND SEE US! When? Friday August 10th at 10am – 12.30pm
Where? At Moira, 920 Nepean Highway, opposite Moorabbin Station
Further Details: Pat Minton 9589-4901 or Yvonne Lynch 9696-9333
patminton@ozemail.com.au or ylynch@hotkey.net.au

SAFETY HOUSE

There will be a Safety House meeting held on Monday 30th July 2012 at 9:30am (after assembly) in the Staff Room.

All welcome!

If you have any queries please call Lynsey on 0412 239 739.

There was a family who filled in a form but did not leave any contact details, please let me know how to contact you.

Kind Regards

Lynsey Gillies
Safety House Committee Coordinator

RUNNING CLUB

Just a reminder that Running Club will continue in Term 3 and is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings out on the oval from 8:15am – 8:45am.

Students can come out and walk or run laps of the oval. Each lap that students complete goes towards their overall distance. Five laps of the oval is equal to 1 Kilometre.

Hope to see all of you out there!

Mr. Stevenson.
Physical Education Coordinator

Chelsea Heights Primary School Council President Robyn Erwin (right) featured on the front of the latest ‘Kingston Your City’ Magazine. Robyn is currently working towards incorporating sustainability into the Art Show and future upcoming events.